

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

February 28, 2022

10.00 AM to 2:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

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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 28, 2022

	<u>Roll Call</u>	VS
OS-0228-01	<u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u>	
OS-0228-02	<u>Executive Director's Report:</u> A. Operational Status Update B. Update related to the Licensure Waiver C. Licensure Census	
OS-0228-03	<u>Chairperson's Report:</u>	VS
OS-0228-04	<u>Boards Attorney's Report:</u>	
OS-0228-05	<u>Open Session Minutes</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the January 24, 2022 meeting.	
OS-0228-06	<u>Open Session Consent Agenda</u> <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. <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.	
OS-0228-07	<u>Request for Supervised Practice for BSW and MSW Graduates</u> <u>Board Action:</u> To review the updated regulations to include supervised practice for BSW and MSW. <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.	

	<p>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.</p> <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? <p>What role are employers willing to play?</p> <p>The Board voted for supervised practice to be established for BSWs and MSWs who have submitted applications to be able to practice under supervision of an LISW or LICSW while application is pending for 90 days. Supervised practice will be approved only one time and once applicant fails the exam, will be required to cease practicing immediately. The Social Work regulations has been amended to include the supervised practice requirement and pending the Boards approval.</p>	
OS-0228-08	<p><u>Extension of Tele-supervision Policy</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Determine whether to extend the Tele-supervision policy.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Board voted in April 2020 to develop a policy guidance on tele-supervision during the public health emergency. This guidance was extended through of Dec 31, 2021. Since the public health emergency has just ended the Board will decide whether or not to extend the policy.</p>	
OS-0228-09	<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>	
	<p><u>Open Session Board FYI only</u></p>	
OS-0228-10	<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>	

The next meeting is scheduled for **March 28, 2022.**

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