

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 14, 2011

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 9:05 am.

Board members in attendance:

Maureen Egan

Diane Giarrusso

Mary Montminy-Danna

Daniel Wheelan

Board members not in attendance:

Sandra Munroe Wunschel

Staff members in attendance:

Rosemary Sheets

Others in attendance:

Rick Harris, Executive Director-NASW, RI Chapter

Bruce Rollins, President- NASW, RI Chapter

Angelita Almeida, Deputy Director- NASW, RI Chapter

The minutes of the meeting of July 11, 2011 were presented. On motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Wheelan, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

Business

Rick Harris gave a presentation to the Board regarding the NASW-RI history in developing written procedures for approval of CEU's as well as the current process to obtain approval of a course for social worker CEU credits. Ms. Almeida conducts the initial review of applications from the business perspective and Mr. Harris conducts the professional review. NASW-RI provides programs as well as authorizes programs for CEU's; therefore other professionals review standards and ethical issues to avoid conflict of interest. Course evaluations are reviewed when complaints received.

Mr. Harris also discussed Social Worker title protection with the Board. Some states have specific language in regulations. NASW-RI wants to look at the language regarding title protection and potentially introduce legislation.

The three representatives of NASW-RI concluded their presentation and left the open meeting at 10:00 am.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Ms. Giarrusso, 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 10:05 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 11:20 am.

On motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Giarrusso, 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 vote was taken in the Executive Session:

2011-03-SW No Unprofessional Conduct.

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 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Sheets

Board Administrator

Health Professions Regulation