

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

February 28, 2022

10.00 AM to 2:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

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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 February 2022

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Absent
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	MARJAN SHALLAL, LGSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Present
STAFF:		
	LATRICE HERNDON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	MAVIS AZARIAH ARMATTOE- HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	JOANNE DROZDOSKI, ESQ.- ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
	DEBBIE MOSS, INVESTIGATOR	Present
VISITORS:	ADELE NATTER, LICSW, GWSCSW	
	STEVE SZOPA, LICSW, GWSCSW	
	LORETA RODTS, LICSW COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS	
	TAWANA LEE, LGSW	
	ERIC SIMPSON, SOME	
	JENNIFER GRACE, SOME	
	VANESSA BANKS, SOME	
	TEVIN McDONALD,	
	DAN PASSON, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST FOR COUNCILMEMBER BRIANNE NADEAU	
	SARA FEOLA, SOME	
	MELISSA MILLAR, SOME	
	TAMARA PINCUS, LICSW	
	SUSAN NIGHTINGALE, LICSW, SOME	
	ANN DEGIROLAMO, SOME	
	KAREN GUILLORY	

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	<p><u>Roll Call</u> Meeting called to order at 10:09AM and a quorum was established.</p>	VS
OS-0228-01	<p><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda:</u> <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to accept the February 28, 2022, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore. <u>Vote:</u> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0228-02	<p><u>Executive Director's Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District's definition of fully vaccinated as of March 1, 2022 requires the booster shot if eligible. • The waiver of licensure for out of state licensees in good standing to be able to practice via telehealth to existing clients or to practice at a DC Health Care facility has been extended by DC Council until August 2022 however these licensees are expected to submit an application to DC Health by 3/31/2022. • Licensure Census: Total of 5,355 active Social Workers: 1,367 LGSW, 3,894 LICSW, 42 LISW, and 52 LSWA. 	
OS-0228-03	<p><u>Chairperson's Report:</u> None</p>	VS
OS-0228-04	<p><u>Boards Attorney's Report:</u> None</p>	
OS-0228-05	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the January 24, 2022, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to approve the January 2022 Open Session Minutes with corrections. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-0228-06	<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 February 2022 Open Session Consent Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0228-07	<p><u>Request for Supervised Practice for BSW and MSW Graduates</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To review the updated regulations to include supervised practice for BSW and MSW.</p> <p><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> <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 	

	<p>form be monitored and tracked?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 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> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to approve the amendments made to SW Regulations section 7012 and all its subsections. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</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> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to extend the tele-supervision policy through December 31, 2022. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p>	

	<p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</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>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to close the Open Session portion of the meeting at 11:09AM. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</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>	
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The next meeting is scheduled for **March 28, 2022.**

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