

ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 6, 2025 – 8:00 AM – 9:00AM

Members present: Renita Johnson, LICSW, National Assoc. of Black Social Workers-MN – CHAIR
Deseria Galloway, National Assoc. of Black Social Workers-MN joined at 8:12
Karen Frees, LICSW, MN Coalition of Licensed Social Workers
Stephanie Horak, LSW, MN Nursing Home Social Workers Assoc.-Twin Cities Chapter
Julie Campanelli, Minnesota School Social Workers Assoc. joined at 8:30am
Stephanie Meittunen, MSW, MN Society for Clinical Social Workers
Elizabeth Soung, LGSW, MN Hmong Social Workers Coalition

Members absent: Karen Goodenough, LGSW, National Association of Social Workers-MN
G Lee Xiong, LGSW, MN Hmong Social Workers Coalition
Jennifer Arneson, National Association of Social Workers-MN

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

BOSW Staff absent: NONE

BOSW Board Liaison: *Kate Goodman, LICSW – absent*

MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome and call to order:

Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

2. Approve agenda and (3.) Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from December 2025 by Horak and seconded by Meittunen. Motion to approve proposed agenda by Horak and seconded by Meittunen. The agenda and minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Nomination or appointment for new Advisory Committee chair

Johnson's term as Chair ended at the end of December 2025. Shared an overview of chair responsibilities. The role of chair for Advisory Committee is 2 years. In the absence of the chair, committee members may volunteer to chair the meeting. Nominations were solicited. Johnson agreed to serve a second term in the absence of another nomination or volunteer.

5. New Business

- Frees provided an overview of the Board's Legislation & Rules Committee process of reviewing supervision statutes and proposing changes related to supervisor requirements, supervision plans, etc. The proposed changes are not ready for a legislative bill in the 2026 legislative session. When the proposed changes are completed by L & R committee, it needs to be reviewed and approved by the full board. Advisory Committee members voiced concerns with the timeline to allow those pursuing licensure via the provisional pathway to be able to provide supervision, if licensee was previously eligible to provide supervision. Current statute does not allow provisional licensees to provide licensing supervision while completing provisional license supervised practice requirements. Licensee may continue providing licensing supervision after completing provisional requirements. Standard licensees who were previously eligible to provide licensing supervision can provide licensing supervision if completed requirements of standard license supervision, have the competency in the activities of supervision, and completed supervisor requirements. Committee members expressed a sense of urgency to correct the supervision statute quickly.

- Discussion regarding the statute requirement of “at least 4 hours of supervision must be obtained during every 160 hours of practice”. It’s unclear about “at least” means. Is it 4 hours of requirement or more? L & R Committee reviewed this requirement with edits to the language.
- Yang provided additional information regarding timeline and process for updates to the statute.

6. BOSW Board Debrief:

- Slizewski provided update on CEOC initiatives.
 - Licensing videos will be updated, and additional videos will be published.
 - March 26th at 10am is first quarterly educational outreach regarding requirements for licensure pathways to licensure. The same information will be presented again on June 24th at 2:30pm.
 - Updates to current brochures are also planned.

5. Committee Member Organization Updates:

- **Johnson/Galloway: National Association of Black Social Workers-MN Chapter** – Will be participating in Black Wallstreet event on February 21st and are planning conference for the first Friday in October. Carmita McGlory, LICSW was recognized for her work in the community.
- **Horak: MN Nursing Home Social Workers Association (MNHSWA)** – Voted to offer free virtual fall conference to members. Plan to honor Social Workers in March. Membership is increasing.
- **Soung: Minnesota Hmong Social Workers Coalition** – Event planned for February was postponed until the fall.
- **Goodenough: National Association of Social Workers-MN** – In Goodenough’s absence, Johnson and Frees provided updates including checking the NASW website for information on Advocacy Week. First Friday of their conference today. The following two Fridays provide 6 CEUs per Friday.
- **Campanelli: MN School Social Workers Association** – New president is Abbie Pierce. Statement against ICE enforcement was released. Held 3 listening sessions to support school social workers. February 10th is the winter conference. The first week of March will be School Social Workers Week. Fall conference will be November 16th and 17th – looking for speakers and presentations.
- **Frees: MN Coalition of Licensed Social Workers** – Legislative update: Title protection and Optum billing issues related to clinical trainees services being reimbursable when billing under a mental health professional.
- **Meittunen: MN Society for Clinical Social Work** – putting together a CEU/education opportunity for Feb 25th at 7pm (2 Ethics CEUs) to discuss ethical situations and working with clients in this current political climate.

7. Adjourn

A question regarding Provisional Licensee Survey was posed. Customer Satisfaction Survey report will be shared at the next meeting after the Board has an opportunity to review it. The Board plans to develop a Provisional Licensee Survey to gather more specific information about provisional license types.

Johnson opened the session for nominations for chair of the Advisory Committee. Campanelli nominated Johnson for a second term. Johnson accepted nomination and was unanimously elected chair. The meeting adjourned at 9:07am.

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