State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners

Open Session Minutes
January 11, 2019
Metro Executive Building
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 110
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Board Members:

Sherryl Silberman
Wrenn Skidmore
Karen Richards
Denise Capaci
Donald J. List
Gerard Farrell
Letha Moszer
Mary L. Sayres
Jamie Wilson
Susan P. Coppage

Professional Member, Chair
Professional Member, Vice Chair
Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Professional Member
Professional Member
Consumer Member
Professional Member (Absent)
Professional Member
Professional Member
Professional Member

Board Staff:

Stanley E. Weinstein
Rhonda Edwards
Gail Wowk
Kara Brooks-Tyson
Tyrone Willoughby
Njeri N. Clay
Donna Ridgell
Stacie Rigby
Lillian Reese

Executive Director
OAG, Board Counsel
Director, Planning and Continuing Education
Director, Compliance and Investigations
Social Work Supervisor
Staff Social Worker
Administrative Aide
Continuing Education Aide
Legislation and Regulations Specialist

Guest:

Daphne McClellan
Debby Brunner
Mark Bowser
Terri Collins

Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter
Anne Arundel County Crisis Response Unit
Anne Arundel County Crisis Response Unit
Maryland Office of Public Defender
CALL TO ORDER:
The Open Session was called to order at 10:39 A.M. by Sherryl Silberman, Board Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes from December 14, 2018 were approved – 9 votes unanimously

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
Announcement: None

BOARD CHAIR

- Sherryl informed the Board there are currently three vacancies on the Board. The vacancy consist of (1) LCSW-C, (1) LCSW and a consumer member.
- Effective today Sherryl informed Board staff they will be sitting at the table with Board members.
- Sherryl reminded Board members there was an email sent from the States Ethics Committee reminding board member to complete their financial disclosure statements by April 30, 2019.
- Today is Board member Mary Sayres’s last Board meeting. Mary will be moving out of state and will no longer be eligible to hold a seat on the Board. Sherryl acknowledged the many contributions Mary has made to the Board and how she will surely be missed by the Board.
- Sherryl expressed condolences in the passing of ex-Board member Dr. Joyce Bell’s husband.
- The quarterly meeting with Secretary Neal was attended by Sherryl and Stanley Weinstein. Secretary Neal focuses remains on providing excellent customer service to the public. A new software called IQ has been acquired to assist with tracking complaints. In addition Sherryl shared, Human Resources is requesting PEP be conducted twice a year on all state employees. Kim Lang will be providing training to the Health Occupational Board Chairs.
- Sherryl ask Tyrone Willoughby, Social Worker supervisor to explain how Board staff review experience and other documentation relating to the approval of LCSW-C supervisor registration forms. Tyrone explained applications are approved based on the compliance to the Board regulations. Rarely are applications not approved as Board staff work with applicants in meeting the necessary requirements in order to get approved. Applicants have one (1) year from the time their applications are submitted to meet the requirements. Discussion was held on duel supervision and its effects on the supervisor and supervisees.
- Child abuse report by Board member Susan Coppage has been tabled until the next board meeting.

Executive Director Report

- Stanley Weinstein gave a recap on the two sets of regulations. One set required public comments and the second set had to go through the regulatory review process. Our Statute and
Regulations Committee are reviewing the comments received regarding 10.42.01, 10.42.02, 10.42.08 and 10.42.09. The results of our review of the regulations resulted in proposed changes to 10.42.03, 10.42.04 and 10.42.06. They will be published in the Maryland Register on January 18, 2019 and there will be an opportunity for public comments.

- Responsive to the invitations extended to the Executive Directors of the Social Work Boards of neighboring states have been extended to February, 2019.
- A handout on Board attendance was passed out to Board members indicating that the Board of Social Work does not have an attendance problem. Attendance is between 80-100%.
- Stanley Weinstein reiterated there are three Board vacancies. Interested parties can contact Kim Bennardi, Administrator Office of Appointments and Executive Nominations.
- Stanley Weinstein will email Board members on the website, TV station and radio stations to receive notification on State closing due to inclement weather.
- Stanley Weinstein discussed how proposed nursing home regulations are being published on 1/18/2019
- Stanley Weinstein gave a report on the number of licensed social workers by license types as of January 1, 2019

Statute and Regulations Committee

Wrenn Skidmore, Chair

Wrenn Skidmore informed the Board the Committee is still reviewing and responding to public comments. The committee has been meeting twice a month.

Continuing Education Committee

Karen Richards, Chair

Karen Richards informed the Board the Committee is currently focusing on reviewing cases from the Continuing Education Post Renewal Audit

ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSION

The Open Session adjourned at 11:39 A.M.

Karen Richards, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer

Date: 2/8/19

Stanley E. Weinstein, Ph.D., LCSW-C
Executive Director

Date: 2/8/19