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MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK MARCH 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 March 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 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Heather Adams Bell, Public Member

Staff Present: Kristen Kinney, 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
Laurann Brown, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division

Others Present: Robin Mingus, NASW-Michigan
Maxine Thome, NASW-Michigan
Tom Sparks, Fraser
Lori Brillowsky

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Hayes, seconded by Blum, to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2012 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Wojack, seconded by Blum, to approve the agenda with the following changes:

Under **Regulatory Considerations**, correct Thomas Joseph Hartwell's credentials to read **LBSW**.

Add **Calls from the Public** under **New Business**.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Thomas Joseph Hartwell, LBSW – Petition for Reinstatement

MOTION by Woods, seconded by Blum, to grant the Petition for Reinstatement in the matter of Thomas Joseph Hartwell, LBSW, with the following sanctions that were added in an amended motion:

Grant limited license for (2) two years under general supervision with quarterly reports from Board approved LMSW supervisor. Upon completion of limitation and probation license, will automatically reclassify to full and unlimited status. Concurrent (2) two year probation with requirement of (5) five live continuing education in area of ethical practice. The continuing education cannot count toward license renewal. Limitation and probation will only be reduced while Respondent is actively practicing as a Social Worker.

Discussion was held.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CE Committee and Collaborative Report

Brock reported that the Continuing Education subcommittee had met with the National Association of Social Workers administration to discuss Collaborative membership.

Brock advised that she will not be attending the May 3rd meeting; however, Wojack and Ramsdell will attend.

Brock advised the Board that they can expect a draft of the Collaborative's bylaws to be distributed in June for review at the July Board meeting.

Wojack asked for an explanation on Continuing Education (CE) vendors. Brock explained that she had reviewed a vendor's program and they discussed contact hours, evaluation provisions, and other related items of interest. She stated that she would like to further discuss the topic with the Collaborative.

Manela explained how vendor activities can meet certain criteria for CE.

Brock stated that she would like to have a discussion about when to approve or deny vendor CEs. Najor-Durack, concurred and she feels the Board needs to be careful when reviewing and approving the vendor CEs. Brock said the topic would be raised at the next Collaborative meeting.

Mingus distributed copies of the first Collaborative report of 2012, reporting statistics on applications received since the new year. She advised that they are at 25% of the total volume received last year, remarking that they are right where they should be.

Mingus stated that feedback on online and home study courses would be appreciated.

Brock thanked Mingus for the redesigned map and told her the Board appreciates her work.

Committee on Scope and Impact of Social Work Licensing

Najor-Durack stated that the committee had not meet since the last Board meeting in January, however they will be gathering this afternoon.

Wojack advised that there is still interest from universities, DHS, Community Mental Health and Bachelor's and Master's students to find ways to pool information to share with social work students.

Blum suggested that the committee also get the Attorney General's office involved with the committee to discuss laws and rules.

Jenkins announced that every practitioner should be familiar with the Public Health Code and the code of ethics.

Najor-Durack stated that the committee's goal is to talk to students prior to them being able to practice.

Ramsdell advised that the Department is trying to get information out to people in the field.

Wojack pointed out that the project is still in the early development stage.

Addiction Counselor Certification Update

Blum distributed a copy of staff qualifications for substance use disorder prevention (and treatment) services.

In response to Board member discussion about appropriate credentials, Ramsdell offered to look into the national rules and the International Certification and Reciprocity Certification (ICRC) reimbursement.

OLD BUSINESS

ASWB New Member Training

Manela reported that she attended the training and reported that the emphasis was on the fact that all members of the Board are actually public members, as they all are there to protect the people. She stated there was a lot of role playing and chart displays, and a lot of useful information was provided. Manela acknowledged that she enjoyed the meeting.

Manela stated that she appreciates how advanced Michigan's Regulatory structure is, as well as the close relationship the Board has with the Attorney General's office and the Department.

Manela announced that the annual education meeting will be held in April. Lind advised any interested members who have not previously attended the meeting to contact her.

Manela advised that in some states, a person cannot voluntarily surrender their license. Ramsdell stated that Michigan does allow this type of surrender.

ASWB – Approved Continuing Education (ACE) Committee

Najor-Durack reported that at the last ACE meeting held in Virginia, there was a lot of discussion about moving the current and detailed application online.

Wojack stated that he will be attending the next ACE meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Department Update

Ramsdell directed members to the Exam Pass Rates handout that was sent with the agenda packet. Wojack requested a report detailing school results. Ramsdell advised that she would inquire about it.

Calls from the Public

Wojack reported a call he had received from someone in the public who was inquiring about her Limited Masters license. The caller advised that it was expiring in April and

she was concerned about being able to pass the test. She fears that she will lose her job if she cannot pass the test.

Ramsdell stated that future inquiries such as this should be directed to BHPhelp@michigan.gov. She also said she would research the issue to determine if any relief can be provided.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lori Brillowski introduced herself and stated she was the person who had called Wojack. She expressed her concerns about the difficulty of the exam. Brillowski told the Board she has purchased practice exams, which she has passed. She stated that it is hard on a test taker to wait 60 – 90 days for results. She would also like to see more detail provided on the questions that she missed.

Maxine Thome, representing NASW – Michigan Chapter, stated that it would helpful if the Board would contact the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) to ask for better feedback for test takers. She remarked on a comment that Blum had made regarding macro social work. Thome spoke in regards to the code of ethics, and stated that the reason a licensee may be mandated to take an additional five (5) credits is so that people will recognize the importance of the issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held May 22, 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 Wojack, seconded by Woods, to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m.


Anwar Najor-Durack, MSW, LMSW, Chairperson

6-7-12
Date Minutes Approved


Kristen Kinney, Board Secretary

3.27.12
Date Minutes Prepared