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MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 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 September 23, 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 9:38 a.m.

Members Present: Carolyn Curran, Public Member
Alan Semonian, Public Member
Ronald Calery, L.M.S.W.
Emily Jean McFadden, L.M.S.W.
Matthew Wojack, 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.
Dara Munson, Public Member

Staff Present: Bonnie Curtis, Secretary
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division
Amy Shell, Manager, Licensing Division
Stephanie Rosenthal, Analyst, Enforcement Section
Bill Hurth, Manager, Enforcement Section
(arrived 10:00 a.m.)
Susan Balkema, Assistant Attorney General

Others Present: Maxine Thome – NASW-MI
Andre Wilson – NASW-MI
Marie Tolen – LCFS of Michigan
Anne Segall – Michigan Social Work Collaborative
(left 10:30 a.m.)
Jerry Gardner – Elite CME

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by McFadden, seconded by Najor-Durack, to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2008 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Najor-Durack, seconded by Calery, to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

Under **NEW BUSINESS**, reverse the order of items A. and B.

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

CE COMMITTEE REPORT

McFadden reported that the agreement between the Department, Board and NASW will be signed at today's meeting.

McFadden reported that another issue the committee is reviewing is home study. This issue will be given to the Collaborative for their input and there should be a recommendation for the members review at the next Board meeting.

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

No report.

COLLABORATIVE REPORT

Mingus provided members with the report for July – September 2008.

The report states that 196 provider applications were reviewed in July with one (1) denial; 146 were reviewed in August with one (1) denial and 102 so far in September with 0 denials. Reviewers requested additional information on thirty-seven (37) provider applications and these applications are pending until the reviewers receive the additional information.

The report states that there were 473 email inquires regarding continuing education (CE) in July; 488 in August and 630 so far in September and that there were an average of twenty-three (23) calls per day.

The report also states that there were 105,786 website visits in July; 106,327 in August and 87,182 so far in September and that website activity has increased.

Finally, the report states that pilot providers met all of the requirements for the first audit and that the pilot provider subcommittee will be discussing the date for the next audit and making a determination on whether or not additional providers should be added to the program earlier than projected; and that the pilot providers have approved 284 CE programs since February, 2008.

A Special Issues subcommittee is discussing and researching distance learning and will report to the Board with their recommendations regarding limitations and requirements for providers and social workers.

COMMITTEE ON SCOPE & IMPACT OF SOCIAL WORK LICENSING

Najor-Durack reported that a letter has been approved to be mailed to all licensees and schools of social work regarding the power point now available on the website.

Stanislaw stated that an agenda item should have been added for Wojack's report as the Substance Abuse Liaison. The report is as follows:

Wojack reported that the Michigan Certification Board for Addiction Professionals (MCBAP) formed a Workforce Development workgroup that is currently on hold due to changes in the Department. However, the workgroup has accomplished the following:

They acquired a "snapshot" of the current substance abuse profession and learned that Michigan stands alone in not requiring graduate level degree programs to include at least one course on addiction and that there is an overall lack of addiction specific curriculum in higher education.

Michigan has returned to the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) that Michigan was instrumental in establishing decades earlier. These credentials go into effect October 1, 2008. There are two (2) levels offered: Certified Addictions Counselor (CAC) which does not require any type of degree, and Certified Advanced Addictions Counselor (CAAC), which requires a Masters degree. However, some agencies accept the LBSW without the CAC, which raises the question of whether the LBSW is working outside his/her scope of practice. (The CAC provides counseling services. The LBSW does not.)

NEW BUSINESS

SIGNING CEREMONY FOR COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT

Stanislaw and Thome signed the official agreement between the Department, Board and NASW.

ASWB ANNUAL MEETING

Semonian reported that he may be attending the ASWB Annual Meeting November 6-8, 2008 in Providence, Rhode Island, although he has a scheduling conflict and would have to leave the conference early on November 7th.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Najor-Durack recused herself.

KEITH DEMETRIC BULLOCK, L.B.S.W. – PROPOSAL FOR DECISION/REINSTATEMENT

Motion by McFadden, seconded by Wojack, to accept in part and reject in part and table for rewrite, the matter of Keith Demetric Bullock, L.B.S.W.

Discussion followed.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Semonian, seconded by McFadden, to accept in part and reject in part both the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and table for rewrite, the matter of Keith Demetric Bullock, L.B.S.W.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas – Calery, Curran, McFadden, Semonian, Wojack and Stanislaw

MOTION PREVAILED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Thome stated that the NASW has received numerous phone calls from people who have been practicing for many years but are having trouble passing the exam.

Thome requested that the Board partner with the NASW on training regarding disciplinary procedures.

Tolen introduced herself and stated that she was pleased to hear about the power point available on the website. She also stated that there is a need to understand the disciplinary procedures.


Gardner introduced himself.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held November 25, 2008 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion by McFadden, seconded by Wojack, to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m.



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

11.25.08
Date Minutes Approved



Bonnie Curtis, Secretary

9-23-08
Date Minutes Prepared