

State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes
June 14, 2019
Metro Executive Building
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 110
Baltimore, Maryland 21215**

Board Members:

Sherryl Silberman	Professional Member, Chair
Wrenn Skidmore	Professional Member, Vice Chair
Karen Richards	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Denise Capaci	Professional Member
Donald J. List	Professional Member
Gerard Farrell	Consumer Member
Letha Moszer	Professional Member
Jamie Wilson	Professional Member
Sondra G. Petty	Professional Member
Barbara Gassaway	Consumer Member
Susan P. Coppage	Professional Member

Board Staff:	Stanley E. Weinstein	Executive Director
	Rhonda Edwards	OAG, Board Counsel
	Gail Wowk	Director, Planning and Continuing Education
	Kara Brooks-Tyson	Director, Compliance and Investigations (Absent)
	Gloria Jean Hammel	Director of Certification and Licensing
	Tyrone Willoughby Jr.	Social Work Supervisor
	Stacie Rigby	Continuing Education Aide
	Earnest A. Ford Sr.	Health Occupation Investigator
	Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide
	Lillian Reese	Legislation and Regulations Specialist

Guest:

Daphne McClellan	Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter
Gilbert Bliss	Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work
Jenna Line	Student

Bridget Perry
Matthew McCarthy
David Avruch

Office of Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER:

The Open Session was called to order at 10:46 A.M. by Board Chair Sherryl Silberman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from May 10, 2019 were approved—10 votes unanimously, 1 abstain Barbara Gassaway

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Announcement: None

BOARD CHAIR

Sherryl Silberman

- Sherryl Silberman introduced to the Board, its new consumer member Barbara Gassaway. Barbara Gassaway is President and CEO of The Research Group and Observation Baltimore. She is currently a resident of Harford County.
- Sherryl Silberman asked for feedback from Board members Donald List, Susan Coppage and Sondra Petty who all attended the ASWB Training. The attendees agreed the training was very informative, well organized and brought clarity to the role of a social worker vs the role of a regulatory Board member.
- Sherryl Silberman informed the Board she will be reassigning Committees members. Sherryl asked if members had a preference to please notify herself or Stanley Weinstein. In addition, she informed the Board the Credential Committee does not just consist of Executive Board members, others are welcome to join.
- Tyrone Willoughby was asked to clarify Group Supervision and the scheduling options. Mr. Willoughby pointed out that the Regulations do not specify the frequency of the supervisory sessions. There has to be 3 hours of supervision each month which can be weekly for one hour, bi-weekly for a ½ hour or once a month for 3 hours. In addition, half of the supervisory hours can be individual supervision and the other half group supervision.
- Sherryl Silberman reminded the Board members the Strategic Planning Event is scheduled for October 18, 2019.
- The status on the “Call-In Project “was given by Tyrone Willoughby who is being assisted by Board Member Jamie Wilson. Jamie Wilson is in the process of scheduling a date to begin the pilot program. An announcement of the date and time is forth coming via email.
- Sherryl asked Board members for suggestions with “Rolling Out” the new Regulations. Some of the Board suggestions were to place the notice in the newsletter, add a webpage to the Board’s website to inform the social work community of all governing changes, which includes frequently asked questions. A possible booklet/pamphlet or email blast which is the most popular means of distributing information.

- Sherryl Silberman acknowledged Denise Capaci, and the many contributions she made to the Board during her eight year tenure. Board members acknowledged her professional contributions to their growth on the Board. Denise served in every capacity during her eight year tenure on the Board. Serving the Board and the social work community with commitment, honor and skill. Sherryl Silberman then presented Denise Capaci with a plaque signed by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Sherryl Silberman, Board Chair.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Stanley Weinstein

- Stanley Weinstein shared with the Board, the response from the Office of Health Care Quality on the Board's comments to the proposed Nursing Home Regulations. The Office of Health Care Quality accepted two of the Board's suggested regulations which included, one must be a Social Worker to direct social services in the nursing home and one must be licensed. These are higher requirements than Federal Regulations.
- Stanley Weinstein informed the Board Governor Larry Hogan has appointed a new Board member, April A. Cockrell who is employed by the Baltimore County Police Department, Youth and Community Services. Her term is to begin July 1, 2019. An orientation meeting is currently being arranged.
- Stanley Weinstein asked Board members for recommendations to fulfill the role for Clinical Experts, Social Work Supervisors for social workers who are on probation as well as Ethic Tutors. Experts are needed in every area of the state. Please send all recommendations to Stanley Weinstein via email.
- Stanley Weinstein informed the Board the Renewal season is rapidly approaching. There is a required fee of \$26.00 paid to The Maryland Health Care Commission in addition to the required license renewal fee. For the last two renewal cycles the Board has generously paid the fee for our licensees. However, this has discontinued and all licensees are again required to pay this fee to the Commission which might appear as an increase and in reality it is not.
- Stanley Weinstein shared, Chapter 10, Teletherapy will be published in June in the Maryland register. There is a thirty day period for comments to these draft regulations.

Statue and Regulations Committee

Wrenn Skidmore, Chair

Wrenn Skidmore commended the Committee members for their hard work and dedication to the Regulations process. The Committee met several times during the month to ensure the deadline was met and hopeful will go back to meeting once a month. The new regulations go into effect on June 17th. The Committee is currently working on revising forms and creating new forms to accommodate the new regulations.

Continuing Education Committee

Karen Richards, Chair

Karen Richards informed the Board the CEU regulations have been approved and published. For those who are interested in being a part of the Committee, the Committee meets the third Friday of every month via teleconference.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSSION

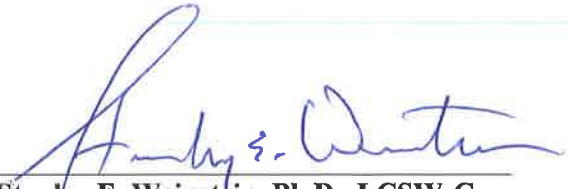
The Open Session adjourned at 11:45 A.M.



Karen Richards, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer

10-11-19

Date



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

10/11/19

Date