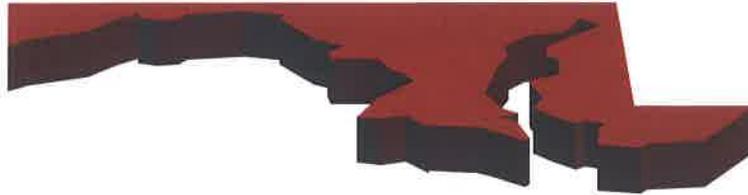


State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes
September 13, 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 (Absent)
April Cockrell	Professional Member (Absent)
Martin P. Schnuit	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 (Absent)
	Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide
	Lillian Reese	Legislation and Regulations Specialist

Guest:

Daphne McClellan	Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter
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CALL TO ORDER:

The Open Session was called to order at 10:40A.M. by Board Chair Sherryl Silberman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from August 9, 2019 were approved—10 votes unanimously,

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

BOARD CHAIR

Sherryl Silberman

- Sherryl Silberman informed the Board, the annual ASWB Delegate Assembly will be held on November 7-9, 2019 in Orlando, Florida. The Board needs volunteers to represent the Board at the meeting. Interested person(s) should contact Stanley E. Weinstein.
- Stanley Weinstein shared with the Board that when attending the meeting, members learn a different perspective on several topics. One major topic of discussion will be “Mobility” and how it impacts and the status. Denise Capaci, a former Board member sits on the Mobility Task Force Committee.
- Sherryl Silberman shared there are four committees of the Board. The Credentialing Committee handles cases submitted by the Licensing Unit which mostly entails applicants that have checked drug related issues on their criminal background check and other concerns are supervisory issues. Sherryl Silberman suggested redefining and renaming the Credentialing Committee to the “Licensing Review Committee”. The Licensing Unit will refer their cases to the Review Committee for “triage” to determine if it should go to the DCRC committee. A discussion was held and voted unanimously on redefining and renaming the Credentialing Committee to **The Licensing Review Committee.**
- Silberman reminded Committee members the importance of attending their assigned committee meetings. She informed the members if there were scheduling issues to please notify her for reassignments.
- Sherryl Silberman informed the Board that Stanley Weinstein had an opportunity to review and speak with someone from the State of Louisiana regarding how they rehabilitate impaired health workers. A discussion was held on whether the Board needs a Rehabilitation Committee to address impaired social workers. Questions presented were, how would we define the committee? Do we have the resources? Are there any differences as to how we currently refer social workers out for services? Should the Board refer the Rehabilitation Committee back to the Statute and Regulations Committee to possibly be taken out of the Statute? A suggestion was made to form a subcommittee of 2 or 3 members that will provide Kara Tyson, Compliance Director with community resources on an as needed base, referrals should be geographical. The

Statute and Regulations Committee will, during their review, suggest regulatory changes to reflect that the Board would not form a rehabilitation committee.

- Sherryl Silberman reminded Board members to provide Kara Tyson with a list of individuals who can conduct evaluations and provide mental health and substance abuse resources.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Stanley Weinstein

- Stanley Weinstein asked Tyrone Willoughby to introduce to the Board the new Board's intern, Sean Augustus, a Coppin State University BSW Program student. Sean is the Director of the Residential Admission Program.
- Tyrone Willoughby was asked to give an update on the "Call - In Project". Sherryl Silberman asked if the "Call-In Project" would be more effective in lieu of how Board staff handles social worker inquiries. After much discussion the Call-In Project was discontinued. However, a short 5-10 minutes video on the website to answer and assist social workers may be another option in facilitating information. Letha Moszer and Jamie Wilson both use instructional videos in their organizations.
- Stanley Weinstein asked Lillian Reese to give the Board an update on the Teletherapy Regulations. Lillian shared the Secretary's office has signed off on the regulation and it's being submitted to the Division of State document for print in the Maryland Register on September 27, 2019. The Teletherapy regulation will be effective October 7, 2019. The Board plans to send an email blast to all social workers.
- Gloria Hammel informed the Board there were **888** social workers that renewed and there are **6,000** who have not.
- Stanley E. Weinstein reminded the Board, the Strategic Planning Event will convene on October 18, 2019. The subcommittee, which consists of Barbara Gassaway, Jerry Ferrell and Stanley Weinstein held a meeting to discuss the expectations, requirements and to speak with the facilitator. Barbara Gassaway suggested the Board hold the Strategic Planning Event in one of the conference rooms located on the University of Maryland Baltimore County, campus. Additional information is forthcoming after the subcommittee, along with Sherryl Silberman meet with the facilitator directly after the Board meeting.
- Stanley Weinstein shared with the Board the data from the Budget Management for Objectives Report.
- Gail Wowk asked Board members to submit their articles for the Fall Newsletter. The deadline is October 15, 2019.

Statute and Regulations Committee

Wrenn Skidmore, Chair

Wrenn Skidmore informed the Board members the Committee met on Monday. The Committee completed the forms that impacted the revised and new regulations. The committee will be conducting an informal review of the Statute. She asked various departments and committee members if, there are any concerns and frequent questions that need to be addressed by an update in the statute ex. Mobility,

Rehabilitation Committee and the Jurisprudence Exam to let the Committee know by October 1, 2019. The next Committee meeting will be held on October 7, 2019.

Continuing Education Committee

Karen Richards, Chair

The Committee would like to welcome Susan Coppage, the new committee member. The next meeting will be held on the following week.

Sherryl Silberman would like the committee to further look into having a jurisprudence exam.

Daphne McClellan, ask if she could get a copy of the Teletherapy Regulations prior to October 7, 2019 due to a conference being held on September 26-27, 2019 for distribution. Lillian informed her she can retrieve notice of the Maryland Regulation however, it can be found on the Boards website on October 7, 2019.

Daphne McClellan asked Gloria Hammel if the Independent Practice Forms were available. The response was the forms would be available the following week.

Sherryl Silberman asked Gloria Hammel to provide the Board members with a complete 3 hole punched packet of all the forms, applications and instructions given to applicants for licensure, at the next Board meeting.

A question was asked what time will the Strategic Planning Event start? 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSSION

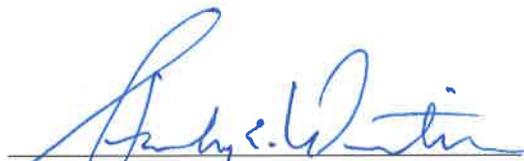
The Open Session adjourned at 11:40 A.M.



Karen Richards, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer

10/18/19

Date



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

10/18/19

Date