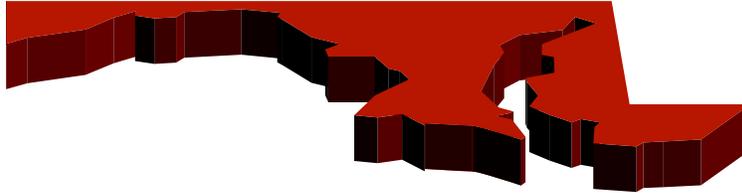


State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners



**Open Session Minutes –May 13, 2016
Metro Executive Building
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 110
Baltimore, Maryland 21215**

Board Members:

Mark Lannon	Professional Member, Chair
Denise Capaci	Professional Member, Vice-Chair
Thelma Rich	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer
Angela Anderson-Smith	Consumer Member
Deborah Ramelmeier	Professional Member
Denise Peak	Professional Member (left at 11:00 am)
Joyce Bell	Professional Member
Loretta Wall	Professional Member
Sherryl Silberman	Professional Member
Aimee Williams	Professional Member
Karen Richards	Professional Member
Gerard Farrell	Consumer 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:

Daphne McClellan	Executive Director, NASW – MD Chapter
Sharon Bloom	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

CALL TO ORDER

The Open Session was called to order at 10:26 A.M. by Mr. Mark Lannon, Board Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 8, 2016 minutes were approved unanimously with a vote of 12 Yes.

ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

BOARD CHAIR

Mark Lannon

- Mark Lannon announced the nominations for the upcoming election of new Officers today. They are Denise Capaci for Chair, Joyce Bell for Vice-Chair, and Aimee Williams and Angela Anderson-Smith for Secretary/Treasurer. Sherryl Silberman nominated Deborah Ramelmeier for Secretary/Treasurer. The ballot was distributed and the Board Members were asked to submit his/her ballot to Gail Wowk for collection and tabulation.
- Board Retreat Planning. **Date set: September 16, 2016.** The September 9, 2016 Board Meeting will still be held as planned. Retreat Priorities Ballot was distributed which listed possible topics for the Retreat. Mark Lannon asked that Members look into the future/vision of the Board. Several topics were discussed to assist Board Members in clarifying and/or narrowing down the topic area, and combining 2 topics. Stanley Weinstein discussed two additional topics identified by Board staff for consideration. i.e. time limited LCSW-C supervision with requirement to earn certain number of CEUs per renewal cycle and documentation. Ballots should be returned to Mark Lannon at the June Board Meeting or collected today. Stanley Weinstein announced that several locations for the Retreat are being considered.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stanley E. Weinstein

- Review of 2016 Administration of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Spring Education Conference. Joyce Bell and Stanley Weinstein attended. Joyce Bell stated that the focus was on mobility issues. There are ten states that do not license bachelor level social workers. There are one-half million social workers in North America. Discussion on the different modes of delivering social work services. One cannot ignore this issue. It was stressed to practice in the area you are trained in. Stanley Weinstein attended the Administrator's Meeting the first day and he presented issues impacting the Board and its operation.
 - Supreme Court Decision re. North Carolina Dental Board
 - Need for an additional Health Occupations Investigator
 - Teletherapy Legislation Failed in the General Assembly but is still needed.
 - Criminal Background Checks for all licensees
 - CEU SponsorsNorth Carolina had three bills introduced in the legislature to address the Supreme Court decision but they did not pass. The Boards discussed their challenges and differences. Issues of interest included the use of electronic supervision, re-approval of supervision every 5 years, on-line applications and the use of administrative late fees. Also discussed was the on-going collaboration between the Association of Social Work Boards, the Council of Social Work Education and the National Association of Social Workers. The Mobility Task Force will report back with recommendation for state regulatory Boards.

ASWB is conducting a “Social Work Practice Analysis” and will survey 200,000 social workers.

Region III SAMHSA representative focused on workforce development. NASW and other organizations are a part of this process to find ways to provide services nationwide. Grant monies available. Meeting to be held in June with DE, DC, PA, MD, WV, and VA.

ASWB reported that the advanced generalist exam is used by only three states and it is expensive to administer.

Dale Atkinson, Attorney, President, Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards, has an active role in the response to the NC case.

- 2015 ASWB Exam Data by School. Letter was sent to each Dean of School of Social Work and each undergraduate social work program in Maryland with their individual data. No response has been received from these mailings. Denise Capaci requested Stanley Weinstein to share the data by each university/college.
- ASWB Path to Licensure Program (handout)
- Recommended Changes to the Social Work Statute. Joyce Bell and Gloria Hammel lead the discussion on the draft document. Highlighted areas represented language agreed upon by Statute and Regulations Committee Members. However, clarity is still needed in certain areas or around certain issues. New language was added in the Criminal Background Check section to include the RAP Back Service. The cost as well as the maintenance of this service will be obtained by Board staff. Since additional questions were raised, the Board Chair tabled the vote for approval and stated it will be brought back to the June 10, 2016 Board Meeting. The Board Members voted 11 Yes to table the vote and 1 No.
- Third Quarter Budget Projections. Handout discussed. The backlog of disciplinary cases continues to grow. Vacancy Update was provided by Board staff on the Social Worker full time merit position and the Health Occupations Investigator full time contract position.
- Changes in the Reinstatement Application. Attachment was presented by Gloria Hammel and discussed. Aimee Williams had voiced concerns last month regarding the interpretation of one question. Since she was absent today, Gloria Hammel will contact her to discuss suggested language.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Continuing Education Committee

- Committee met on April 8, 2016 after the Board Meeting.
- Update provided on the Board Authorized Sponsor Questionnaire. Good response to date. Several measures were instituted to locate organizations/businesses. After these measures have been completed and still no response, the identified sponsors will be moved to an Inactive Status file. As of today, 26 letters have been returned to the Board. Additional research was done and 18 new letters were sent out with a May 31, 2016 due date. The remaining 8 sponsors have been placed in the Inactive Status file.
- The Board Authorized Sponsor webpage was updated on May 3, 2016. It reflects the unable- to-locate sponsors who were removed and placed in the Inactive Status file. The beginning

CHAIR

Denise Capaci

paragraph was also updated to address questions received around approved CEU training activities.

- Status of the Proposed Changes to Continuing Education Regulations (COMAR 10.42.06). After receiving guidance from the Secretary’s Office, Stanley Weinstein is working with Kristen Neville and Michele Phinney, Director, Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination, DHMH, to outline the reasoning for the informal sanction with a possible fine versus a formal sanction which includes posting the disciplinary action on the Board’s website.
- The Committee will be meeting in June after the Board Meeting.

Statute and Regulations Committee

Joyce Bell

- No further report.
- The next open meeting of the Statute and Regulations Committee is scheduled for June 13, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

Credentialing Committee

Joyce Bell

No report

2016 Spring Newsletter: -Well Done!

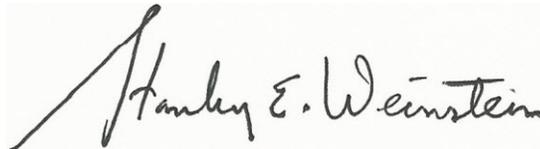
The Open Session adjourned at 11:46 A.M.



Thelma Rich, LCSW
Board Secretary/Treasurer

– 06/10/2016

Date



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

06/10/2016

Date