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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

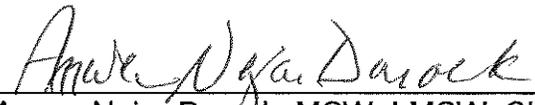
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

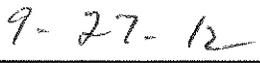
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held September 27, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

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



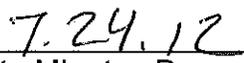
Anwar Najor-Durack, MSW, LMSW, Chairperson



Date Minutes Approved



Amy Schneider, Board Secretary



Date Minutes Prepared