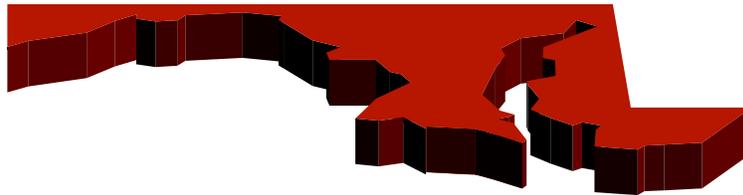


State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes
October 9, 2020, 10:30 AM
Teleconference Board Meeting**

Board Members: Via Telephone Call-In

Gerard Farrell	Consumer Member, Chair
Karen Richards	Professional Member, Vice Chair
Donald J List	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Sondra G. Petty	Professional Member
Adrienne Ekas-Mueting	Professional Member
Sherryl Silberman	Professional Member
Allyson Stanton	Professional Member
Maria Cole	Professional Member
Barbara Gassaway	Consumer Member
Susan P. Coppage	Professional Member
April A. Cockrell	Professional Member
Martin P. Schnuit	Professional Member

Board Staff: Stanley E. Weinstein	Executive Director
Rhonda Edwards	OAG, Board Counsel
Kara Brooks-Tyson	Director of Compliance and Investigations
Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide
Lillian Reese	Legislation and Regulations Specialist
Gail Wowk	Director of Planning and Continuing Education
Gloria Jean Hammel	Director, Certification and Licensing Unit
Tyrone Willoughby	Board Social Work Supervisor
Stacie Rigby	Continuing Education Associate

Guest: Daphne McClellan	Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter
Heather Garner	NASW-MD, Social Work
Giselle Ferretto	University of Maryland, School of Social Work

CALL TO ORDER:

The Open Session was called to order at 10:38 am by Board Chair Gerard Farrell

MINUTES:

July 14, 2020 minutes – Approved unanimously

September 11, 2020 minutes- The CE Committee met in July and not August. Minutes approved with this modification unanimously.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT:

Gerard Farrell

- Gerard Farrell opened the meeting. He notified the Board that he was rescinding committee appointments. Our Executive Director will now make the Committee Appointments and the meetings will remain closed. The Committee list to be sent out next week.
- He discussed a third party independent review and mentioned that Board independence has limits. He asked if there were issues of who was on the Board and if the Board was demographically balanced. He mentioned about staff hiring process, disciplinary processes as well as internal operations of Board and staff. He said that on Wednesday he will move the review into the strategic plan. He also mentioned NASW social workers were interested in requiring racism and social justice CEU's for every renewal. He welcomed their input into working at getting to show cultural competency.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stanley Weinstein

- Stanley Weinstein talked about the state auditors exit interviews. He said that it was efficient but was made aware that there needs to be a better way of handling checks especially for licensure. He was also concerned about a lock box for handling money. He also brought the issue of eliminating accepting checks and using credit cards only to make the process of licensing easier. He also talked about extension dates for renewals and said that they should remain active until the State of Emergency ends as per the Governor's Executive Order. He mentioned as of that day, thirty percent of social workers have renewed their licenses.
- Sherryl Silberman asked when the Executive Order would end. It has not been determined when it will end.
- Sherryl Silberman added that we should have a contingency plan for scenarios to assist in planning purposes for the Executive Order. Gerard Farrell agreed it would be necessary in order to avoid confusion.
- Stanley Weinstein mentioned about out of state licensed social worker clinical approval was ending and would there be another six months. He asked Gloria and she recommended that social workers should continue working with clients for 6 additional months due to the emergency. Rhonda stated the Board has the authority and said that six months was statutory. And the Board voted unanimously to approve an additional 6 months for out of state licensed social workers.
- Stanley Weinstein brought up the issue and confusion in regards to whether an LMSW could own a private practice and needed clarity on how to interpret it. Rhonda Edwards said that under the

Board Statute 19-307 section C2 can engage in private practice but not psychotherapy which can be done only under supervision, and added that modifications needed to be clear so that there were no further issues. Gerard Farrell added that the Statute and Regulation Committee needs to further clarify the language for the next statute change.

- Gail Wowk then talked about a Fall newsletter which is being issued in November. Articles needed and should be submitted to her by November 4th in order for the newsletter to be out by Thanksgiving. Sherryl Silberman added that she would be submitting an article.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STATUE AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Sandra Petty, Chair

- Sondra Petty talked about the teletherapy practice regulations and how they were changing the language on the document in order to mirror other boards. Motion approved unanimously to accept the teletherapy changes on the document.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Karen Richards, Chair

- Karen then shared that they met on September 18th. The Committee reviewed other state boards that had requirements around Cultural Competency/Racial Justice. There was also a discussion of specific CE training requests from licensees. In addition, the Committee went over the ASWB random audits in regards to COVID and the impact on Continuing Education.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Sherryl Silberman talked about the strategic plan and how they would direct them to the proper people for implementation.
- Susan Coppage shared that she participated in the ASWB Board exchange and encouraged people to do that as it was an opportunity to know what others are doing.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSSION

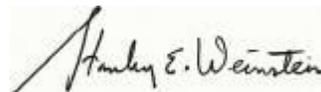
The Open Session adjourned at 12:05 PM



Donald List, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer

2/12/2021

Date



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

2/12/2021

Date