

## **BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK**

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2<sup>ND</sup> FL.**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**October 28, 2019**

**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**BOSW Mission Statement:**

“To provide oversight to licensed professionals and ensure the health and safety of citizens and visitors in the District of Columbia through the provision of health care services.”

OPEN SESSION ATTENDANCE: OCTOBER 2019

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Present
	DANIELLE NELSON, LSGW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
<b>STAFF:</b>		
	MAVIS AZARIAH— HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	DEB MOSS – INVESTIGATOR	Present
	GREGORY SCURLOCK – COMPLIANCE OFFICER	Present
	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ESQ.- ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
	AISHA NIXON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	ASHLEY BALMA, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	TALAYIA SISTRUNK, STUDENT INTERN	Present
<b>VISITORS:</b>	MARGOT ARONSON, LICSW, GWSCSW	Present
	ADELE NATTER, LICSW, GWSCSW	Present
	CAMILLE ESPINOZA, LGSW	Present
	CHERYL AGUILAR, LICSW	Present

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	<b><u>Roll Call</u></b>	VS
OS-1028-01	<b><u>Acceptance of the Agenda:</u></b> Ms. Wanda Wheeler made a motion to accept the Agenda with the amendment of item 1028-06 being removed from the Agenda since the policy was approved at the last Board meeting.	
OS-1028-02	<b><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></b> Ms. Aisha Nixon reported that the SW Board currently has 4738 active licensees. The 60 day grace period for renewals ended on 9/30/2019. She also reported that the list for CE on public health issues in the District is now available and should be published on the website by 11/1/2019. The website will also be updated with the LGSW policy in Private practice setting. Finally, she reported that the December Board meeting has been cancelled.	
OS-1028-03	<b><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u></b> Ms. Selerya Moore, Acting Chair for the meeting reported that staff and Board members will be attending the ASWB annual meeting and delegate assembly in Orlando, FL next week.	VS
OS-1028-04	<b><u>Board’s Attorney’s Report:</u></b> None	
OS-1028-05	<b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b> <b><u>Motion:</u></b> Ms. Wanda Wheeler made a motion to approve the open session minutes with corrections to item number OS-0923-06 to include the Board approved the policy as final with the recommended amendment. Seconded by Ms. Danielle Nelson. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-1028-06	<b><u>Policy on LGSW’s Practice in Private Practice setting:</u></b> <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board will discuss the Policy on LGSW’s in private practice and determine whether to adopt the policy.  <b><u>Background:</u></b> During the September 2019 meeting, the following motion was made to amend the policy to include face to face participation of LICSW in intakes when the LGSW has less than 1500 hours of supervised clinical experience and for LGSWs with over 1500 hours the LICSW participation should be based on the professional discretion of the LICSW.  The Board requested further information regarding LGSW ability to diagnose with or without supervision from Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB). ASWB has provided a response for the Board	

	<p>to review.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b>          No formal motion made. This item was taken off the agenda since the policy was approved at the September Board meeting.</p>	
OS-1028-07	<p><b><u>Motion To Close</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b>          To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted by DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b>          Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulation.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b>          Ms. Danielle Nelson made a motion to adjourn the open session meeting at 10.37am. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
	<p><b><u>Public Comments</u></b>          Members of the public provided the Board with the following feedback and updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public request information regarding the section in the HORA that refers to records retention. The Board Attorney informed the public that records must be retained for 3 years and that they could locate the information in Section 3-1210.11 of the HORA</li> <li>• The public informed the Board of Maryland’s regulatory updates, which includes a section on supervision.</li> <li>• Public inquired about time frame for publication of the Public Health Continuing Education list and LGSW practice in private settings policy. The Executive Director, Ms. Nixon informed the Board and the public that both will be made available on the website by close of business on November 5, 2019, in addition to notifications being sent to individual licensees within the first 2 weeks of November.</li> </ul>	

The next meeting is scheduled for November 25 2019.

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