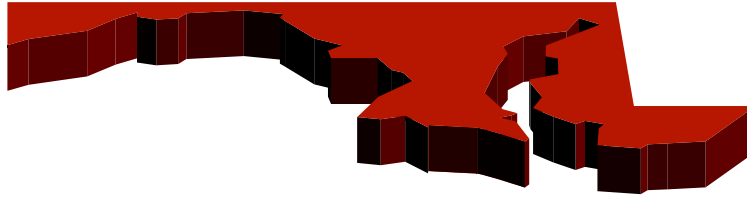


State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes
September 10, 2021, 10:39 AM
Teleconference Board Meeting**

Board Members: Via Telephone Call-In

Karen Richards	Professional Member, Chair
Donald J. List	Professional Member, Vice Chair
Barbara Gassaway	Consumer Member, Secretary/Treasure
Jamie Wilson	Professional Member
Adrienne Ekas	Professional Member
Allyson Stanton	Professional Member
Maria Cole	Professional Member
Sondra G. Petty	Professional Member
Margaret Kern	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
	Lillian Reese	Legislation and Regulations Specialist (absent)
	Kara Brooks-Tyson	Director of Compliance and Investigations
	Gail Wovk	Director of Planning and Continuing Education
	Gloria Jean Hammel	Director, Certification and Licensing Unit
	Tyrone Willoughby	Board Social Work Supervisor
	Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide
	Stacie Rigby	Continuing Education Associate

Guest:	Kimberly Link	MDH Liaison to Board and Commissions
	Daphne McClellan	Executive Director, NASW - MD Chapter

CALL TO ORDER:

The Open Session was called to order at 10:39 am by Board Chair Karen Richards

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 9, 2021 Board Minutes - approved unanimously

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

BOARD CHAIR

Karen Richards

- Karen Richards gave an update on the Continuing Education Regulations Proposal. The Regulations were sent to the Office of the Secretary of Health who made changes. The CEU committee met to discuss the revised changes along with NASW who wrote a letter to Dennis Schrader, Secretary of Health supporting the original language made by the CEU Committee.
- Karen Richards shared the Continuing Education Committee Report indicating the Committee did not meet in August however the committee will resume their monthly meeting in September.
- Stanley Weinstein along with Sondra Petty, Statute and Regulations Committee Chair was asked to give an update on the LMSW & Private Practice Regulation Proposal.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stanley Weinstein

- Stanley Weinstein shared, the Office of the Secretary of Health and the Behavioral Health Administration had some concerns regarding the LMSW & Private Practice Regulation Proposal. After receiving clarity, from representatives of Behavioral Health Administration, the information was forwarded to the Statute and Regulations Committee for further review and discussion.
- Sondra Petty shared the Statute and Regulations Committee Report which included concerns regarding the Private Practice Regulation Proposal. The Committee met on September 6, 2021. Discussion was held concerning the Behavioral Health Administration concerns. The Committee reviewed Section B1.A and revisions were made to remove the LBSW requirement from the Private Practice Regulation. The Committee maintained that clinical supervision must be provided by a Board approved clinical supervisor.
- Discussion on legislation concerning out of state practitioners and processing applications by Board staff was tabled.
- Sondra Petty shared the topic on how; out of state Board approved supervisors can provide clinical supervision via telehealth? Recommendations were discussed to make additional requirements to the Board approved supervisor Regulation, requiring an in-person, initial meeting for the purpose of signing the contract and reviewing the COMAR regulations. It was also suggested to meet in-person quarterly for the first year and every six months thereafter.
- The jurisprudence exam was discussed. Suggestions included an open book exam, having an independent agency administering the exam and who would be responsible for generating exam questions etc.
- Sondra Petty clarified that all these changes would require changes to the Regulations
- Stanley Weinstein shared the MFR Data and Supporting DBM/DLS Data report with Board members.
- Karen Richards reminded Board members that the board meetings sessions are being recorded.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Karen Richards, Chair

- Discussed in the Board Chair's report.

STATUTE AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

Sondra Petty, Chair

- Discussed in the Board Chair's report

ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSION

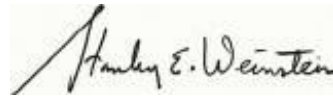
The Open Session adjourned at 11:05 am



Barbara Gassaway
Board Secretary/Treasurer

10/08/2021

Date



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

10/08/2021

Date