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MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Social Work met on September 24, 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 9:37 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Julian Diaz, LMSW, Chairperson
Danielle Hoover, LMSW, QIDP, Vice Chairperson
Maria Caldwell, LMSW (9:58 a.m. arrival)
Maria Beam, PhD, LMSW
Maxine Thome, PhD, LMSW, MPH
Rochelle Vrsek, LMSW
Victor Weipert, Jr., Public Member

Members Absent: China Sells, 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
Kim Smith, Board Support Technician, Boards and Committees Section

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Thome, seconded by Vrsek, to approve the July 30, 2024, minutes, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Healthcare Professional Disciplinary Action Research Project Presentation.

Tyler S. Gibb, JD, Ph.D. from Western Michigan University presented the board with a PowerPoint presentation.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Proposal for Decision/Reinstatement

Vernelle Golson, LMSW

Caldwell recused herself.

MOTION by Vrsek, seconded by Thome, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny reinstatement.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

Thomas Dion Mullens, LMSW

MOTION by Hoover, seconded by Thome, to accept the Proposal for Decision and grant reinstatement. Petitioner is placed on probation for one year with meetings with and reports from a pre-approved LMSW mentor. Meetings must occur bi-weekly for the first six months of probation and quarterly for the last six months of probation. Petitioner must also comply with the Michigan Public Health Code.

Discussion was held.

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

Carol Presant, LMSW

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

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

MOTION PREVAILED

Resolution

Diaz signed a resolution for Alsoofy and thanked her for her dedication to the Board of Social Work.

Chairperson Report

No Report

Department Update

No Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Josephine R. Cramer, LMSW thanked the board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held November 13, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Weipert, seconded by Thome, to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the board on:

11/13/24

LeAnn Payne, Board Support Technician
Bureau of Professional Licensing

September 27, 2024