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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK JULY 24, 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 July 24, 2012 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***

Anwar Najor-Durack, MSW, LMSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

### ***ROLL CALL***

***Members Present:*** Anwar Najor-Durack, MSW, LMSW, Chairperson  
Merry Battles, LMSW, CAAC  
Michele Brock, LMSW  
Eleanor Blum, Public Member  
Pamela Manela, LMSW  
Michelle Woods, Public Member  
Matthew Wojack, LMSW

***Members Absent:*** Heather Adams-Bell, Public Member  
E. Jane Hayes, LMSW, Vice Chairperson

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

***Others Present:*** Robin Simpson, NASW-Michigan  
Duane Breijak, NASW-Michigan  
Nancy Short, Governor's Appointments Division  
Ashley Brown, Governor's Appointments Division  
Tom Sparks, Attorney

## ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

*MOTION* by Woods, seconded by Wojack, to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2012 meeting as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

*MOTION* by Wojack, seconded by Woods, to accept the agenda with the following changes; under Committee Reports remove subtitle C.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS***

None

## ***COMMITTEE REPORTS***

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

Wojack emphasized the goal is to have the Collaborative and CE Committee working together.

Simpson introduced Breijak, who is working with the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) as a Director of Member Services & Development.

Simpson provided the Board with information pertaining to the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative and provided a verbal overview of same. She reported that the Collaborative is currently reviewing the administrative rules for the purpose of submitting suggested amendments to the Board. Najor-Durack and Simpson discussed how various technology-based CE offerings are approved.

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

Najor-Durack stated the committee met on June 12, 2012. One goal of the Committee is to reach out to Social Workers in private practice. She and Wojack are also working together to determine how best to prepare social work graduates to avoid ethical pitfalls. Schools have begun drafting guidelines on how to include ethics in their preparatory courses, as many schools teach the NASW code of ethics, but fail to include discussion of Michigan law and rules.

Najor-Durack and Wojack are preparing vignettes of ethics-related situations with narration and visual aids. Schools have raised their awareness of the importance of ethics as an outcome of these meetings.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Department Update**

Ramsdell reported on the status of the (ORR) Occupational Licensing Advisory Rules Committee report and recommendations. She reported that the recommendation to combine the Boards of Social Work, Counseling, and Marriage and Family Therapy was a suggestion she supported as a way of creating administrative efficiency. However, bills had not yet been introduced to further this recommendation.

### **Standards of Conduct**

Lind distributed a revised Standards of Conduct handout for Board members to review and place in Chapter 1 of their Board Member Handbooks.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held September 27, 2012 at 9:30 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

9-27-12  
Date Minutes Approved

  
Amy Schneider, Board Secretary

7.24.12  
Date Minutes Prepared