

**BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
MINUTES OF MEETING**

November 27, 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:

Diane Giarrusso

Maureen Egan

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 September 18, 2012 were presented and reviewed. On motion of Ms. Montminy-Danna, seconded by Ms Wunschel, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

Business

Maureen Egan inquired about the progress of a Governor Proclamation for the Association of Social Work Board's retiring executive director Donna De Angelis. Health Department legislative liaison, David Heckman, sent the request. Mary Joe Monahan will be taking over when Donna DeAngelis retires.

Ms. Egan also reported that many members did not make the annual meeting due to the storm. Ms Egan reported that there were no significant policy changes at the meeting, mostly updates. The topic of a Rhode Island licensed independent clinical social worker who died suddenly was discussed. Licensed practitioners should let patients know what the policy is in the event of unforeseen circumstances. The board asked what the solution was for this occurrence. The Department sent record keeping information to the physician who rented space to the LICSW. It was suggested that the

Department also contact NASW-RI.

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 9:10 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 11:00 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.

There were two votes taken in the Executive Session:

It was unanimously voted there was No Unprofessional Conduct in Case Number 2012-07-SW regarding a complaint against an LICSW. The board instructed the LICSW, who elected to attend the executive session, to send a formal letter of termination to the client and include three referrals.

It was unanimously voted there was No Unprofessional Conduct in Case Number 2012-08-SW regarding a complaint against an LICSW.

Adjournment

On motion of Mr Wheelan, seconded by Ms. Egan, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Sheets

Board Administrator

Health Professions Regulation