

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

July 27, 2020

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

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 June 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
	MAVIS AZARIAH ARMATTOE- HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ESQ.- ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
	DEBBIE MOSS, INVESTIGATOR	Present
VISITORS:	ADELE NATTER, GWSCSW MARGOT ARONSON, GWSCSW STEVE SZOPA, GWSCSW	

OPEN SESSION AGENDA July 27, 2020

OS-0727-01	<p><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Wanda Wheeler made a motion to accept the July 27, 2020 Open Session agenda. Ms. Danielle Nelson seconded the motion.</p> <p>Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Danielle Nelson and Ms. Velva Spriggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0727-02	<p><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></p> <p>Ms. Nixon reported that there will be a news flash that will be emailed to all Social Workers in the next few weeks updating licensees of any policies the Board has implemented due to the public health emergency. She also reported that the Mayor had extended the public health emergency in the District until October 9, 2020 which meant the waiver for licensure and telehealth practice would still be in place until October 9, 2020 unless it’s extended further.</p> <p>In addition, Ms. Nixon provided the current licensure census for the Board of Social Work as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total active licensees: 5,016 • LGSW: 1, 383 • LICSW: 3,523 • LISW: 46 • SWA: 64 	
OS-0727-03	<p><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u></p> <p>Ms. Spriggs opted to provide her report on an agenda item coming up.</p>	VS
OS-0727-04	<p><u>Board’s Attorney’s Report:</u></p> <p>None</p>	
OS-0727-05	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the June 22, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Wanda Wheeler made a motion to approve the June 22, 2020 Open Session minutes. Ms. Danielle Nelson seconded the motion.</p>	

	<p>Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Danielle Nelson and Ms. Velva Spriggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0727-06	<p><u>Inter-professional Workgroup</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to provide any feedback/discussion.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> DC Health has created an inter-professional workgroup comprised of the Board Chairs from different licensure boards. The group was established to generate ideas on solving health matters from a multi-discipline approach.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No formal motion needed. Ms. Spriggs reported on her participation in the inter-professional workgroup that DC Health had implemented to help Boards to work collaboratively and in uniformity to address the various issues affecting health professionals especially in these times. Topics being discussed include mobility and portability, best practice of care, tele health practice, amongst others. She will update the Board at the next meeting of any more developments from the workgroup.</p>	
OS-0727-07	<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 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> Ms. Danielle Nelson made a motion to close the Open Session portion of the meeting at 10:36am. Ms. Wanda Wheeler seconded</p>	

	<p>the motion.</p> <p>Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Danielle Nelson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0727-08	<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 Boards.</p>	

The next meeting is scheduled for **September 28, 2020.**

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