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MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK JULY 30, 2024 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Social Work met on July 30, 2024, 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 9:36 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Julian Diaz, LMSW, Chairperson
Danielle Hoover, LMSW, QIDP, Vice Chairperson
Petra Alsoofy, Public Member
Maria Beam, PhD, LMSW
Maxine Thome, PhD, LMSW, MPH

Members Absent: Maria Caldwell, LMSW
China Sells, Public Member
Rochelle Vrsek, LMSW
Victor Weipert, Jr., Public Member

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Hoover, to approve the March 26, 2024, minutes, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Scott Edward Wilkinson, LLMSW – Petition for Reinstatement

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Hoover, to grant the Petition for Reinstatement and place Petitioner on probation for one year, with compliance with the public health code.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Alsoofy, Beam, Hoover, Thome, Diaz
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Continuing Education Waiver Requests

William Mure, LMSW

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Alsoofy, to discuss.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Hoover, to grant the Continuing Education Waiver Request.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Alsoofy, Beam, Hoover, Thome, Diaz
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Pamela Secondine, LMSW

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Alsoofy, to grant the Continuing Education Waiver Request.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Alsoofy, Beam, Hoover, Thome, Diaz
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Nathanial Warshay, LBSW

MOTION by Hoover, seconded by Thome, to grant the Continuing Education Waiver Request.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Alsoofy, Beam, Hoover, Thome, Diaz
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Waiver of Licensure Requirements

Marissa Gawel

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Hoover, to grant the Petition for Licensing Requirements.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Alsoofy, Beam, Hoover, Thome, Diaz
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Suzanne Hollandsworth

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Hoover, to discuss.

A voice vote was taken.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Alsoofy, seconded by Hoover, to grant the Petition for Licensure Requirements.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Alsoofy, Beam, Hoover, Thome, Diaz
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

HPRC Representative

Marks informed the board that the Board of Social Work's representative, Catherine Macomber term will be ending December 31, 2024.

She asked the board to recommend a candidate as their representative on the Health Professional Recovery Program. Any interested candidates should send his or her curriculum vitae and a letter of interest to bpl-hprp@michigan.gov.

Chairperson Report

Diaz stated that he would like to have a list of acceptable CE Courses for disciplinary sanctions.

Diaz appointed Beam to the DSC as a professional member.

Department Update

Marks informed the board of new member training scheduled for August 21, 2024 via Zoom. 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.

Catherine Macomber stated that she appreciated being the representative to the HPRC. She offered to share her experience with the board and answer any questions the board may have.

Trische Duckworth stated that she has taken the exam three times and cannot pass. She informed the board that there are many folks like her with school debt and unable to practice. She would like to see less barriers to licensure.

Dana Paglia-King introduced herself as the new Director of NASW – Michigan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held September 24, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Alsoofy, to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the board on: 9/24/24

Prepared by:

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Bureau of Professional Licensing

August 5, 2024