

# **BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**July 12, 2010**

**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 9:30 am.**

**Board members in attendance:**

**Maureen Egan**

**Daniel Wheelan**

**Diane Giarrusso**

**Mary Montminy-Danna**

**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 May 3, 2010 were presented. On motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Giarrusso, it was unanimously voted to accept.**

### **Business**

**The Board discussed a request by a licensee for an opinion on a continuing education program that was not approved for social workers. The Board reached consensus that the content was not relevant to social work practice and would not approve the program.**

**Ms. Egan reported on the spring ASWB meeting in Charleston, SC. Topics discussed included the content of state board websites; supervision specialty criteria; the National Practitioner Data Bank; and consciousness clauses in practice acts.**

**The Board also raised concerns about the content of continuing education programs that have been approved for social workers. This discussion will be continued at a future meeting.**

### **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 9:30 am.**

### **Return to Open Session**

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

**On motion of Ms. Giarrusso, seconded by Ms. Egan, 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 following votes were taken in the Executive Session: None.**

### **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 10:30 am.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Charles Alexandre**

**Chief, Health Professions Regulation**