

ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 1, 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
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

Members absent: Julie Campanelli, Minnesota School Social Workers Assoc.
Deseria Galloway, National Assoc. of Black Social Workers-MN
Elizabeth Soung, LGSW, MN Hmong Social Workers Coalition
G Lee Xiong, LGSW, MN Hmong Social Workers Coalition

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

BOSW Staff absent: Kassandra Slizewski, Assistant Director

BOSW Board Liaison: NONE

MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome, call to order, approve agenda:

Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:07 am.
Agenda was unanimously approved.

2. Minutes:

Motion to approve June 6th, 2025 minutes by Horak and seconded by Frees. Motion carried unanimously.

3. New Business

- Goodenough: Discussion of Naloxone (Narcan) methods and the treatment of others. MN Statute 604A.04 which addresses the “Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention” act for who can administer these drugs. There are some concerns with social workers who work with a population that may need this drug and not working in a facility with a standing order to distribute. NASW was hoping to host a training for distribution of Naloxone. Concerns about licensed social workers ability to distribute this opiate antagonist.
- Frees: Updated the group about the Legislative and Rules Committee. Committee is reviewing the supervision part of MN Statute 148E, updating the language and ensuring statute language doesn’t contradict each section. Proposed changes will clarify what is needed at each step and ensure scope of practice can be verified. The focus was on documentation and submission of supervision plans and verifications. Leaning toward some recommended form/template to be completed to track hours. Committee member shared that another behavioral health board requires monthly sign off on hours. In addition, committee discussed expectation of supervisors when supervisee or supervisor changes positions and consideration of time limit related to submission of the documentation during the change rather than submission at completion of all supervision hours. Concerns raised related to average number of supervision hours rather than giving exact hours for supervision.

4. BOSW Board Debrief:

- 3 new board members appointed, still waiting on 1 additional public member.
- In process of closing out the Board's fiscal year
- Election of new officers at September meeting and committee new assignments at the November board meeting.
- The board voted to temporarily suspend the County Exemption Taskforce.
- Licensing Training update: The Board has been short staff and does not have the capacity to facilitate a training. There is no timeline for setting up a training.

5. Committee Member Organization Updates

- 1) **Johnson: National Association of Black Social Workers-MN Chapter** – The group has not met since the beginning of June. October 3rd is their annual conference. The Association hosted a retreat and membership mingle. The Association participated in Juneteenth activities.
- 2) **Horak: MN Nursing Home Social Workers Association (MNHSWA)** – State board meeting last week. Virtual fall Conference this fall is a great opportunity for CEs with many relevant sessions. Annual service award will be distributed at the conference, and they are receiving applications for it now.
- 3) **Soung: Minnesota Hmong Social Workers Coalition** – Not in attendance.
- 4) **Goodenough: National Association of Social Workers-MN** – A group of students from Bemidji shared about how helpful the Board of Social Work staff are related to licensing questions. NASW hired a new communications and membership coordinator. New event on November 6th "Unconference" sponsorship opportunities with exhibitor table and some nontraditional CE opportunities. March 4th, 2026 is Social Work Day at the Capital. Mark your calendars. There is a camp in October and there are still space available. Ethics consultation will start in September.
- 5) **Campanelli: MN School Social Workers Association** – Not in attendance.
- 6) **Frees: MN Coalition of Licensed Social Workers** – She covered the important legislative changes for social workers covered in the [2025 Minnesota Legislative Recap Session](#).
- 7) **Meittunen: MN Society for Clinical Social Workers** – Annual meeting October 28, with free membership for students.

6. Adjourn

Motion by Goodenough to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: Friday, October 3rd at 8:00am