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**BSWE Newsletter**

**INTRODUCING OUR NEW BOARD CHAIR**



On July 1, 2016, Denise A. Capaci, LCSW-C, began her first year as Chair of the Board of Social Work Examiners, while also beginning her second term on the Board. She is a resident of Waldorf, Maryland where she lives with her husband and daughter.

Ms. Capaci received her BA in Social Work from Catholic University where she was awarded “Most Distinguished Social Work Major” in 1990. Her MSW in Social Work Administration, Policy, and Planning was earned from Rutgers University. She has been at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington for twenty four years. There she has held positions in child welfare, behavioral health, Director of Professional Standards, and Regional Director of Southern Maryland. Since 2005, she has been Executive Director Adult and Children’s Clinical Services.

Ms. Capaci chaired the Board Retreat held in September 2016 with discussions focused on:

- improving communication with licensees,
- improving outreach to students and licensees,
- updating and expanding the Continuing Education Program requirements,
- reviewing the Social Work Statute and Regulations Committee progress,
- reviewing current disciplinary practices and sanctions,
- exploring the use of technology in social work practice, and
- working with other State regulatory boards regarding the mobility and portability of licenses.

Ms. Capaci was Maryland’s Delegate at the Association of Social Work Boards Assembly that was held in San Diego, California. She shared Maryland’s challenges and learned from regulators from other states about ways to address these many issues.

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**HOUSE BILL 245 ENACTED WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1, 2016  
House Bill 245**

**Child Abuse and Neglect – Failure to Report**

FOR the purpose of requiring an agency that is participating in a child abuse or neglect investigation and that has substantial grounds to believe that a person has knowingly failed to report child abuse as required under a certain provision of law to file a certain complaint with a certain board, agency, institution, or facility; and generally relating to child abuse and neglect.

BY adding to

Article – Family Law Section 5–705.3  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Family Law**

5–705.3.

IF AN AGENCY PARTICIPATING IN AN INVESTIGATION UNDER § 5–706 OF THIS SUBTITLE HAS SUBSTANTIAL GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT A PERSON HAS KNOWINGLY FAILED TO REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT AS REQUIRED BY § 5–704 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE AGENCY SHALL:

- (1) FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE APPROPRIATE LICENSING BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE IF THE PERSON IS A HEALTH PRACTITIONER;
- (2) FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IF THE PERSON IS A POLICE OFFICER; OR
- (3) FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OR THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY, INSTITUTION, OR LICENSED FACILITY AT WHICH THE PERSON IS EMPLOYED IF THE PERSON IS AN EDUCATOR OR A HUMAN SERVICE WORKER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2016.  
Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2016.

If you have questions concerning House Bill 245, please contact your local department of social services office.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION WEBPAGE  
BOARD AUTHORIZED SPONSORS LINK UPDATED  
ON NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

In the Spring 2016 BSWE Newsletter, an article discussed the Board Authorized Sponsors Questionnaire and the need to have accurate, up-to-date information on the Board's Authorized Sponsors. Some Sponsors have closed, merged with other agencies/organizations, or changed their business name. This information was compiled and the listing has been updated on this webpage. Closed and inactive Sponsors were removed.

As one reviews future continuing education activities and enrolls in a training/course, it is suggested that one review this page which lists the Authorized and Auto-Authorized Sponsors. If you have a question on a Provisional Sponsor, please contact the Board since they are not listed on the webpage at this time.

**NOTE:** The Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners accepts continuing education units authorized by Association of Social Work Boards, National Association of Social Workers, Automatically Authorized, and Board Authorized Sponsors. Not only must the continuing education sponsor be approved, but the content must meet the Board's continuing education regulations ([COMAR 10.42.06](#)). The objectives of the continuing education requirements include: maintenance and enhancement of professional competence, ongoing improvement of professional skills and knowledge, and enrichment of social work services provided to the citizens of Maryland.

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**FILM AND DISCUSSION CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITY**

Effective January 1, 2017, a Film with Discussion program offered by Board Authorized and Automatically Authorized Sponsors will no longer be approved for Category I CEUs. This activity may be eligible for Category II CEUs.

This continuing education activity must be designed with a course outline and learning objectives. The film discussion must be interactive, based on the learning objectives for the training, and it must enhance social work practice and improve the licensee's professional skills and knowledge.

The target audience should be social workers and other professionals.

## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

There are three new Board members recently appointed by Governor Larry Hogan and confirmed by the Maryland Senate.



**Letha Moszer, MSW, LCSW-C**

Ms. Moszer is a clinical assistant professor at Salisbury University and she has filled the seat designated for a social worker engaged in social worker education. In addition to her academic teaching she has been providing clinical social work services in schools and outpatient programs. Her clinical and research interests are focused on trauma treatment.



**Wrenn Skidmore, MSW, LGSW**

Ms. Skidmore is a clinical social worker working in an addictions treatment program as well as directing a program serving chronically homeless and mentally ill individuals. She has previous experience providing case management services for families enrolled in the College Access Program.



**Mary L. Sayres, MSW, LCSW-C**

Ms. Sayres is originally from Iowa. She has clinical and administrative experience in services to the elderly and in an Employee Assistance Program. Her professional activities in Maryland are as a Lead Social Worker, Care Management, at the Anne Arundel Medical Center.

We are pleased that Ms. Moszer, Ms. Skidmore and Ms. Sayres have joined the Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners. Their participation enables the Board to now have representatives from Anne Arundel County, Montgomery County, Western Maryland, Baltimore County, Southern Maryland, Eastern Shore and Baltimore City.

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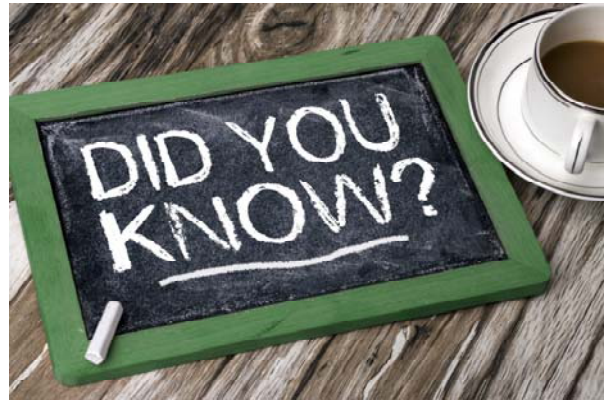
## Notification of Change in Name or Street Address or Email

It is your responsibility to notify the Board **promptly** of any change in contact information.

For a change in name, address, postal and / or email, please use the designated form on the Board's website. The Board's newsletter and various notifications are sent to licensees using the email address.

An applicant for a social work license is **not licensed on the day she/he passes the exam.**

The 2016 renewals have just ended. Paying attention to deadlines will help to avoid last minute anxiety and frustration. **Renewals begin on July 15<sup>th</sup>** and it is best to renew ASAP.



**Effective January 1, 2014, the Board no longer prints paper licenses.** Licensees, employers and clients etc., may verify a social work license by selecting “License Verification” on the right side of the Board’s homepage. [www.dhmfh.maryland.gov/bswe/](http://www.dhmfh.maryland.gov/bswe/)

If you have a concern around an approved sponsor and/or the trainings or activities you have taken, please contact the approved sponsor directly. If you would like to contact a staff member, please email:

Deborah A. Evans, CEU Coordinator at [deborah.evans@maryland.gov](mailto:deborah.evans@maryland.gov)

The Board convenes on the second Friday of each month at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore Md. 21215. The Open Session Meeting begins at 10:15 A.M. and the Agenda is posted on the Board’s website under Board Meetings.

Standards of practice in the Code of Ethics require that the licensee limit her/his practice to the area in which the licensee has gained proficiency through education, training and experience.

Public Orders (formal disciplinary actions) from 2005 – present may be viewed on the Board’s website: [www.dhmfh.maryland.gov/bswe](http://www.dhmfh.maryland.gov/bswe) . The link to the Public Orders is on the right side of the Board’s homepage.

The Board can only accept hours of social work experience & social work supervision for advanced licensure if:

- ⇒ The LCSW or LCSW-C supervisor is Board approved and
- ⇒ The contract for supervision was initiated before supervision began



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