

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**OCTOBER 3, 2025 – 8:00 AM – 9:00AM**

Members present: 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  
Elizabeth Soung, LGSW, MN Hmong Social Workers Coalition  
Julie Campanelli, Minnesota School Social Workers Assoc. arrived at 8:50am

Members absent: Renita Johnson, LICSW, National Assoc. of Black Social Workers-MN – CHAIR  
*Deseria Galloway, National Assoc. of Black Social Workers-MN*  
*G Lee Xiong, LGSW, MN Hmong Social Workers Coalition*

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

BOSW Staff absent: NONE

BOSW Board Liaison: NONE

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Welcome and call to order:**

Goodenough in Johnson's absence called the meeting to order at 8:05 am and moved to item #5 until quorum is met.

**5. Committee Member Organization Updates**

- 1) **Johnson/Galloway: National Association of Black Social Workers-MN Chapter** – Not in attendance due to their annual conference.
- 2) **Horak: MN Nursing Home Social Workers Association (MNHSWA)** – The association's membership increased. The association offered free conference for members. Their virtual conference was successful with many speakers on topics relevant to social workers.
- 3) **Soung: Minnesota Hmong Social Workers Coalition** – Organizational changes to add membership fees. Coalition is meeting in a couple weeks and will have new people on the leadership team. Soung had a professional role change and started working at Wilder Foundation school-based program.
- 4) **Goodenough: National Association of Social Workers-MN** – Association will host an Unconference in November. It's a camp with over 50 attendees focused on self-care retreat for social workers. Social work day at the capital is on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The legislative launch is on February 4th at 4pm with all the coalition groups together. There will be a joint legislative recap in June. Goodenough has been spending time sharing about the interstate compact, how to get the legislative bill to pass and implementation.
- 5) **Frees: MN Coalition of Licensed Social Workers** – Legislative launch by the profession and identifying issues to focus on in the next legislative session. Need to decide on priority issues and will update more later.
- 6) **Meittunen: MN Society for Clinical Social Workers** – Annual members meeting at the American Swedish Institute is coming up on October 28, 2025 from 7:00-9:00pm.

**1. Approve agenda:**

Motion to approve the agenda by Frees and seconded by Horak. The agenda was unanimously approved with the adjustment to the order of the items.

**2. Minutes:**

Motion to approve August 1, 2025 minutes by Horak with changes to Meittunen's membership organization to the MN Society for Clinical Social Workers and seconded by Meittunen. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. New Business**

- Goodenough: Last year there was an attempt to add legislation for an additional exemption to licensure for mental health working as a BSW. Recently, NASW has been getting calls from legislators who want to get this passed and we need our social work group to push back. They are trying to eliminate the need for a BSW licensure. What can we do collectively? Discussion on reasons for the workforce shortage and the root of the cause. The Board does not support exemptions to licensure for public protection. The Board is also not interested in eliminating the bachelor's level of licensure, but not all jurisdictions license at the bachelor's level and there are groups that are looking to eliminate that level of licensure.

**4. BOSW Board Debrief:**

- Yang: The Customer Satisfaction survey was launched October 1, 2025. There were a few questions added this year about provisional license. Customer Satisfaction report will be posted once the information is collected and analyzed most likely at the January board meeting. Several members commended the Board Staff for their excellent customer service and processing of applications and license renewals. Minnesota is super-efficient in comparison to other jurisdictions.
- The Board elected new officers for the next 2 years, Jolene Engelking, Chair, Yolonda Rogers, Vice Chair, and Kim DeZurik, Secretary
- Teri Fritsma, PhD. from the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care of the Minnesota Department of Health, presented the annual Social Work Workforce data to the Board in September. There were a few questions added to the workforce survey related to supervision. Feedback provided to define supervision. There have been some increases in other demographic groups. The report from Fritsma will be shared with the advisory committee members.
- L&R Committee is working on proposing changes to the supervision section of the practice act. At this past meeting they covered non-clinical supervision, and at the next meeting they will be looking at clinical supervision.

**5. Continuation of Committee Member Organization Updates (place first)**

- 7) **Campanelli: MN School Social Workers Association** – The fall conference just finished, and it is one of the best they have had. Lori Desautels and Dr. Clay Cook were two of the keynote speakers this year. Their membership is at an all time high with over 800 members. The Association have been looking at core values and incorporating them into their long-term goals. School safety concerns were addressed in a break-out session at the conference. Discussion about school shootings and how to handle the issue. They have been advocating to keep funds that were allocated during covid.

**6. Adjourn**

Motion by adjourn by Campanelli and second by Stephanie. The meeting adjourned at 9:07am.

**Next Meeting: Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am**