

**BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
AMENDED MINUTES OF MEETING**

May 14, 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 9:15 am.

Board members in attendance:

Maureen Egan

Diane Giarrusso

Daniel Wheelan

Board members not in attendance:

Mary Montminy-Danna

Sandra Munroe Wunschel

Staff members in attendance:

Rosemary Sheets

Others in attendance:

The minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2012 were presented. On motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Ms. Giarrusso, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

Business

The Board briefly discussed the possibility of submitting amendments to the RI General Law 5-39.1 in time for the next legislative session. Prior to the next meeting the Board intends to research a number of issues that have been recently presented such as technology policies, on-line masters degrees, informed consent policies, BSW and generalist licensing prior to deciding what amendments will be proposed. Maureen Egan will provide topics/questions to be researched to this administrator who will forward assignment to the board members. The research review and discussion will take place at the July 9, 2012 board meeting.

The Board also intends to review the NASW Code of Ethics, the International Federation of Social Workers and the National Association of Black Social Worker Codes of Ethics to determine what ethics based additions the Board may want to include in the regulations.

The Board met with two LCSW license candidates who failed the examination three times.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Ms. Giarrusso, seconded by Mr. Wheelan, 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 10:20 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 11:05 am.

On motion of Mr. Wheelan, 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.

There were two votes taken in the Executive Session:

It was unanimously voted a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct for case 2012-01-SW.

It was unanimously voted a finding of No Unprofessional Conduct for case 2012-02-SW.

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