

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FL.

WASHINGTON, DC 20002

February 24, 2020

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 February 2020

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	DANIELLE NELSON, LSGW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Absent
STAFF:		
	AISHA NIXON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	FATIMA ABBY– HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST SITTING FOR MAVIS AZARIAH- HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ESQ.- ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
VISITORS:	GINA SANGSTER ADELE NATTER CYCEYOT CARSON CHERYL AGUILAR ELLEN MCSWEENEY MARGOT ARONSON TAMARA PINCUS, PRIVATE PRACTICE THERAPIST	

OS-0224-01	<p><u>Acceptance of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to accept the February 24, 2020 agenda. Seconded by Ms. Danielle Nelson.</p> <p>Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, and Ms. Danielle Nelson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0224-02	<p><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u> Ms. Aisha Nixon reported on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Licensure Census:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1330 (LGSW), 3427 (LICSW), 46 (LISW), and 62(LSWA). • Performance Oversight Budget Hearing was held in February 2020. • ASWB Executive Leadership Meeting is scheduled on March 26-28, 2020, in San Diego, California. 	
OS-0224-03	<p><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Board Chair, reported on DC Health Meeting with the Board Chairpersons on February 7th to discuss strategies for Inter-professional collaboration. One of the DC Health’s strategies is to work on closing the chasm between clinical medicine and public health to improve health outcome in the District.</p>	VS
OS-0224-04	<p><u>Board’s Attorney’s Report:</u> No report from the Board Attorney.</p>	
OS-0224-05	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the January 27, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to accept the open session minutes of January 27, 2020. Seconded by Ms. Danielle Nelson.</p> <p>Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, and Ms. Danielle Nelson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0224-06	<p><u>Private Practice Policy</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p>	

	<p>To review the request from Ms. Gina Sangster, LICSW and Ms. Ellen McSweeney, LGSW regarding the Private Practice Policy.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Ms. Sangster and Ms. McSweeney are both requesting if it's ok for a group private practice that they currently practice at and owned by a psychologist are able to employ LGSWs as the private practice policy adapted by the Board requires the practice to be owned by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No formal motion was made. Ms. Sangster and Ms. McSweeney shared their concerns about the Board's policy statement on the scope of practice for LGSW in private practice, specifically on the practice of LGSW in a private practice owned by non-social workers (such as psychologist). The Board informed Ms. Sangster and Ms. McSweeney that the purpose of the policy statement is that the LGSWs should not be the owner or in charge of the practice.</p> <p>The Board agreed to look into the language of the policy statement and provide an update in the upcoming month.</p>	
Addendum	<p><u>Comments from the Public:</u> March is the National Professional Social Work Month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congressional Research Institute for Social Work and Policy (CRISP) will hold Social Work Day on the Hill on March 11, 2020. 	
OS-0224-07	<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 moved 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>	

	<p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to close the open session meeting. Seconded by Ms. Danielle Nelson.</p> <p>Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, and Ms. Danielle Nelson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2020.

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