

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 9, 2012

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

Sandra Munroe Wunschel

Board members not in attendance:

Staff members in attendance:

Rosemary Sheets

Others in attendance:

The minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2011 were presented. On motion of Ms. Giarrusso, seconded by Ms. Egan, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

Business

The Board discussed a request for CEU approval of PESI and RISPA courses taken by a licensed independent clinical social worker. After review and discussion, the Board agreed that NASW approved courses are necessary to meet the CEU requirement; therefore the PESI and RISPA courses taken by licensed social workers are not acceptable for CE credit. In addition, CEU courses need to be presented to the NASW-RI for approval prior to the course date.

The Board requested that Dana McCants-Derisier, HEALTH Tobacco Control Coordinator, apply to NASW-RI for CE credit approval of the two day tobacco cessation course rather than make a presentation to the Board.

The probability of having no quorum for the next Board meeting scheduled for March 12, 2012 was discussed. The Board decided to cancel the March 12, 2012 meeting and schedule board meetings on February 13, 2012 and March 26, 2012 due to the number of pressing issues that need to be addressed in executive session.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Mr. Wheelan, seconded by Ms. Giarrusso, 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 11:05 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. There were no votes taken in the Executive Session.

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 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Sheets

Board Administrator

Health Professions Regulation