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State of Maryland
Board of Social Work Examiners
Open Session Meeting
Virtual
MINUTES
July 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session was called to Order at 10:32 AM.

ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No adjustments or additions were made to the agenda.

ATTENDANCE

Board: Susan Coppage, Chair; Adrienne K. Ekas, Vice Chair; Leslie Iampieri, Board Secretary/Treasurer; Jamie Wilson, Board Member; Kevin Meenan, Board Member; Kori Olszewski, Board Member; Tonya Hill, Board Member, Vernon Smith, Board Member, Shannon Webb, Board Member; Carla Paisley, Board Member, Barbara Tunstall, Board Member

Board Staff: Carla Boyd, Board Counsel; Rhonda Edwards, OAG; Karen Richards, Executive Director; Gail Wowk, Director of Continuing Education; Stacie Rigby, Continuing Education Associate; Marianne Graham, Social Work Supervisor; Gloria Hammel, Director of Licensing; Pamela Price-Murray, Licensing Coordinator; Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordinator; Garcia Gilmore, Health Investigations, Ulysses Preston, Health Investigations Administrator; Kellie Peay, Administrative Asst.; Kara Brooks Tyson, Director of Compliance, Lee Nyguen, Database Specialist; Stacie Rigby, Continuing Education Assistant; Jacqueline Monroe-Moore, Fiscal Officer

Community: Bracha Poliakoff, Social Worker and Continuing Education Provider; Elisabet Martinez, UMSSW; Gisele Ferretto, UMSSW; Meghan Co, LICSW; Dr. Daphne McClellan Cover, LCSW

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Leslie Iampieri, Secretary/Treasurer

A motion was made by Jamie Wilson to approve the Minutes of June 14, 2024; Adrienne Ekas seconded, and all were in favor with no changes.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Susan Coppage, Chair

- Susan Coppage welcomed members of the public, staff, and Board members
- New Board Members introduced:

- Shannon Webb, LBSW seat – 25 years as a Social Worker working with senior population; She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work and Master’s Degree in Applied Gerontology; works at Oakcrest in Independent Living
- Vernon Smith, Consumer Member – Army Veteran – served overseas; came back to attend college at Frederick Community College and currently working on BSA; has worked in Defense Agencies including NIH, DOD, and DOJ
- Carley Paisley, LMSW seat – worked as Immigration/Refugee Family Reunification Policy Advocate in Baltimore City; also worked at International Rescue Committee – working as clinical and crisis management with unaccompanied minors in Southeast region of US; starting new role as Executive Director for SE Community Development Coalition; bilingual.
- Barbara Tunstall, Consumer Member – has Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology and Master’s Degree in Community Health; worked at Cigna; worked at American Chronic Pain Society; has volunteered as CASA worker for foster care youth in Baltimore County; recently certified to be an Employee Assistant Professional and training to become a Peer Support Specialist.
- Susan noted it was exciting to have four Board seats filled and to continue to have such wonderful diversity on the Board
- Susan also welcomed new Board Counsel – Carla Boyd from the Attorney General’s office. She has 24 years of experience as an attorney and has worked in both Virginia and Maryland. She has served as Board Counsel for ten years – working with several Health Occupations Boards including Morticians; Nursing; Occupational Therapy; Residential Childcare; and Audiology
- Susan also reported on new Committee Additions
 - Carla and Barbara on the Disciplinary Case Review Committee (DCRC)
 - Shannon on Continuing Education
 - Vernon on Statue & Regulations

Executive Director REPORT

Karen Richards, Executive Director

- Welcome to new Board Members and it is great to have all but one seat filled
- Online Portal for renewals will be open on July 15 – start to busy time of year for the Board – an email blast will go out to all licensees who are up for renewal in 2024
- Reminder to Board Members to get expense sheets turned in for FY 2024 – fiscal is closing out – July 1 is start of FY 2025
- If Board Members need expense sheets or stamped envelopes to mail to Board – please email Jackie Monroe-Moore, Fiscal Officer
- With carpet and paint project complete, file boxes have been moved down from fifth floor and back to offices
- Lee Nyguen is working on finalizing quote from Maryland State Archives
 - Plan is to begin with paper Compliance files – have them scanned and digitally archived
- New Staff updates
 - Recruiting for Licensing Social Worker
 - Licensing Coordinator – starting end of July
- Licensing Policy Workgroup meets on June 25 – no meeting in July

- Need Board members to serve as proxy for August 27 meeting as Karen and Adrienne are off

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Statutes and Regulations Committee

Kevin Meenan, Committee Member

- Committee met on July 11, 2024
- Reviewed CE regulation 10.42.06 – will wait for CE committee to review again as there was feedback and comments from NASW-MD that need to be discussed by CE committee
- Reviewed the 10.42.01 LCSW clean-up regulation
 - Lillian noted that this regulation change was a result of legislation passed last session – HB755 and SB106
 - Susan called for a motion to accept the changes; Kevin seconded; all were in favor
- Committee tabled discussion on Independent Practice but are looking at the regulation in upcoming meeting with the goal of making language clearer

Continuing Education Committee

Adrienne Ekas, Committee Chair


- Committee is meeting on Thursday June 20 to discuss NASW-MD questions and comments
- Will send back over to Stat & Regulations after review and edits
- Will vote on final version after – in Open Session – September

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

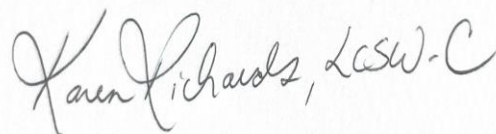
- No questions or comments this month.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSION

- Before closing, Susan called for a vote to cancel August meeting – after discussion and verification that a hearing was planned for August – the vote was in favor of cancelling the Open Session and holding an Administrative Session with Hearing only
- At 11:03am, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the open session.



Susan Coppage, LCSW-C
Board Chair



Karen Richards, LCSW-C
Executive Director, BSWE