

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 26, 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 9:00 am.

Board members in attendance:

Maureen Egan

Diane Giarrusso

Mary Montminy-Danna

Daniel Wheelan

Sandra Munroe Wunschel

Board members not in attendance:

None

Staff members in attendance:

Rosemary Sheets

Jennifer Sternick. Esq.

Others in attendance:

The minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2012 were presented. On motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Wunshcel, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

Business

The 2011 ASWB Examination Pass Rates Reports for North America were distributed to the Board for their review and discussion.

The Board briefly discussed reviewing Generalist Practice for possible inclusion in the regulations. It was pointed out by the Board of Social Work Examiners legal counsel, Jennifer Sternick, that the statute would have to be reviewed to ensure it provides the Department and the Board with broad authority to make the regulatory changes without a statute amendment.

The Board also suggested a future review of the ASWB Code of Ethics to determine what ethics based additions the Board may want to include in the regulations.

Maureen Egan suggested counseling centers providing emergency services utilizing unlicensed social workers as a future agenda item for board discussion.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Ms. Wunschel, seconded by Ms.Egan, 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 9:15 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. 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. There were two votes taken in the Executive Session. It was unanimously voted to issue an Interim Consent Agreement for case 2011-04-SW and unanimously voted to issue an Interim Consent Agreement for case 2011-05-SW.

Adjournment

On motion of Ms. Wunschel, seconded by Mr. Wheelan, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Sheets

Board Administrator

Health Professions Regulation