

# **BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**April 6, 2009**

**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 at 9:15 am.**

**Board members in attendance:**

**Maureen Egan**

**Daniel Wheelan**

**Mary Montminy-Danna**

**Diane Giarrusso**

**Board members not in attendance:**

**Marie-Anne Murphy Leinhaas**

**Sandra Munroe Wunschel**

**Staff members in attendance:**

**Charles Alexandre**

**Others in attendance:**

**None**

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**The minutes of the meeting of January 5, 2009 were presented. On motion of Mr. Wheelan, seconded by Ms. Montminy-Danna, it was unanimously voted to accept.**

### **Adjournment to Executive Session**

**On motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Montminy-Danna, 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 9:20 am.**

### **Return to Open Session**

**The Open Session was called back to order at 10:30 am.**

**On motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Wheelan, 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 unanimously voted on the following:**

**2008-01-SW No Unprofessional Conduct**

**2008-03-SW Recommend Probation with Supervision**

## **Business**

**The Board reviewed an inquiry from Thomas Wolfe for reconsideration of his application for licensure by endorsement. Mr. Wolfe requested a waiver of the examination based on years of professional experience. On motion of Ms. Eagan, seconded by Mr. Wheelan, it was unanimously voted to deny the request based on the lack of statutory or regulatory authority to grant such waivers.**

**The Board reviewed an inquiry from Margaret Lys Hunt, LICSW regarding continuing education hours for renewal of her license. The Board determined that continuing education course developed by a licensee and subsequently approved by and approved accrediting body may be applied toward the required continuing education hours for renewal only in the renewal cycle in which the program was developed.**

**The Board reviewed correspondence from Susan Cesaro, LICSW regarding the requirement that at least 24 hours of the total 30 hours required for renewal be contact hours. Ms Cesaro expressed an objection and suggested that for consistency with neighboring states the Board consider rescinding the restriction. The Board has agreed to consider this proposal in its next review of the regulations.**

## **Adjournment**

**On motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Giarrusso, it was**

**unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Charles Alexandre**

**Chief, Health Professions Regulation**