

**State of Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners**



**Open Session Minutes  
August 09, 2019  
Metro Executive Building  
4201 Patterson Ave, Room 110  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215**

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**Board Members:**

Sherryl Silberman	Professional Member, Chair
Wrenn Skidmore	Professional Member, Vice Chair
Karen Richards	Professional Member, Secretary/Treasurer
April Cockrell	Professional Member
Martin P. Schnuit	Professional Member
Donald J. List	Professional Member
Gerard Farrell	Consumer Member
Letha Moszer	Professional Member
Jamie Wilson	Professional Member
Sondra G. Petty	Professional Member
Barbara Gassaway	Consumer Member (Absent)
Susan P. Coppage	Professional Member (Absent)

<b>Board Staff:</b>	Stanley E. Weinstein	Executive Director
	Rhonda Edwards	OAG, Board Counsel
	Gail Wovk	Director, Planning and Continuing Education
	Kara Brooks-Tyson	Director, Compliance and Investigations (Absent)
	Gloria Jean Hammel	Director of Certification and Licensing
	Tyrone Willoughby Jr.	Social Work Supervisor
	Stacie Rigby	Continuing Education Aide
	Earnest A. Ford Sr.	Health Occupation Investigator
	Donna Ridgell	Administrative Aide
	Lillian Reese	Legislation and Regulations Specialist

**Guest:**

Daphne McClellan	Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter
Gilbert Bliss	Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Open Session was called to order at 10:35 A.M. by Board Chair Sherryl Silberman

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from June 14, 2019 were approved—10 votes unanimously, 1 abstain Barbara Gassaway

## **ADJUSTMENT AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Teletherapy Regulations – to be presented by the Statute and Regulations Committee

## **BOARD CHAIR**

**Sherryl Silberman**

- Sherryl Silberman informed the Board, that we currently have 12 members and the Board is now full. Sherryl Silberman introduced the two newest Board members, April A, Cockrell who is employed as a Human Services Program Manager for the Baltimore County Police Department Youth and Community Services and Martin P Schnuit, who has been in private practice for 20 years in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel County. He is also a professional member of the Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work.
- Sherryl Silberman, informed the Board that a Rehabilitation Committee was part of the Board's statute however, it has not been utilized by the Board. Sondra Petty was asked to look into this and provide an update on the Board's Rehabilitation Committee, so the Board could decide if there is a need for such a committee to assist impaired social workers.
- Sondra Petty informed the Board that she reached out to neighboring states which included Washington DC, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Virginia plus Med Chi. Neither state had a rehabilitation Committee or had not responded. However, after further research Sondra found that Louisiana has an entire comprehensive program. Sondra would like to review their program and will report the finding to the Board. She will also reach out to ASWB and other Boards to see how they are assisting their health professionals.
- Daphne McClellan, Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter informed the Board members, several years ago that a letter was sent by NASW offering to provide rehabilitation services to the Board however, NASW never received a referral. She stated that social workers are afraid to come forward to admit they are struggling with personal issues for fear of losing their license.
- Sherryl Silberman informed the Board further research was needed before a decision could be made as to whether a Rehabilitation Committee is needed, and if it will actually be utilized. While also keeping in mind the Board's job is to protect the public and assist the social worker.
- The New Committee Assignments were shared with the Board members. Sherryl Silberman asked board members to inform her if there are any concerns with the new assignments.
- The status on the "Call-In Project" was given by Tyrone Willoughby who is being assisted by Board Member Jamie Wilson. Jamie Wilson is in the process of scheduling a date to begin the pilot program at Children's Guild.

- Sherryl Silberman asked the Licensing staff how many calls and the nature of the calls received by Board staff since the new regulations were published. The response from Tyrone Willoughby was the majority of the calls were concerns about the Independent Practice regulation and whether they were still required to have supervision. Gloria Jean Hammel, explained forms were forth coming with further clarification.
- Sherryl Silberman noted that there have been some discrepancies with Board forms not matching the regulations.
- Daphne McClellan, Executive Director, NASW-MD Chapter is requesting that all questions being asked by the public be reflected in the minutes.
- Sherryl Silberman asked if there was anywhere in the regulations that designated a date for the Board's minutes to be published on the website. The answer was no, but it is generally completed as soon as possible.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

**Dr. Stanley Weinstein**

- Stanley Weinstein handed out a revised binder which included the New Statute and Regulations, the new Board Roster and New Staff Roster. The Binder included the drafted Teletherapy Regulations. He thanked the Statute and Regulations Committee along with Lillian Reese and Board Counsel Rhonda Edwards on all the hard work and dedication to produce the Regulations with changes.
- Stanley Weinstein informed the Board of a legislative change indicating that it is the Boards responsibility to initiate a draft Bill to change our Sunset Law. The Law currently states that after a certain date the Board of Social Work Examiners ceases to exist. The date is 2024, and therefore the Board will need to draft a Bill in 2023 extending our law.
- The Limited English Proficiency Annual Report was shared with Board members.
- Gloria Jean Hammel explained the process of removing social workers from the approved supervisor list, at their request. Less than 100 have made such a request.
- Gloria Jean Hammel informed Board members that social workers who owe back taxes and child support cannot renew their license until they are cleared by the Comptroller's Office.
- Sherryl Silberman asked the question, if the renewal *reminder* cards were sent out to social workers? Stanley Weinstein responded that an email blast will be sent to the remaining social workers who had not renewed, as we get closer to the deadline.

### **Statue and Regulations Committee**

**Wrenn Skidmore, Chair**

Wrenn Skidmore informed the Board members that the Statute and Regulations committee will be meeting the Monday before the scheduled Board meeting. The committee is also looking into conducting a full review of the Statute in 2020. The committee received 5 comments during the comment period on the proposed Teletherapy regulations. All 9 chapters of regulations have been reviewed and the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter, Teletherapy was forwarded to the Office of the Secretary, for approval.

### **Continuing Education Committee**

**Karen Richards, Chair**

Karen Richards informed the Board that the CEU Committee did not meet during the month of August.

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE OPEN SESSSION**

The Open Session adjourned at 11:44 A.M.



**Karen Richards, LCSW-C**  
**Board Secretary/Treasurer**

10-11-19

**Date**



**Stanley E. Weinstein, Ph.D., LCSW-C**  
**Executive Director**

10/11/19

**Date**