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MICHIGAN BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK MEETING OF JULY 22, 2008

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Social Work met in regular session on July 22, 2008 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 3, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

David Stanislaw, L.M.S.W., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Members Present: Dara Munson, Public Member
Emily Jean McFadden, L.M.S.W.
Matthew Wojack, L.M.S.W.
Anwar Najor-Durack, M.S.W., L.M.S.W., Vice-Chairperson
David P. Stanislaw, L.M.S.W., Chairperson

Members Absent: Allen Cushingberry, Psy.D.
Carolyn Curran, Public Member
Alan Semonian, Public Member
Ronald Calery, L.M.S.W.

Staff Present: Bonnie Curtis, Secretary
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division
Amy Rosenberg, Assistant Attorney General
Amy Shell, Manager, Licensing Division

Others Present: Maxine Thome, NASW-MI
Bill Long, NASW-MI (left 10:05 a.m.)
Linda Burghardt, NASW-MI
Michelle Brock, Co-Chair, CE Collaborative

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Najor-Durack, seconded by Munson, to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2008 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Najor-Durack, seconded by Munson, to approve the agenda with the following addition:

Under **NEW BUSINESS**, add **A. ASWB Administrator Awards**

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

CE COMMITTEE REPORT

McFadden reported that the document that defines the relationship between the Board, the Department and the NASW-MI has been developed and approved by the committee and it is now ready for the Board's approval.

Ramsdell reviewed the changes requested by the CE Committee.

McFadden reported that the committee discussed the issue of home study courses which is not specified in the administrative rules. She stated that the committee will ask the Collaborative to review this issue and make recommendations and that the rules will need to be changed to include home study courses.

Motion by McFadden, seconded by Najor-Durack, to approve the Interdepartmental Agreement between the Department, the Board and the NASW-MI.

MOTION PREVAILED

Stanislaw commended all those involved in developing the agreement.

DETERMINATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BOARD, COLLABORATIVE AND NASW-MI

Covered under CE committee report.

COLLABORATIVE REPORT

Thome provided members with the Collaborative report for May – July, 2008 and reviewed.

She stated that there has been a drop in the number of applications, phone inquires and website activity during the summer months. Email inquires have remained the same as previous months.

The report states that 130 provider applications were reviewed with two (2) denials in May; 101 provider applications reviewed with 0 denials in June and 143 provider applications reviewed with three (3) denials so far in July; 597 email inquires in May; 567 email inquires in June and 324 email inquires so far in July; 96, 939 website visits in May; 95,406 website visits in June and 53,863 website visits so far in July.

The reports states that the Collaborative has formed a sub-committee to address issues regarding continuing education and supervision inquires and the sub-committee on multi-culturalism and diversity held their first meeting on May 15, 2008.

The report states that the pilot providers met all requirements for their first audit and approved 178 continuing education programs since February, 2008.

Thome stated that the audit report will be made public. She further stated that the audit process should be that which is best for transparency. Stanislaw suggested a meeting of the Collaborative to discuss the audit/disclosure process.

Long stated that the NASW-MI is very supportive of how the Collaborative has evolved and that it is important to have the Collaborative deal with certain issues and that the Collaborative is doing its best to uphold the Board's credibility.

COMMITTEE ON SCOPE & IMPACT OF SOCIAL WORK LICENSING

Najor-Durack reviewed the power point regarding Social Work licensure laws developed by the committee and stated that it will be available on the Collaborative's website and the State's website.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW SUBSTANCE ABUSE TASKFORCE LIAISON

Stanislaw appointed Wojack as the new Substance Abuse Taskforce Liaison to replace Cushingberry.

NEW BUSINESS

ASWB ADMINISTRATOR AWARDS

Stanislaw provided members with information regarding the ASWB Administrator Award and the process for submitting nominations.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Thome stated that she has attended meetings with individuals involved in substance abuse programs and that integrated programs use Social Workers to provide treatment. She stated that the difference between treatment and intervention needs to be determined.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held September 23, 2008 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 3, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

Ramsdell introduced Shell to board members.

Ramsdell inquired of members if they would like to retain the starting time of 9:30 a.m. for board meetings or change the time to 10:00 a.m. The consensus of the Board is to retain the 9:30 a.m. meeting time.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion by McFadden, seconded by Wojack, to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m.



David Stanislaw, L.M.S.W., Chairperson

9.23.08
Date Minutes Approved



Bonnie Curtis, Secretary

7-22-08
Date Minutes Prepared