

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

April 24, 2023

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

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"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 April 2023

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	MARJAN SHALLAL, LGSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Present
STAFF:		
	LATRICE HERNDON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Absent
	ERICKA WALKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	MAVIS AZARIAH ARMATTOE- HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	JOANNE DROZDOSKI, ESQ.- ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
	DEBBIE MOSS, INVESTIGATOR	Present
	GREGORY SCURLOCK, COMPLIANCE OFFICER	Absent
	MATTEO LIEB, POLICY ANALYST	Present
VISITORS:	ADELE NATTER, LICSW, GWSCSW	
	STEVE SZOPA, LICSW GWSCSW	
	RACHEL DOYLE	
	TAWANA LEE	
	NICHOLAS WEIL OFFICE OF OPEN GOVERNMENTS	
	WILL DOYLE	

OPEN SESSION MINUTES April 24, 2023

	<p>Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 10:13AM and a quorum was established.</p>	VS
OS-0424-01	<p>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda:</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to accept the April 24, 2023, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore.</p> <p>Vote: Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0424-02	<p>Executive Director’s Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no updates on operational status, everything remains the same. • The SW Renewals starts on May 1, 2023. All Social Workers will be receiving an email with renewal details soon. • The next 3 Social Work Board meetings will be held in person at DC Heath 899 North Capitol Street NE 2nd Floor in Board Room 216. The dates are May 22, June 26 and July 24. • Licensure Census: Total of 6,245 active Social Workers: 1,585 LGSW, 4558 LICSW, 43 LISW, and 59 LSWA <p>Legislative Updates</p> <p>Copay Accumulator Legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The <i>Copay Accumulator Amendment Act of 2023</i> (B25-0141) was introduced on February 16th by Councilmembers Henderson, Gray, Lewis George, and Nadeau. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The legislation requires that health insurers recognize financial assistance from third parties towards an individual’s out-of-pocket expenses. Third-party assistance includes product vouchers, coupons, and other financial assistance made on behalf of the policy holder. ▪ A similar version of this legislation was introduced in Council Period 24 (B24-0557). This version was advanced out of the Committee on Health on March 20th and was passed unanimously on first reading on April 4th. It is expected to pass on second reading during the May 2nd 	

legislative meeting.

FY 2024 Budget:

- The Mayor released the proposed FY 2024 budget on March 22nd and hosted a presentation about it that same day to the Council.
- On March 24th, the Committee of the Whole held a hearing on the FY 2024 budget during which Councilmembers asked the Mayor and her team detailed questions about the proposed budget.
- DC Health's had its Budget Oversight hearing on [April 10th](#) (public witnesses) and then [April 12th](#) (DC Health representatives). During the hearing there were many topics raised including professional licensing, animal services, and school nursing.
- The Committee on Health will host its budget mark-up for DC Health on April 26th at 11:30am.
- The Council will have its first reading on the FY 2024 budget on May 16th with the second reading scheduled for May 30th.

Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:

- DC Health is working on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years.
- The revised HORA has gone through one round of revisions and will receive a final review soon before submission to the Executive Office of the Mayor (EOM).

Pathways to Behavioral Health Degrees Legislation:

- Councilmember Robert White has reintroduced the *Pathways to Behavioral Health Degrees Act of 2023*, which would establish the Behavioral Health and Human Services Scholarship Program administered by UDC for students with bachelor's degrees seeking to obtain an accredited master's degree required for licensure by the Board of Social Work or the Board of Professional Counseling.
- The scholarship funds will pay for UDC tuition, academic costs such as books and supplies, a monthly stipend toward living expenses and transportation, and fees associated with obtaining a license for a behavioral health occupation in the District. Both District residents and employees are

	<p>eligible for the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once a participant completes their master’s program and obtains licensure, they are required to work in a behavioral health occupation at a District local education agency, government agency, or health care provider organization for at least two years. 	
OS-0424-03	<p><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u> None</p>	VS
OS-0424-04	<p><u>Boards Attorney’s Report:</u> Ms. Drozdoski welcomed Ms. Ericka Walker who is sitting in for Ms. LaTrice Herndon to the Board.</p>	
OS-0424-05	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the March 27, 2023, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to approve the March 27, 2023; Open Session Minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0424-06	<p><u>Open Session Consent Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to approve the April 24, 2023; Open Session Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u></p>	

	<p>Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0424-07</p>	<p><u>Request from Adele Nater</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board to take appropriate action.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Ms. Natter on behalf of the Greater Washington Society has submitted a request for the Board to accept group supervision towards individual hours for clinical licensure. The DC Board’s policy has been group supervision are counted towards general supervision hours. The ASWB Model Law recommends that fifty percent of the required individual supervision hours towards clinical licensure can be completed via group supervision and the group supervision may contain no more than 6 supervisees.</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board will through subcommittee develop updates to the regulations to include group supervision and its specifics and present to the Board for further discussion and adoption.</p>	
<p>OS-0424-08</p>	<p><u>Board Delegated Authorities</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review the delegated authorities and determine whether to maintain or update them.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> As the Board of Social Work (“the Board”) is limited in how often it can meet, the Board has delegated various authorities to Board staff to help accomplish the goal of public safety. These delegated authorities are limited in nature and are intended to facilitate the business of the Board in an efficient and expedient manner, while at the same time ensuring patient safety is always maintained. Included for review and acceptance are the delegated authorities to staff.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to re-approve the Board Delegated Authorities as presented. Seconded by Ms. Wanda</p>	

	<p>Wheeler.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0424-09	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a). 2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6). 3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9). 4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14). <p>The next meeting is scheduled for <u>May 22, 2023.</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to close the April 2023 Open Session Meeting at 11.16am. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

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OS-0424-10	<p><u>Ethical Concerns with DC Sexual Assault Victim’s Rights Amendment Act of 2019</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss the potential impact the law will have on licensees.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Board received an email from Ms. Sherrod regarding the DC law on Teen advocates. The DC Sexual Assault Victims’ Rights Amendment Act of 2019 included the right to an advocate for 13 to 17-year-old youth in DC who have experienced sexual assault. For youth in this age range who were specifically impacted by peer-on-peer or stranger assault, the right to an advocate comes with an exemption to mandated reporting. Licensee would like the Board’s guidance since it had potential ethical implications on social workers.</p>	
OS-0424-11	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to adjourn the April 2023 Meeting at 1.55pm. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

This ends the Open Session Agenda.

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