



COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS’
June 17, 2019
1:00-2:30PM (EDT)**

Present: Barbara W. Shank, Chair, Saundra Starks, Board Chair-Elect, Hilary Weaver, Vice Chair/Secretary, Darla Spence Coffey, President, Andrea Stewart, Treasurer, Eunice Matthews-Armstead, Mahasweta Banerjee, Alan Dettlaff, Vanessa Robinson-Dooley, Jenny Jones, Susan Mapp, Debra McPhee, Lori Messinger, Cheryl Parks, Cathryn Potter, Joel Rubin, Shannon Rudisill, Andy Safyer, Andrea Tamburro, Rebecca Thomas, Maria R. Vidal de Haymes

Absent: Shari Miller

Staff: Arminn Leopold, Julie Montross, Sharon Reed, Jo Ann Regan

Committee of the Whole

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. EDT by Chair Barbara Shank. Dr. Shank welcomed everyone to the Board of Directors meeting. A quorum of members was present and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

1. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Chair Barbara Shank presented the Agenda to the Board of Directors for approval, whereupon motion duly made, seconded and accepted. (Unanimous)

2. Chair’s Update

Dr. Barbara Shank provided an update on the Commissions and Councils appointment process. She noted that the applications had been reviewed and appointment letters are being emailed to members. She thanked members of the board that are rotating off; Alan Dettlaff, Cheryl Parks, Andy Safyer, and Andrea Stewart.

President’s Update

Dr. Darla Spence Coffey provided an update to the Board of Directors on several topics: She noted that the International Association of Schools of Social Work and the International Consortium for Social Welfare agreed to partner for a 2020 conference that will be held in Italy.

She reported that the Department of Education Initiatives and Research is fully staffed; Ryan Bradshaw and Cynde Nash have joined the team. “I feel fortunate that CSWE has creative staff members.” Dr. Coffey mentioned that staff created an opportunity to look at the Annual Program Meeting (APM) to see if there are ways that CSWE could improve the conference. Staff members spent a day in an Innovation Lab in small groups facilitated by the Staff Engagement Committee. We shared great ideas about how to improve the conference.

She noted that a “faith in social work education convening” is scheduled to occur in 2020. This is in response to questions and conversations regarding how to talk about religion and spiritually in social work education. We have asked individuals that were members of the Religion and Spiritually workgroup to help us think about how we can bring social work education programs together for a discussion.

Update on the office move - A Letter of Intent for new office space has been completed. The location is close to CSWE’s current location and Metro. The contract is currently being reviewed by our legal team.

Update on SPARK - the connected community platform has been built. Staff are testing the functionality and commissioners will be a part of this testing process as well.

Dr. Coffey shared the election results with the board members; Susan Mapp, Treasurer, Jenny Jones, Graduate Program representative, Monique Apple, Undergraduate Program representative and Cole Watts, Practice representative to the National Nominating Committee.

The Audit committee disseminated an RFP and reviewed applications for a new audit firm. It was decided to stay with the existing firm, however, CSWE will have a different partner within that organization.

Board members acknowledged the relationships that Dr. Coffey has built over the years with various organizations; they thanked her for her work. Dr. Coffey concluded her report.

3. Budget & Finance Report

Treasurer Andrea Stewart and Mr. Arminn Leopold provided an overview of the 3rd Quarter, FY2019 financials, discussed budget assumptions that formed the next fiscal year budget proposal and proposed the Budget FY2020 to the Board of Directors for approval. Dr. Stewart and Mr. Leopold concluded the report, whereupon motion duly made, seconded and accepted as presented. (Unanimous)

4. Violence Against Women and Children Award Proposal - Revisions

Dr. Jenny Jones presented the award revisions and overview to the Board of Directors for approval, whereupon motion duly made, seconded and accepted as presented.
(Unanimous)

5. **Update on Practice Doctorate**

Dr. Andy Safyer provided an update on the Practice Doctorate. He noted that the committee had received a lot of feedback. Dr. Safyer acknowledged that it has been a journey and pleasure to work the Commission on Accreditation, Commission on Educational Policy and sub-committee on this process. BPD, GADE, NAAD and CSWE have provided feedback during this process. COA used the feedback to help develop education policy and standards. A decision will be made in October to pilot test the accreditation process for Practice Doctorate program. The Commission appointed a group within the COA to identify questions and make recommendations; this group will be meeting on July 15th. Dr. Safyer noted that the COA had unanimously voted to move forward with gathering more information regarding the Practice Doctorate pilot project.

6. **Update on SocialWorkCAS**

Dr. Coffey provided an update on the SocialWorkCAS. The board had a robust discussion on the feasibility of CSWE continuing with the Centralized Application System (CAS). The following motion was presented to the board of directors for approval, whereupon motion duly made, seconded and accepted as presented.
(Unanimous)

The Board requested that staff provide a proposal at the fall board meeting in October:

- (If continuing with SocialWorkCAS:) Determine thresholds and timeframes for SocialWorkCAS. Consider all relevant factors, including the number of programs and/or revenue generated.
- (If ending SocialWorkCAS:) What are the options for the current participating programs to help them continue to get the support and services for the application process.

7. **Strategic Plan**

Dr. Dettlaff and Dr. Coffey provided an overview of the Strategic Plan process. They noted that at the March meeting the board voted to affirm the Strategic Framework of the plan. Since then, the committee has determined the outcomes. Initially there were 38 or more outcomes and the committee has narrowed it down to 2-5 Smart Outcomes per Goal.

A motion was presented to the Board for approval of the strategic outcomes, whereupon motion duly made, seconded and accepted as presented. (Unanimous)

8. **Commission on Membership and Professional Development**

Dr. Cheryl Parks provided an overview of the CMPD membership proposal to the Board of Directors for discussion. The proposal included two new membership levels; New Professional Transitional Membership and Associate Level Adjunct/Field Instructor.

The board requested that Dr. Parks report back to the commission members that the board has discussed the proposal and thank them for their work. It was noted that the proposal includes areas of the strategic outcomes and will be reviewed in greater depth.

9. **Executive Session**

The Board of Directors convened in closed session to discuss the President's performance evaluation and goals for 2019-2020. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Hilary Weaver
Vice-Chair/Secretary