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## **MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

**MARCH 26, 2024**

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Social Work Disciplinary Subcommittee met on March 26, 2024, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Victor Weipert, Public Member, Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:22 a.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Victor Weipert, Public Member, Acting Chairperson  
Danielle Hoover, LMSW, QIDP  
Maxine Thome, PhD, LMSW, MPH  
Rochelle Vrsek, LMSW Alternate

**Members Absent:** Petra Alsoofy, Public Member, Chairperson

**Staff Present:** Laury Brown, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section  
LeAnn Payne, Board Support Technician,  
Boards and Committees Section  
Weston MacIntosh, JD, Departmental Specialist, Boards and  
Committees Section

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Vrsek seconded by Hoover, to approve the agenda, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Vrsek, seconded by Thome, to approve the December 8, 2023, minutes, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **Master DSC Resolution Review**

MacIntosh supplied an overview of the Board of Social Work DSC Master Resolution. The board made no changes.

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Consent Orders and Stipulations**

#### **Rose Benjamin, LLMSW**

MOTION by Hoover, seconded by Thome, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed:   Yeas: Hoover, Thome, Vrsek, Weipert  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

#### **Jessica Jane Dietzel, LMSW**

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Hoover, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed:   Yeas: Hoover, Thome, Vrsek, Weipert  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

#### **Alexander Dixon, LMSW**

MOTION by Vrsek, seconded by Hoover, to discuss.

A voice vote was taken.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Vrsek, seconded by Thome, to reject the Consent Order and Stipulation with a counteroffer. Counteroffer terms: Suspend Respondent's license for a minimum of one year. Respondent must petition for reinstatement and is fined \$1,000.00, payable within six months.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Hoover, Thome, Vrsek, Weipert  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Jonathan Kenneth Dohring, LLMSW**

MOTION by Vrsek, seconded by Hoover, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

Discussion held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Hoover, Thome, Vrsek, Weipert  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Lindsay Fernandez, LMSW**

Hoover and Vrsek recused themselves.

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Vrsek, to table the matter until quorum can be achieved.

A voice vote was taken.

MOTION PREVAILED

**Heather Christine Filippelli, LMSW**

MOTION by Hoover, seconded by Thome, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Hoover, Thome, Vrsek, Weipert  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Jacob Adam Garlick, LMSW**

Vrsek recused herself.

MOTION by Hoover, seconded by Thome, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote followed:   Yeas: Hoover, Thome, Weipert  
  Nays: None  
  Recuse: Vrsek

MOTION PREVAILED

**Kim Kathleen Green, LMSW**

Vrsek recused herself.

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Hoover, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote followed:   Yeas: Hoover, Thome, Weipert  
  Nays: None  
  Recuse: Vrsek

MOTION PREVAILED

**Samuel Gross, LMSW**

Hoover and Vrsek recused themselves.

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Vrsek, to table the matter until quorum can be achieved.

A voice vote was taken.

MOTION PREVAILED

**Lacee Maree King, LLMSW**

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Hoover, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed:   Yeas: Hoover, Thome, Vrsek, Weipert  
  Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Paul Knaus, LLMSW**

Vrsek recused herself.

MOTION by Hoover, seconded by Thome, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed:   Yeas: Hoover, Weipert  
                                      Nays: Thome  
                                      Recuse: Vrsek

**MOTION FAILED**

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Weipert, to reject the Consent Order and Stipulation with a counteroffer. The Counteroffer terms are as follows. Suspend Respondent's license for one year. Reinstatement is not automatic. Respondent must pay a \$1,000.00 to be paid within six months. All other terms to remains the same.

A roll call vote followed:   Yeas: Thome, Weipert  
                                      Nays: Hoover

**MOTION FAILED**

MOTION by Hoover, seconded by Weipert, to table the matter until the next meeting.

A voice vote was taken.

**MOTION PREVAILED**

**Ronnie Mayfield, LMSW**

Hoover and Vrsek recused themselves.

MOTION by Vrsek, seconded by Hoover, to table the matter until quorum can be achieved.

A voice vote was taken.

**MOTION PREVAILED**

**Heather Helene Messina**

Hoover recused herself.

MOTION by Vrsek, seconded by Thome, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote followed:   Yeas: Thome, Vrsek, Weipert  
                                      Nays: None

**MOTION PREVAILED**

**Audrey Moore, LLMSW**

MOTION by Vrsek, seconded by Thome, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Hoover, Thome, Vrsek, Weipert  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Anya Fionn Nyson, LMSW**

Vrsek recused herself.

MOTION by Hoover, seconded by Thome, to accept the Consent Order and Stipulation.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Hoover, Thome, Weipert  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Christopher Jordan Singer, LMSW**

Hoover and Vrsek recused themselves.

MOTION by Vrsek, seconded by Weipert, to table the matter until quorum can be achieved.

A voice vote taken.

MOTION PREVAILED

**Request for Dismissal**

**Siobhan Marie McCoy, LMSW**

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Hoover, to accept the Order of Dismissal.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Hoover, Thome, Vrsek, Weipert  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Administrative Complaint**

**Yolanda C. King, LMSW**

Vrsek recused herself.

MOTION by Hoover seconded by Thome, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

**MOTION PREVAILED**

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Hoover, seconded by Thome to limit Respondent's license for two years. The limitation terms are as follows: Respondent is prohibited from owning or managing a practice. Respondent must petition for reclassification of the license. Respondent is placed on probation to run concurrently with the period of limitation. The terms of probation are as follows: Within six months Respondent must complete pre-approved continuing education consisting of three hours in ethics and three hours in diagnoses and codes, which do not count towards renewal requirements, and no violation of the Michigan Public Health Code. Respondent is fined \$500.00, to be paid within six months.

A roll call vote followed:   Yeas: Hoover, Thome, Weipert  
                                      Nays: None  
                                      Recuse: Vrsek

**MOTION PREVAILED**

**Diedre Renee Kruse, LMSW**

Vrsek recused herself.

MOTION by Hoover, seconded by Weipert, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

**MOTION PREVAILED**

Discussion was held.

MOTION by, Hoover, seconded by Weipert, to place Respondent on probation for a minimum of six months, not to exceed one year. The terms of probation are as follows: Respondent must complete pre-approved continuing education consisting of three hours in code of ethics, three hours in dual relationships, and three hours in conflicts of interest, all of which will not count towards renewal requirements, and no violation of the Michigan Public Health Code. Respondent is fined \$250.00, to be paid within one year. Failure to comply with terms results in minimum of one day suspension with automatic reinstatement if compliance occurs within six months. If Respondent's license remains suspended for more than six months, Respondent must petition for reinstatement of the license.

A roll call vote followed:   Yeas: Hoover, Thome, Weipert  
                                      Nays: None  
                                      Recuse: Vrsek

MOTION PREVAILED

**Sarah Louise Philo, LLMSW**

MOTION by Vrsek, seconded by Weipert to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Vrsek, seconded by Hoover, to suspend Respondent's license for six months and one day. Respondent must petition for reinstatement of the license. Respondent is fined \$500.00, to be paid prior to petitioning for reinstatement.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Hoover, Thome, Vrsek, Weipert  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

**Public Comment**

Patty McClure, victim advocate for Tribal Court said she feels the language used for cases involving sexual boundary/assault minimizes the victims of assault and domestic violence.

Taylor Lackey spoke about the vulnerability of the victims.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held May 28, 2024, immediately following the Michigan Board of Social Work meeting scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Hoover, seconded by Thome, to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on:  
6-14-24

Prepared by:  
LeAnn Payne, Board Support Technician  
Bureau of Professional Licensing

March 31, 2024