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MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK NOVEMBER 28, 2023 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Social Work met on November 28, 2023, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Julian Diaz, LMSW, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Julian Diaz, LMSW, Chairperson
Danielle Hoover, LMSW, QIDP, Vice Chairperson
Maria Caldwell, LMSW
Janet Joiner, PhD, LMSW
Maxine Thome, PhD, LMSW, MPH
Victor Weipert, Jr., Public Member

Members Absent: Petra Alsoofy, Public Member
Jasmine Calhoun, Public Member
Rochelle Vrsek, LMSW

Staff Present: Marshall Hooks, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section
Dena Marks, Departmental Specialist, Boards and Committees Section
LeAnn Payne, Board Support Technician,
Boards and Committees Section

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Joiner, to approve the agenda, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Hoover, to approve the September 26, 2023, minutes, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Petition for Reinstatement

Megan Katherine Mitchell, LMSW

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Joiner, to accept the Petition for Reinstatement and place the Petitioner on probation for one year, with compliance of the Michigan Public Health Code.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Hoover, Joiner, Caldwell, Thome, Weipert, Diaz
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Petition for Waiver of Educational Requirements – Isabel Ryzenga

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Hoover, to approve the Petition for Waiver of Educational Requirements.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Hoover, Caldwell, Thome, Weipert, Diaz
Nays: None
Recuse: Joiner

MOTION PREVAILED

Chairperson Report

Diaz informed the board that there has been an increase in compliance conferences. If anyone is interested in helping, please let him know.

Diaz informed the board that this was Joiner's last meeting. He thanked her for her hard work and dedication to the Michigan Board of Social Work.

Department Update

Marks informed the board that there was new legislation, and a hearing was held. The legislature is now in recess.

Marks informed the board that there was another new member training scheduled for February 20, 2024. All members are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Duane Breijak from the NASW addressed the board and gave highlights on various happenings with the NASW.

Renee R. had questions regarding a complaint. She was instructed to send a detailed email to BPL-Boardsupport@michigan.gov.

Charles Pleune addressed the board regarding a legal issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held January 23, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Thome, to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the board on:

3/26/24

November 29, 2023

Prepared by:
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