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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK MEETING OF NOVEMBER 23, 2010

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Social Work met in regular session on November 23, 2010 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Matthew Wojack, LMSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

**Members Present:** Matthew Wojack, LMSW, Chairperson  
Anwar Najor-Durack, MSW, LMSW, Vice Chairperson  
Merry Battles, LMSW, CAAC  
Heather Adams Bell, Public Member  
Michele Brock, LMSW  
Pamela Manela, LMSW  
Dara Munson, Public Member  
Michelle Woods, Public Member

**Members Absent:** E. Jane Hayes, LMSW

**Staff Present:** Laurie VanBeelen, Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Health Regulatory Division  
Amy Allen, Policy Administration Manager, Health Regulatory Division  
Danielle Burk, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Susan Balkema, Assistant Attorney General  
Robert Jenkins, Assistant Attorney General  
Brett Eby, Intern, Office of Attorney General

**Others Present:** Elsie Duell  
Claude Rodgers  
Howard Spence, JD  
Robin Mingus - NASW MI  
Margarita Sanchez  
Evelyn Conley

## ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

*MOTION* by Woods, seconded by Najor-Durack, to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2010 meeting as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

*MOTION* by Najor-Durack, seconded by Woods, to approve the agenda as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***OLD BUSINESS***

### **CE Committee and Collaborative Report**

Brock indicated that the Committee has not met since the July meeting. She stated that approved programs are having good results thus far. It was discussed that the Collaborative has approved governing policies and members of the Collaborative are inviting employers to advise of CE needs throughout the state. The next meeting will be held December 9.

### **Committee on Scope & Impact of Social Work Licensing**

Wojack indicated that the Committee met with representatives from U of M, MSU, Wayne State, the NASW, and a staff member from the Department of Human Services. He reported that discussion was held regarding ways to disseminate information on ethical practice and he stated that the representatives from the universities agreed to convene focus groups to address this topic. Wojack reported that the Committee will meet again in February. Najor-Durack stated the schools are also reviewing curriculums to determine where this topic can be incorporated into the curriculum.

### **Addiction Counselor Certification Update**

Battles stated she spoke with an individual from the state of Michigan regarding available funding sources. A discussion of the grandfathering clause being in place was held, however this certification is issued by a separate certifying body and individuals who have been licensed for a significant period of time had the opportunity to obtain this additional certification by 2008. Additionally, obtaining the CAAC certification through the separate certifying body is a national requirement, not just a Michigan requirement. Najor-Durack expressed her concern that this requirement limits the additional care that an LMSW can provide to patients. Ramsdell stated that due to the fact that this is a national requirement, that Michigan may not be able to create an exemption. It was recommended that a review of the national requirements to obtain the certification be performed to determine if there is any discretion at the state level.

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

### **Department Update**

Ramsdell stated that with the new administration, a change in the way Board appointments are made may take place. She reported that the Bureau has not yet had communication regarding any potential changes to Board composition. Ramsdell advised that members whose terms end this year are asked to continue to serve until replaced.

### **ASWB Annual Meeting Update**

Najor-Durack reported that the ASWB is reviewing and making modifications to all exams and she verbally highlighted some of the changes. She indicated that updated study guides will be available at the end of this year. Najor-Durack stated that Pearson is the new test-facilitator and it is anticipated that this company will provide a much higher level of security than in the past. Najor-Durack advised that the model act was approved raising the number of years an individual must work under a Board-approved supervisor from two to three years. She stated that she received information regarding CE requirements comparing the 62 jurisdictions and that the majority require CE, however the number of hours varies considerably. Najor-Durack reported that 29 jurisdictions have no prohibitions to obtaining CE on-line.

Ramsdell spoke to the reporting requirements for disciplinary matters. She stated that each profession has an association that requests the states advise the association of discipline, as well as the National Practitioner Data Bank. She advised that Michigan reports all licensed professions to the National Practitioner Data Bank. Wojack indicated that from the information he is aware of, Michigan is in the top tier of states when it comes to disciplinary reporting.

The Board thanked Najor-Durack for her attendance on behalf of the Board.

## ***REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS***

### **Wendell Wayne Woodard, LMSW, LPC – Board's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law**

*MOTION* by Najor-Durack, seconded by Woods, to accept the Board's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law the matter of Wendell Wayne Woodard, LMSW, LPC.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas – Battles, Bell, Brock, Manela, Munson, Woods,  
Najor-Durack, Wojack

***MOTION PREVAILED***

**Vanessa Ann Klave, LBSW – Application for Reinstatement**

*MOTION* by Najor-Durack, seconded by Bell, to deny the Application for Reinstatement in the matter of Vanessa Ann Klave, LBSW.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas – Battles, Bell, Brock, Manela, Munson, Woods,  
Najor-Durack, Wojack

*MOTION PREVAILED*

**Charles A. McPhail, LMSW – Proposal for Decision/Reinstatement**

*MOTION* by Woods, seconded by Najor-Durack, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny reinstatement in the matter of Charles A. McPhail, LMSW.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas – Battles, Bell, Brock, Manela, Munson, Woods,  
Najor-Durack, Wojack

*MOTION PREVAILED*

***PUBLIC COMMENT***

Margarita Sanchez submitted written information and provided a verbal statement regarding continuing education credits she is requesting be accepted by the Board. She stated that the credits she is referring to are currently accepted on a national level. She asked the Board to review this issue on an urgent basis.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held January 25, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

***ADJOURNMENT***

*MOTION* by Woods, seconded by Manela, to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

*for* Anwar Najor-Durack  
Matthew Wojack, LMSW, Chairperson

March 23, 2011  
Date Minutes Approved

Laurie VanBeelen  
Laurie VanBeelen, Board Secretary

December 13, 2010  
Date Minutes Prepared