

ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APRIL 4, 2025 – 8:00 AM – 9:00AM

Members present: Renita Johnson, LICSW, National Assoc. of Black Social Workers-MN – CHAIR
Karen Frees, LICSW, MN Coalition of Licensed Social Workers – joined at 8:14 am
Deseria Galloway, National Assoc. of Black Social Workers-MN
Stephanie Horak, LSW, MN Nursing Home Social Workers Assoc.-Twin Cities Chapter
Karen Goodenough, LGSW, National Association of Social Workers-MN
Stephanie Meittunen, MSW, MN Society for Clinical Social Workers
Elizabeth Soung, LGSW, MN Hmong Social Workers Coalition

Members absent: Angie Dannewitz-Johnson, National Association of Social Workers-MN SPAN Committee
Sarah Busch, National Association of Social Workers-MN
Julie Campanelli, Minnesota School Social Workers Assoc.
G Lee Xiong, LGSW, MN Hmong Social Workers Coalition

BOSW Staff present: Youa Yang, LICSW, Executive Director
Rebecca Moskow,
Tammy Molitor, Communications & Executive Services Coordinator

BOSW Staff Absent: Michelle Kramer-Prevost, LISW, Assistant Director

BOSW Board Liaison absent: Joanne Kronstedt, Public Member

MEETING MINUTES

- 1. Welcome, call to order, approve agenda:**
Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:05am.
Agenda was approved unanimously.
- 2. Minutes:**
Motion to approve February 7, 2025 minutes by Meittunen and seconded by Galloway. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3. BOSW Board Debrief:**
 - Executive Director, Yang, shared the results of the BOSW 2024 Customer Satisfaction Survey. Overview of the responses related to access to website, customer service, email reminders for license renewal, and the jurisprudence exam. Responded to committee member questions regarding the survey.
- 4. Committee Member Organization Updates**
 - 1) **Johnson/Galloway: National Association of Black Social Workers-MN Chapter** – Planning for their Annual Conference scheduled for October 3rd, 2025. Continuing to build membership process and register through local chapter. Association meets on Thursdays with improved attendance with community forum work. Due to conference lottery, association sent two members to the national social workers conference to represent Minnesota. The group will be able to assist two members with their getting their social work license.
 - 2) **Horak: MN Nursing Home Social Workers Association (MNHSWA)** – Twin Cities Conference is next week. In the planning phase for the virtual fall conference which generally has higher attendance. There are fewer social workers employed in nursing homes due to the size of the nursing homes.

- 3) **Soung: Minnesota Hmong Social Workers Coalition** – Planning for their annual conference in May. The coalition is in process of some organizational changes.
- 4) **Goodenough: National Association of Social Workers-MN** – Goodenough is a non-voting member on Executive Committee with the Compact Commission. Compact Commission is working on establishing the database. Committee has monthly meeting. The Association is planning a “non-conference” conference. The organization is offering a supervision training series for the 30-hour supervisor requirement. It is highly attended. Also, working on offering paid internships.
- 5) **McCoy: MN School Social Workers Association** – Legislative chair, March 6th was MSSWA day at the Capitol. Association is working diligently to get Medicaid reimbursement for school social workers providing services for students. State Departments of Education received a letter from the Federal Government to eliminate DEI programs.
- 6) **Frees: MN Association of Home Care Social Workers** – No longer an official association but have an informal network. Concerns with the federal funding cuts.
- 7) **Frees/Johnson/Galloway: MN Coalition of Licensed Social Workers** – Supporting the good work that the professional associations are doing to increase reimbursement rate, school social work reimbursement, and provisional license.
- 8) **Meittunen: Minnesota Society for Clinical Social Work** – Low fee supervision group is up and running. Education opportunities are going well for continuing education.

5. New Business

- Frees-Shared about proposed bill SF 3227. It was introduced 2 days ago and would create an exemption for individuals with social work degrees working in MN Statute 256B programs/services or MN Statute 245A residential programs. The intention of the bill is targeted towards practitioner.
- Meittunen-Conversation about having a codified language added related to minor client record retention. A ten-year retention of records requirement after termination and for those who are minors in the language of MS 148.235 there is not a specific requirement.
- Frees/Goodenough-Asked for clarification from the Board about their position on supervision. Provisional licensees are not allowed to supervise according to statute. There was not a thoughtful conversation for provisional licensees to provide supervision. Example, an LSW is providing supervision and pursues a provisional LGSW, can the licensee still provide supervision? Seeking clarification on provisional licensees’ eligibility to provide supervision. The group wants clarification and what is the Board’s interpretation of the statute.

6. Adjourn

- Adjourn the meeting at 9:21am.
Motion to adjourn, all in favor.

Next Meeting: Friday, June 6th at 8:00am