

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 7 2008

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Social Work was called to order on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

Maureen Egan

Diane Giarrusso

Daniel Wheelan

Marie-Anne Murphy Leinhaas

Sandra Munroe Wunschel

Board members not in attendance:

Mary Montminy-Danna

Staff members in attendance:

Charles Alexandre

Others in attendance:

None

The minutes of the Open Meeting held on November 5, 2007 were presented. On motion of Ms. Leinhaas, seconded by Ms. Giarrusso, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Wunschel, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 9:10 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 10:20 am.

On motion of Mr. Wheelan, seconded by Ms. Wunschel, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed

The Board reported that the following final action was taken in Executive Session:

2007-05-SW No Unprofessional Conduct

**Affirmative: Ms. Egan, Ms. Giarrusso, Ms. Leinhaas, Ms. Wunschel,
and Mr. Wheelan**

Oppose: None

Business

Ms. Egan reported that the ASWB has been addressing complaints of racial and ethnic bias with respect to the licensure examinations. Once completed documentation will be shared with the Board.

The Rules and Regulations for the licensing of social workers are complete and scheduled for a public hearing on Thursday February 14, 2008 at 10:00 am.

Adjournment

On motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Wheelan, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Alexandre

Chief, Health Professions Regulation