

DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 104
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Thursday, April 9, 2015
9:00 AM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lynn Finocchiaro, LICSW
Ronda Jones, MSW, QUC
Barry Noel, LCSW
Dr. Mary Ann Shallcross-Smith
Sandra Munroe Wunschel, LICSW

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Connie Gallo, LCSW
Kimberly Perry, LICSW

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Arlene Hartwell, Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Cheryl Cole-Waite
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1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Social Work Examiners was held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM on a motion by Sandra Munroe Wunschel and seconded by Barry Noel. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the March 12, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Mary Ann Shallcross-Smith to accept the Open Session minutes of March 12, 2015. There were no board members present who were present at the last meeting to second the minutes. Minutes of March 12, 2015 will be presented at the next meeting of this board.

3. Board Manager Report

- Attorney Karl Beauregard has accepted employment elsewhere. The board expressed best wishes to him. A request for his replacement has been made.

4. Old Business

- The board voted unanimously on a motion from Sandra Munroe Wunschel and seconded by Mary Ann Shallcross-Smith to table the adoption of a code of ethics after all board members have a chance to review them.
- Pursuant to section 2.2.3 of the Rules and Regulations for Licensing Social Workers and Independent Clinical Social Workers, "If a state employee obtains a license, he/she shall maintain compliance with all of the requirements stated herein." Therefore, a social worker employed by the state, may not practice in another capacity that requires a license, without a license.

5. New Business

- Barry Noel and Ronda Jones attended Board Member Training in Florida presented by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB). Barry Noel noted that a significant part of the meeting focused on ASWB Model Social Work Practice Act. Barry will prepare a report for the next board meeting.

6. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Lynn Finocchiaro and seconded by Sandra Munroe Wunschel to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:33 AM. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

7. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Lynn Finocchiaro and seconded by Barry Noel at 11:09 to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- The board reviewed and approved 12 applications; and proposed action on 3 cases. All votes were unanimous.

9. Adjournment

The next Board of Social Work Examiners meeting will be held Thursday June 4, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, in the Beck Conference Room , 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Sandra Munroe Wunschel and seconded by Barry Noel to adjourn at 11:12 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Arlene Hartwell
Board Manager
Office of Health Professionals Regulation

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