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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK NOVEMBER 22, 2011 MEETING

### 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 22, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., in 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 9:32 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Matthew Wojack, LMSW, Chairperson  
Anwar Najor-Durack, MSW, LMSW, Vice Chairperson  
Heather Adams Bell, Public Member  
Michele Brock, LMSW  
Eleanor Blum, Public Member  
E. Jane Hayes, LMSW  
Pamela Manela, LMSW  
Michelle Woods, Public Member

**Members Absent:** Merry Battles, LMSW, CAAC

**Staff Present:** Christine Hanson, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Bureau of Health Professions  
Norene Lind, Policy Manager, Health Regulatory Division  
Kelly Hugh, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Desmond Mitchell, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Danielle Burk, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Robert Jenkins, Assistant Attorney General  
Jennifer Fitzgerald, Assistant Attorney General (left at 10:20 a.m.)

**Others Present:** Nancy Short, Appointments Division, Office of Governor Snyder  
Brooke Pung, Appointments Division, Office of Governor Snyder

Robin Mingus, NASW-Michigan  
Maxine Thome, NASW-Michigan

## ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

*MOTION* by Woods, seconded by Manela, to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2011 meeting as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

*MOTION* by Woods, seconded by Hayes, to approve the agenda as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***OLD BUSINESS***

### **ASWB Annual Meeting**

Manela reported that she attended the ASWB Annual Meeting held November 3-5, 2011 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She stated that the meeting was well represented by provinces and states. Topics of discussion included deregulation, ASWB guidelines for non-punitive sanctions and continuing education. Manela further reported that ASWB has not experienced breach in testing, however, current testing security is being reviewed for the four exam levels.

Wojack thanked Manela for her report.

### **ASWB Exam Policies**

Brock inquired if the ASWB testing statistics for Michigan have been received. Ramsdell stated that the statistic results have not been received; she anticipates having information for the next Board meeting. Wojack asked that the Exam Policy discussion be tabled for next meeting.

### **ASWB Meeting DVD Report (DVD #5 and #6)**

Manela reported that DVD #5 provided information on cultural diversity and objectivity when working with licensees. Manela further reported that due to software problems she was not able to review DVD #6. Bell will review DVD #6 and provide a report at the next meeting. Wojack asked that DVD #7 and #8 be reviewed and a report of each be provided at the next meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Brock reported that the CE Collaborative Body continued discussion regarding home study, CE waiver process and Macro-practice. Additional information will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

Robin Mingus provided the Board with information pertaining to the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative and provided a verbal overview of same. She announced that the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) ruling requires videos be closed captioned effective January 1, 2012. Maxine Thome recognized Robin Mingus for her outstanding work with continuing education programs.

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

Ramsdell stated that the committee meeting will be rescheduled. Topics for discussion will center on outreach to the profession. Discussion amongst the Board members and staff was held. Blum expressed her interest in participating in this committee.

### **Addiction Counselor Certification Update**

No report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Department Update**

Ramsdell advised that Board members whose terms expire on December 31, 2011 will need to apply for reappointment. The Appointments Division is currently working on filling vacancies.

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Kimberly Ann Simmons, LMSW – Petition for Reinstatement**

Najor-Durack recused herself from the matter as she served as Board conferee.

*MOTION* by Blum, seconded by Hayes, to grant Reinstatement to a full and unrestricted license in the matter of Kimberly Ann Simmons, LMSW.

Discussion was held. Motion was withdrawn.

*MOTION* by Blum, seconded by Bell, to deny Reinstatement in the matter of Kimberly Ann Simmons, LMSW.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Woods, Bell, Hayes, Manela, Blum, Brock, Wojack

*MOTION PREVAILED*

**Desmond Girard Walters – Proposal for Decision/Intent to Deny**

Assistant Attorney General Jenkins recused himself from this matter and left the room.

*MOTION* by Woods, seconded by Manela, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny application for licensure in the matter of Desmond Girard Walters.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Bell, Brock, Hayes, Manela, Blum, Woods, Najor-Durack, Wojack

*MOTION PREVAILED*

**Vanessa Ann Klave, LBSW – Proposal for Decision/Reinstatement**

*MOTION* by Najor-Durack, seconded by Woods, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny Reinstatement in the matter of Vanessa Ann Klave, LBSW.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Bell, Brock, Woods, Manela, Blum, Hayes, Najor-Durack, Wojack

*MOTION PREVAILED*

**Helen Tyne Mayfield, LMSW – Proposal for Decision/Reinstatement**

*MOTION* by Woods, seconded by Manela, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny Reinstatement in the matter of Helen Tyne Mayfield, LMSW.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Hayes, Woods, Brock, Manela, Blum, Bell, Wojack  
Abstain: Najor-Durack

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***PUBLIC COMMENT***

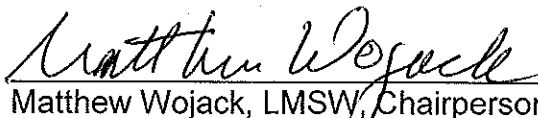
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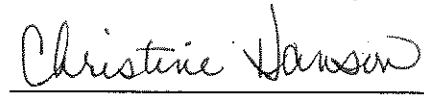
## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

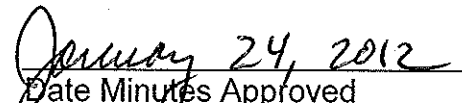
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held January 24, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.


## ***ADJOURNMENT***

*MOTION* by Woods, seconded by Brock, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

  
Matthew Wojack, LMSW, Chairperson

  
Christine Hanson, Board Secretary

  
Date Minutes Approved

  
Date Minutes Prepared