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MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

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 27, 2010 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Matthew Wojack, L.M.S.W., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Members Present: Matthew Wojack, LMSW, Chairperson
Anwar Najor-Durack, MSW, LMSW, Vice Chairperson
Merry Battles, LMSW, CAAC
Michele Brock, LMSW (arrived 9:43 a.m.)
E. Jane Hayes, LMSW
Pamela Manela, LMSW
Michelle Woods, Public Member

Members Absent: Heather Adams Bell, Public Member
Dara Munson, Public Member

Staff Present: Bonnie Curtis, Secretary, Health Regulatory Division
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Health Regulatory Division
Amy Allen, Manager, Health Regulatory Division
Danielle Burk, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division
Michele Wagner-Gutkowski, Assistant Attorney General
Brett Eby, Extern, Office of the Attorney General
Philip Wojtanowski, Extern, Office of the Attorney General

Others Present: Robin Mingus – NASW MI
Vince Coraci – NASW MI

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Hayes, seconded by Woods, to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2010 with the following amendment:

Under "Old Business-CE Committee/Collaborative Report:"

- 1) Amend the first sentence of the second paragraph to state "three (3) months," rather than "three (3) weeks."
- 2) Delete the first sentence of the 3rd paragraph and replace with the following sentence: "Mingus advised that the committee is reviewing courses in the various school districts in order to establish consistency with regard to continuing education for social workers."

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Woods, seconded by Najor-Durack, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

CE COMMITTEE/COLLABORATIVE REPORT

Brock reported that the Committee met and reviewed operating policies and procedures. The Committee also discussed the number of applications coming in and Brock advised that electronic review of applications has improved turnaround time. The Committee is beginning to review the current mission and goals of the Collaborative. There will be a CE subcommittee meeting today.

Thome reported that the issue of home study is emerging as a "hot topic" and there is concern regarding the quality of courses available as home study. The Collaborative is discussing how to reach remote areas, which includes evaluating what is needed and what is available for continuing education opportunities in remote areas.

COMMITTEE ON SCOPE & IMPACT OF SOCIAL WORK LICENSING

Ramsdell reported that the Committee is looking at dates to meet, hopefully sometime this fall.

NEW BUSINESS

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL RECOVERY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Motion by Major-Durack, seconded by Hayes, to appoint Dennis Muzzi, LMSW, ACSW, CAAC as the Board of Social Work's representative to the Health Professional Recovery Committee for a full term beginning January 1, 2011 and ending on December 31, 2012.

MOTION PREVAILED

ASWB ANNUAL MEETING

Wojack reported that Major-Durack will attend the ASWB meeting as the Board's representative, November 11-13, in New Orleans, LA.

Major-Durack advised that changes in the exam will be discussed at the meeting. She further advised that the Advanced Generalist exam will be available to take at no charge during the months of January through June.

Major-Durack asked the board members if there are any issues they would like her to discuss or inquire about while she is with colleagues at the Annual Meeting. Brock asked that Major-Durack talk with other states about how they are handling distance education/home study and report back to the board.

ASWB EXAMINATION PASS RATES

The board was provided with information regarding the 2009 ASWB examination pass rates. Major-Durack noted that the Michigan scores were up. Brock commented that the 6 year timeframe for limited license holders to pass the exam would expire soon.

MCBAP LIAISON

Wojack advised that Battles has agreed to be the Board's liaison to the Michigan Certification Board for Addiction Professionals (MCBAP). Wojack explained that an ongoing issue for several years is the fact that master's level social workers are not able to provide substance abuse counseling without additional certification. But with master's degrees they already have a higher level education than many who are certified to provide substance abuse counseling.

Major-Durack stated that education with regard to substance abuse counseling is embedded throughout social work curriculums, so even though there might not be an abundance of classes specifically referenced as related to substance abuse counseling, the education and training is still provided throughout the curriculum.

Battles advised that the other side of the debate is that due to the specialized nature of providing substance abuse counseling, specialized education and training is needed outside of the normal social work curriculum.

Battles will serve as the board's liaison to the MCBAP office in order to facilitate dialogue and understanding between the Board and MCBAP and to assist in determining whether an agreeable resolution can be reached.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

HILARY EDITH WRIGHT, LLMSW – PROPOSAL FOR DECISION/REINSTATEMENT

Motion by Najor-Durack, seconded by Woods, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny reinstatement, in the matter of Hilary Edith Wright, LLMSW.

Discussion followed.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

LORRAINE M. COBURN, LMSW – PROPOSAL FOR DECISION/REINSTATEMENT

Motion by Najor-Durack, seconded by Woods, to accept in part and reject in part the Proposal for Decision, in the matter of Lorraine M. Coburn, LLMSW.

Discussion followed.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Najor-Durack, seconded by Hayes, to accept the Proposal for Decision and grant reinstatement with the following terms and conditions, in the matter of Lorraine M. Coburn, LLMSW:

Petitioner shall be granted a limited license and shall practice under general supervision of a board-approved supervisor. Petitioner shall have weekly meetings with said supervisor and shall not be allowed to engage in private practice.

Petitioner shall be placed on 2 years of concurrent probation with the following terms and conditions:

Petitioner shall comply with the Public Health Code and shall submit quarterly employer reports.

In addition, Petitioner shall attend five (5) hours of live, in-person continuing education in the area of ethics. Content shall include boundary violations and the five (5) hours shall not count towards continuing education requirements for renewal of licensure.

Petitioner shall petition for reclassification of her license.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gonzalez addressed the board to express her concern that the 6 year time frame on her limited license will expire before she is able to complete the requirements for a full license. She is concerned that the hours of supervised experience she has obtained will not count towards the requirements for a full license because she may not be able to obtain all of the required hours within the required timeframe. She was diagnosed with depression and at times it is so severe that she is unable to work for extended periods of time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

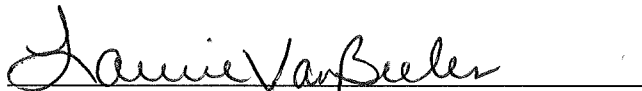
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held November 23, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Woods, seconded by Najor-Durack, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.


Matthew Wojack, L.M.S.W., Chairperson

11/23/10
Date/Minutes Approved


Bonnie Curtis, Board Secretary

November 18, 2010
Date Minutes Prepared

for