



ASWB member boards, in their own words

Useless tidbits about Pennsylvania from the editors:

- Famous people from Pennsylvania include: Andy Warhol, Sharon Stone, Grace Kelly, Louisa May Alcott, Arnold Palmer, Kobe Bryant
- Hershey's Kisses were created in 1907 in Hershey, Pa., which is thought of as the chocolate capital of the United States
- Hershey Chocolate Company founder Milton S. Hershey and his wife purchased tickets to sail on the Titanic, which sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, but did not use them. The couple traveled instead on a different ship.
- Of the 13 original colonies, only Pennsylvania does not touch the Atlantic Ocean.
- McDonald's Big Mac was invented by Uniontown, Pa., franchise owner Jim Delligatti in 1967. It sold then for 45 cents.

Name of jurisdiction: Pennsylvania

Name of board: Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors

Number of board members: 12 board members and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs

Licensure categories offered:

Bachelor Social Worker – Regulations pending
Social Worker
Clinical Social Worker

Number of licensees:

Social Workers – 8,216
Clinical Social Workers – 5,969

Biggest achievement in the past 12 months: Working on a comprehensive review of the board's regulations relating to qualifications for licensure, supervision of clinical experience, including the provision of supervision through electronic means, and continuing education. The proposed rulemaking is not yet final, but the goal is to eliminate outdated provisions, update standards to reflect modern technology, and modernize the board's processes relating to licensure.

Biggest lesson learned in the past 12 months: The impact of social media and its potential ethical dilemmas. The lag time between what is learned in the field and the board's ability to respond to those changes.

Biggest challenge facing the board: Licensure portability and telehealth.

(complete the sentence) "I would really love to hear about how other jurisdictions..." Manage reciprocity and telehealth or online services as well as managing different disciplines under an umbrella board such as what exists in Pennsylvania.

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