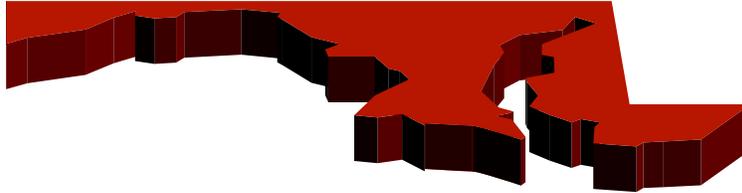


State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes –July 8, 2016
Metro Executive Building
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 110
Baltimore, Maryland 21215**

Board Members:

Denise Capaci	Professional Member, Chair
Joyce Bell	Professional Member, Vice Chair
Aimee Williams	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Mark Lannon	Professional Member
Angela Anderson-Smith	Consumer Member
Deborah Ramelmeier	Professional Member
Denise Peak	Professional Member (absent)
Loretta Wall	Professional Member
Sherryl Silberman	Professional Member
Karen Richards	Professional Member
Gerard Farrell	Consumer Member
Letha Moszer	Professional Member

Board Staff:

Stanley E. Weinstein	Executive Director
Ari S. Elbaum	AAG, OAG, Board Counsel
Gail Wowk	Director, Planning & Continuing Education
Gloria Jean Hammel	Director, Certification and Licensing
Kara Brooks-Tyson	Director, Compliance
Tyrone Willoughby	Social Work Supervisor
Garcia Gilmore	Board Investigator
Deborah Evans	CEU Coordinator

Guest:

Sharon Bloom	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
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CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session was called to order at 10:22 A.M. by Ms. Denice Capaci, Board Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 10, 2016 minutes were approved unanimously - 11 Yes.

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

BOARD CHAIR

Denise Capaci

- Denise Capaci welcomed the New Officers and thanked Mark Lannon for serving as the Chair of the Board. She also welcomed the new Board Member representing education, Letha Moszer, LCSW-C. She has been a professor of social work for seven years at Salisbury University and is located in Cecil County.
- Discussion of Committees, Chairs, and Membership. Denise Capaci is in the process of finalizing committee assignments and establishment of chairs. All Board Members should serve on the DCRC with membership changing annually. Will announce at the August BD Meeting.
- Board Retreat Planning. **Date set: September 16, 2016.**
Mark Lannon mentioned the retreat priorities that received the most Board votes (no order).

Reducing the levels of licensure
License mobility
The application(s) of technology on social work practice
Board's definition of "clinical social work"

Further planning is needed on the selected retreat topics, time frames, and agenda. It will be discussed and finalized at the August Board Meeting.

- Denise Capaci acknowledged the contributions Dr. Thelma Rich has made to the social work profession and the Board. Stanley Weinstein read the Secretary's Certificate in her honor. He will mail a letter containing Denise Capaci's remarks and invite to attend the upcoming Board Retreat.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stanley E. Weinstein

- PIN Reduction document was discussed. The half pin reduction for the Health Occupations Investigator is a part of the Governor's decision to reduce positions in State Government. Even though the Board operates and is considered special funded, the Department has this authority.
Several Board Members asked how the Board and the Members can advocate for ourselves and outline the needs such as the vacant LBSW seat. Stanley Weinstein explained the Appointment process within the Department and the Governor's Office. Board Members may write to:

Kim Bennardi
Administrator, Office of Appointments and Executive Nominations
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 W. Preston Street, 5th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21201
Office: [410-767-4049](tel:410-767-4049)
Fax: [410-333-7687](tel:410-333-7687)
E-mail: kim.bennardi@maryland.gov

- ASWB. Request sent to ASWB on June 27, 2016 to seek exemptions to their Exam Use Policy (see attachment).
ASWB sent an email outlining an opportunity to seek grant funding around social work practice mobility and license portability (see attachment). Boards were asked to commit to their willingness to volunteer to participate in a consortium. Stanley Weinstein completed the participation form. The Board Members voted unanimously, 11 Yes, to participate.
Aimee Williams requested Stanley Weinstein to query who and how many states permit on-line ethics training especially in light of the issue of mobility.
- State Stat Reporting for Fiscal Year 2017. Attachment discussed.
- Board Members were asked to review their contact information on the attachment and submit changes to Stanley Weinstein.
- Official Board Membership as of July 1, 2016 attachment discussed. Some Members noted discrepancies and Stanley Weinstein will speak with Kim Bennardi. Ex. Loretta Wall lives in Howard County not Baltimore County.
The need for licensees to fill certain seats i.e. LBSW remains an issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Continuing Education Committee

Denise Capaci, Chair

- Gail Wowk reported on the June 10, 2016 meeting.
Update provided on the status of the Board Approved Sponsor Questionnaire. Staff focusing on sponsors in the “no-response” category.
Deborah Evans reported on the approved 2015 Extension and Exception requests. More requests were explored or received; however, once the process and documentation were explained, some licensees chose not to submit.
Six Extensions approved
Two Exceptions approved
Breakdown: 6 medical, 1 financial and 1 chronic health condition
Withdrawal of CEU regulations discussed.
A letter has been finalized to assist an individual/organization/agency in requesting CEU sponsorship. It outlines the criteria one must meet to move forward with the sponsor application submission.

Statute and Regulations Committee

Joyce Bell, Chair

- Deborah Ramelmeier reported on the June 13, 2016 meeting and July 6, 2016 sub-committee meeting. It was decided at the sub-committee meeting that it was necessary to step back, review, and discuss the work that needs to be done before changing language in the statute. The next three Committee meetings will focus on the conceptual framework.
At the upcoming retreat, the Board will discuss their thoughts and become more involved with specific supervision issues.
- The next open meeting of the Statute and Regulations Committee is scheduled for July 11, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

REMINDER

Stanley Weinstein reminded everyone that the license renewal period begins on July 15, 2016 for 7000+ licensees. They have until October 31, 2016 to renew. Since there is no grace period, on November 1 if a licensee has not renewed, he/she cannot practice social work.

The Open Session adjourned at 11:10 A.M.



Aimee Williams, LCSW-C
Board Secretary/Treasurer

08/12/2016

Date



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

08/12/2016

Date