

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

February 22, 2021

10.00 AM to 2:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

Virtual Meeting Notice

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Board of Social Work - Open Session

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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 AGENDA February 22, 2021

	<u>Roll Call</u>	VS
OS-0222-01	<u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u>	
OS-0222-02	<u>Executive Director’s Report:</u>	
OS-0222-03	<u>Chairperson’s Report:</u>	VS
OS-0222-04	<u>Board’s Attorney’s Report:</u>	
OS-0222-05	<u>Open Session Minutes</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the January 25, 2021 meeting.	
OS-0222-06	<u>Request for Supervised Practice for BSW and MSW Graduates</u> <u>Board Action:</u> To discuss the possible implementation of a supervised practice form to allow MSW and BSW graduates to work under supervision while they wait to sit for the national examination. <u>Background:</u> During the September 28, 2020 meeting, Ms. Loretta Rodts from Community Connections addressed the Board and expressed the need for the Board to allow MSW and BSW graduates to work unlicensed under supervision. A number of community organizations have signed a letter in support of the implementation of a supervised practice letter by the Board of Social Work. During the October 26, 2020 meeting, the Board discussed the following and had questions that required further research. They tabled the matter for further discussion with increased external participation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity regarding what the implementation of a supervised practice form would entail. • Ask staff questions regarding possibly increased workload. • How would the implementation of the supervised practice form be monitored and tracked? • The need for the external stakeholders to have conversations with the test developer ASWB. • Does the exam pass rate increase with the use of supervised practice? • What role are employers willing to play? 	

OS-0222-07	<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-0222-08	<p><u>Board Delegations:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review the outlined delegated authorities and determine whether to accept.</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.</p>	
OS-0222-09	<p><u>Enquiry regarding LGSWs in Private Practice</u></p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Board received an enquiry regarding the policy guidance for LGSW’s in private practice specifically the section on: The supervising LICSW must participate in the initial intake and diagnostic assessment of all clients served by the LGSW subject to the following: For an LGSW with less than 1,500 hours of supervised clinical experience, the supervising LICSW must participate in a face-to-face interview of the clients. With being</p>	

	<p>completely virtual right now, our current intake process for our LGPCs is....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After completing a phone screening, our intake coordinator places clients with clinicians (including LGs) based on specialty area and insurance. • Before meeting with the LG, an independently licensed clinician conducts an abbreviated assessment to make sure the client is appropriate for telehealth and to work with an LG. • Client is then transferred to the LG clinician for ongoing assessment and treatment under their board approved supervisor <p>Would our current procedures align with what the scope of practice is outlining? We feel we've put many stopgaps in place to ensure clients are appropriately evaluated before working with LGs. If we were to use these procedures for LGSWs the client would be coming to the LGSW already evaluated, so the supervisor sitting in on the session seems superfluous. Given we are such a large practice we have many independently licensed clinicians and supervisors who are able to support our LGs in this way.</p>	
OS-0222-10	<p><u>Motion to Close</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted by DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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 regulations.</p>	

The next meeting is scheduled for **March 22, 2020.**

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