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MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK May 24, 2022

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Social Work met on May 24, 2022, 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 9:33 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Julian Diaz, LMSW, Chairperson
Danielle Hoover, LMSW, QIDP
Petra Alsoofy, Public Member
Janet Joiner, PhD, LMSW
Maxine Thome, PhD, LMSW, MPH
Rochelle Vrsek, LMSW
Victor Weipert, Jr., Public Member (9:40 a.m. arrival)

Members Absent: Jasmine Calhoun, Public Member
Maria Petrides, LMSW

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Thome seconded by Alsoofy, to approve the March 22, 2022, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

CE Tracker

Brian DeBano, Licensing Division Director, presented a new software program titled CE Broker. DeBano informed the board that the program will track continuing education for licensees.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

Petition for Reinstatement

Thomas Dion Mullens, LMSW

MOTION by Weipert, seconded by Thome, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny the Petition for Reinstatement.

Discussion was held.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

Melvin Hoberman, LMSW

MOTION by Weipert, seconded by Vrsek, to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law *and deny reinstatement.*

Discussion was held.

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

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Continuing Education Waiver Requests

Brenda Chapman, LMSW

MOTION by Joiner, seconded by Weipert, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held.

MOTION by Joiner, seconded Vrsek, to grant the request for a Continuing Education Waiver.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Alsoofy, Hoover, Joiner, Vrsek, Diaz
Nays: Thome, Weipert

MOTION PREVAILED

Julie Frick, LMSW

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

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Alsoofy, Hoover, Joiner, Thome, Vrsek, Weipert,
Diaz
Nays: none

MOTION PREVAILED

Andenike Griffin, LMSW

MOTION by Weipert, seconded by Alsoofy, to discuss.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Discussion was held

MOTION by Vrsek, seconded by Joiner, to approve the Continuing Education Waiver Request.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Alsoofy, Hoover, Joiner, Thome, Vrsek, Weipert,
Diaz
Nays: none

MOTION PREVAILED

Andrea Thompson, LBSW

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

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Alsoofy, Hoover, Joiner, Thome, Vrsek, Weipert,
Diaz
Nays: none

MOTION PREVAILED

Master Resolution

Marks presented the Board with an updated Master Resolution.

A roll call vote was taken: Yeas: Alsoofy, Hoover, Joiner, Thome, Vrsek, Weipert,
Diaz
Nays: none

MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Report

Diaz informed the Board that he was looking for members who were interested in being a conferee and training with him. Vrsek stated she was interested in becoming a conferee.

Diaz stated he was concerned that licensees are having a challenging time finding the rules for license mobility, in terms of having a temporary client in another state. Marks stated each state makes their own rules and he would need to look at the rules for the state the client is located in to find out the licensing requirements.

Department Update

Marks informed the Board that the new rules were promulgated on April 20, 2022.

Marks informed the Board that there is a new statute that will go into effect the first of next year that will require board meetings to be recorded.

Marks informed the Board that there will be a new member training session via Zoom on August 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robin Simpson from the NASW-Michigan weighed in on the discussion about the ADA compliance for continuing education waiver requests.

Robin Simpson stated the NASW offers a CE tracking program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held July 26, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at the 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Alsoofy, seconded by Joiner, to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on: July 26, 2022.

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

May 26, 2022