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MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK MEETING OF MAY 20, 2008

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 20, 2008 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 3, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

David Stanislaw, L.M.S.W., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Members Present: Dara Munson, Public Member
Carolyn Curran, Public Member
Emily Jean McFadden, L.M.S.W.
Matthew Wojack, L.M.S.W.
Alan Semonian, Public Member
Ronald Calery, L.M.S.W.
Anwar Najor-Durack, M.S.W., L.M.S.W., Vice-Chairperson
David P. Stanislaw, L.M.S.W., Chairperson

Members Absent: Allen Cushingberry, Psy.D.

Staff Present: Bonnie Curtis, Secretary
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division
Merry Rosenberg, Attorney General's Office
Ray Garza, Director, Health Regulatory Division
Stephanie Rosenthal, Analyst, Enforcement Section
Tim Andrews, Manager, Licensing Division

Others Present: Robin Mingus, NASW-MI
Jennifer Milczarski
Linda Burghardt, NASW-MI
Toni Young, NASW-MI, Ethics Committee
Mary O'Connor, L.M.S.W. (arrived 10:28 a.m.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Najor-Durack, seconded by McFadden, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2008 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

CE COMMITTEE REPORT

McFadden reported that the major focus of the committee is the interdepartmental agreement between the Department, Collaborative and the NASW. She stated that she recommends that the board adopt this agreement and hopes for it to be in place by the next board meeting.

McFadden then reviewed the agreement which stated the purpose of the agreement, the period of the agreement, program budget and agreement amount and the responsibilities of the parties involved.

Motion by McFadden, seconded by Najor-Durack, that the board supports the concept and empowers the CE committee to meet with the Collaborative and the NASW to develop the final document to be submitted at the next board meeting for approval.

MOTION PREVAILED

DETERMINATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BOARD, COLLABORATIVE AND NASW-MI

Covered under CE committee report.

COLLABORATIVE REPORT AND HOME STUDY CE COURSES – CHART FROM ROBIN MINGUS

Mingus provided members with the Collaborative report for March – May 2008. She stated that in March, 172 provider applications were reviewed with one (1) denial; in April, 105 provider applications were reviewed with one (1) denial and so far in May, 81 provider applications have been reviewed with two (2) denials.

Mingus reported that in March, 680 emails were responded to; April, 700 emails responded to and so far in May, 225 emails responded to; 117,011 visits to the website in March; 109,333 in April and 58,629 so far in May.

Mingus reported that the pilot provider program began in February and the pilot providers have scheduled 123 new courses. She stated that the first audit will take place the week of May 26 with Richard Osburn from the Collaborative Audit Sub-Committee conducting the first audits.

Mingus provided members with a chart of state-by-state continuing education requirements including home study courses.

COMMITTEE ON SCOPE & IMPACT OF SOCIAL WORK LICENSING

Najor-Durack explained for the new members the purpose for forming this committee and explained the power point presentation that will be available on the website once it is approved.

Wojack provided members with a copy of the letter that will be sent out to all licensees explaining the new licensure law.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TASKFORCE LIAISON REPORT

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Stanislaw introduced Calery and asked him to give a brief overview of his background.

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL RECOVERY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE – MARY O'CONNOR, L.M.S.W.

O'Connor introduced herself and gave a brief overview of the Health Professional Recovery Committee (HPRC). She stated that the HPRC establishes the general components of the Health Professional Recovery Program (HPRP) and is a monitoring mechanism for impaired health professionals.

O'Connor reported that fifty (50) allegations against social workers have been filed and that the highest category is negligence/incompetence. Twenty-three (23) of those allegations have resulted in fourteen (14) investigations and four (4) disciplinary actions. She reported that there were seven (7) allegations for no jurisdiction (outside of the Public Health Code); five (5) sexual misconduct have resulted in three (3) investigations with three (3) disciplinary actions; five (5) criminal convictions with three (3) disciplinary actions; two (2) substance

abuse with one (1) disciplinary actions; two (2) allegations for betrayal of professional confidence with no disciplinary action and one (1) each for failure to comply/report; mental or physical impairment; practice outside of scope; refusal to release patient records and unlicensed person all with no action.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held July 22, 2008 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 3, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Munson, seconded by Wojack, to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m.



David Stanislaw, L.M.S.W., Chairperson

7.22.08
Date Minutes Approved



Bonnie Curtis, Secretary

5-21-08
Date Minutes Prepared