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MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK SEPTEMBER 27, 2012 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 September 27, 2012 at 9:30 a.m., in the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Anwar Najor-Durack, MSW, LMSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Merry Battles, LMSW, CAAC

Staff Present: Amy Schneider, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Bureau of Health Professions
Norene Lind, Policy Manager, Health Regulatory Division
Robert Jenkins, Assistant Attorney General
Kelly Hugh, Policy Analyst, Health Regulatory Division

Others Present: Robin Simpson, NASW-Collaborative
Maxine Thome, NASW-Michigan
Duane Breijak, NASW-Michigan
Bill Paxton, NASW-Ethics Committee
Karen Semenek, NASW-Ethics Committee
Gary Lalone, NASW-Ethics Committee
Kathy Spirto
Tom Spirto

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Woods, seconded by Wojack, to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2012 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Blum, seconded by Wojack, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CE Committee and Collaborative Report

Brock updated the Board with the status of the Continuing Education Committee, answering questions from Board members.

Simpson provided Board members with information pertaining to the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative and provided a verbal overview of same. Najor-Durack and Simpson discussed technology-based CE offerings.

Brock asked if the C.E. requirement for "Pain & Symptom Management" covers only physical pain. Ramsdell stated that the statute and rules allow a broad interpretation of both Mental & Physical pain. Najor-Durack wants to make sure the Collaborative doesn't define it too broadly. Brock asked the Collaborative to prepare a document for the next Collaborative meeting that would better define it.

Committee on Scope and Impact of Social Work Licensing

Wojack updated Board members on the progress of the Educational/Ethics PowerPoint Presentation he and Najor-Durack are working on.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

MOTION by Hayes, seconded by Wojack, to honor the following departing Board Member with a Resolution:

Heather Adams-Bell, J.D.

MOTION PREVAILED

HPRC Appointment

Lind described what the Health Professional Recovery Committee (HPRC) does and that the Health Professional Recovery Program (HPRP) can be voluntary or disciplinary. Lind explained the purpose of the committee, which is to review the policies and efficacy of the HPRP.

MOTION by Wojack, seconded by Manela, to appoint Dennis Muzzi as the HPRC Representative for a term ending December 31, 2013.

A unanimous voice vote was taken.

Wojack recommended the HPRC Representative speak to the Board. Ramsdell will contact Muzzi to arrange a time to speak at a Board meeting.

Department Update

Ramsdell indicated the current HPRP contract was awarded to a new program vendor, and the Department and HPRC are working together to formulate goals for the new vendor.

Lind discussed the new Board I.D. Badge Expiration Policy. She and Najor-Durack recognized Ramsdell for being selected to receive one of two Administrator of the Year awards at the (ASWB) Association of Social Work Board's Annual Meeting scheduled for November 1-3, 2012, in Springfield, IL.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Spirito spoke about difficulties he is having passing the exam for the (MSW) Masters of Social Work License.

Bill Paxton, representing the NASW – Michigan Chapter, Ethics Committee, explained the Committee's role in education, prevention, consultation, and professional review. He stressed the importance of strengthening the working relationship between the Board and the NASW Ethics Committee.

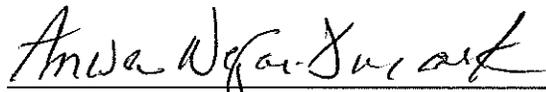
Maxine Thome, representing NASW – Michigan Chapter, stressed the importance of linking emotional pain to physical pain when approving courses for continuing education. Thome also noted NASW's support of SB247, a bill to address the manner in which a juvenile's competency to stand trial for the commission of a crime is determined.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held November 27, 2012 at 10:25 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Wojack, seconded by Bell, to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m.



Anwar Najor-Durack, MSW, LMSW, Chairperson

11-27-12

Date Minutes Approved



Amy Schneider, Board Secretary

9.27.12

Date Minutes Prepared