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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK MAY 22, 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 May 22, 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 9:32 a.m.

### ***ROLL CALL***

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

***Members Absent:*** Michele Brock, LMSW

***Staff Present:*** Amy Schneider, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Bureau of Health Professions  
Norene Lind, Policy Manager, Health Regulatory Division  
Tim Andrews, Manager, Licensing Division (left at 10:30 a.m.)  
Lucinda Clark, Manager, Licensing Division  
Danielle Burk, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Robert Jenkins, Assistant Attorney General  
Kelly Hugh, Policy Analyst, Health Regulatory Division

***Others Present:*** Robin Mingus, NASW-Michigan  
Maxine Thome, NASW-Michigan

## ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

*MOTION* by Woods, seconded by Hayes, to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2012 meeting as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

*MOTION* by Wojack, seconded by Woods, to accept the agenda with the following changes:

Under ***New Business*** add under subtitle C; Office of Regulatory Reinvention (ORR)-Occupational Administrative Rules Committee-Recommendations to Governor, add under subtitle D. Department Update.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS***

### **Donna Richoz Harber, LBSW – Petition for Reinstatement**

*MOTION* by Woods, seconded by Adams, to accept the Proposal for Decision and to deny the Petition for Reinstatement in the matter of Donna Richoz Harber, LBSW.

Discussion was held.

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

*MOTION PREVAILED*

### **Kimberly Ann Simmons, LBSW – Petition for Reinstatement**

*MOTION* by Woods, seconded by Wojack, to accept the Proposal for Decision and to deny the Petition for Reinstatement in the matter of Kimberly Ann Simmons, LBSW.

Discussion was held.

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

*MOTION PREVAILED*

### **Robert John Kohn, LMSW – Petition for Reinstatement**

*MOTION* by Wojack, seconded by Woods, to accept the Proposal for Decision and reinstate the Respondent's license in the matter of Robert John Kohn, LMSW, with the following limitations and conditions:

The Respondent's license is limited to practice under Board-approved general supervision for a period of one (1) year; quarterly supervisor reports are required. Respondent must petition for reclassification at the end of the limitation. Probation will run concurrent with limitation. Respondent must also submit to a HPRP evaluation and comply with the monitoring agreement, if applicable.

Discussion was held.

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

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Wojack reported that the CE Collaborative body is in the process of drafting bylaws. A committee will be formed to compile recommendations for future rule changes. Additional information will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

Mingus provided the Board with information pertaining to the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative and provided a verbal overview of same. She discussed the numbers of applications received. Mingus reiterated that feedback regarding online and home study courses would be appreciated.

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

Najor-Durack stated that the committee had not met since the last Board meeting in March, though it is still in the process of putting together a PowerPoint presentation highlighting ethical issues.

### **Addiction Counselor Certificate Update**

Najor-Durack stated that the committee has concluded its work on this topic, and she thanked Blum for her work on the committee.

## ***OLD BUSINESS***

None

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

### **Application by Cynthia S. Blair for Waiver of Continuing Education Requirement**

*MOTION* by Woods, seconded by Bell, to deny waiver of the continuing education requirement request of Cynthia S. Blair.

Discussion was held.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

### **ASWB-Spring Education Meeting**

Wojack distributed the (ASWB) Association of Social Work Board's Spring Education Meeting notebook from the meeting of April 26-29, 2012. He reviewed meeting topics such as ethics, social media, electronic practice, and the regulation of interstate commerce.

### **Department Update**

#### **Office of Regulatory Reinvention-(ORR) Occupational Administrative Rules Committee Report to Governor**

Ramsdell discussed the (ORR) Occupational Licensing Advisory Rules Committee report regarding the recommendation to deregulate licensees for 18 Occupations and 9 Boards. The (ORR) Report recommended the consolidation of the Boards of Social Work, Counseling, and Marriage and Family Therapy. This is only a recommendation at this time, pending introduction of legislation that would need to be passed through the Legislature and signed by the Governor in order for such legislation to become enacted.

#### **Expiration of Limited-Licensed Master's Social Worker License.**

Lucinda Clark, Manager of Licensing Operations, discussed the expiration of Limited License Masters of Social Work Social (LLMSW) licensees. She proposed that the Board allow those licensees who previously held the (LBSW) license prior to receiving their (LLMSW) to be relicensed at the (LBSW) license level, so that these licensees could continue to be licensed while they are completing their requirements to qualify for a (LMSW) License.

*MOTION* by Bell, seconded by Woods, to approve the proposal presented by Clark.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***PUBLIC COMMENT***

Judith Miller spoke about difficulties she is having in upgrading her (LLMSW) to a (LMSW) License. Ramsdell asked her to put her issues in writing and address her letter to the Department.

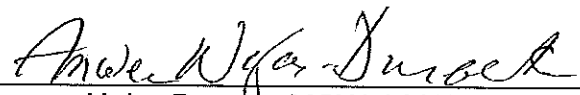
Maxine Thome, representing NASW – Michigan Chapter, discussed Macro-Practice and how the proposal for the combination of the Boards would be impacted.

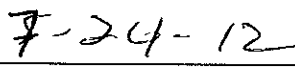
## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held July 24, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

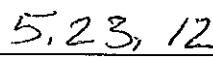
## ***ADJOURNMENT***

*MOTION* by Wojack, seconded by Bell, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

  
Anwar Najor-Durack, MSW, LMSW, Chairperson

  
Date Minutes Approved

  
Amy Schneider, Board Secretary

  
Date Minutes Prepared