

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

July 24, 2023

10.00 AM to 2:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

In Person Meeting Notice

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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 July 2023

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	MARJAN SHALLAL, LGSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Absent
STAFF:		
	LaTRICE HERNDON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	MAVIS AZARIAH ARMATTOE- HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	JOANNE DROZDOSKI, ESQ.- ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	Present
	DEBBIE MOSS, INVESTIGATOR	Present
	GREGORY SCURLOCK, COMPLIANCE OFFICER	Absent
	KERA JOHNSON, POLICY ANALYST	Present
VISITORS:	GINA SANGSTER	
	DEBORAH BROWN	
	JALYN McDERMOTT	
	ADELE NATTER	
	STEVE SZOPA	
	TAWANA LEE	
	RACHEL DOYLE	
	AMBER RIEKE	
	TAMARA PINCUS	
	WILL DOYLE	
	KATHY BEK	
	NANCY BESKSY	
	EILEEN IVEY	

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	<u>Roll Call:</u> Meeting called to order at 10:18AM and a quorum was established.	VS
OS-0724-01	<p><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda:</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to accept the July 24, 2023, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Wanda Wheeler voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0724-02	<p><u>Executive Director's Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board will be on break for the month of August for the summer. The SW Renewals started on May 1, 2023. Ms. Herndon stressed to the Board and public that same day renewals are no longer in effect and therefore social workers need to submit renewals early to avoid delays in license renewals. The Board has been sending out on a weekly basis reminder about renewals to ensure that late renewals are avoided. DC Health Social Media Handles are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Facebook: @dchealth Twitter: @_DcHealth TikTok: @dchealth Instagram: @dchealth We recommend all licensees to follow DC health on social media. Licensure Census: Total of 6,353 active Social Workers: 1,644 LGSW, 4714 LICSW, 44 LISW, and 62 LSWA <p><u>Legislative Updates</u></p> <p>Pathways to Behavioral Health Degrees Legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councilmember Robert White has reintroduced the <i>Pathways to Behavioral Health Degrees Act of 2023</i> (B25-0055), which would establish the Behavioral Health and Human Services Scholarship Program administered by UDC for students with bachelor's degrees seeking to obtain an accredited master's degree required for licensure by the Board of Social Work or the Board of Professional Counseling. 	LH

- The scholarship funds will pay for UDC tuition, academic costs such as books and supplies, a monthly stipend toward living expenses and transportation, and fees associated with obtaining a license for a behavioral health occupation in the District. Both District residents and employees are eligible for the program.
- Once a participant completes their master's program and obtains licensure, they are required to work in a behavioral health occupation at a District local education agency, government agency, or health care provider organization for at least two years.
- Funding for this legislation was added into the proposed FY 2024 budget (\$1.2 million). This legislation received a hearing in the Committee of the Whole on [July 12th](#).
 - UDC's Provost/Chief Academic Officer testified - received positive testimony from the public and it is funded for FY24

Interprofessional Board Chair Collaboration (IBCC):

- DC Health's IBCC was established to address DC Health's Strategic Priority #4 – Close the Chasm Between Clinical Medicine and Public Health. The IBCC accomplishes this by bringing the board chairs of seven (7) health professional boards together to learn more about public health, the inner workings of DC Health and to serve as ambassadors and advocates for addressing the District's public health priorities.
 - Fall Symposium in the works to bring all 7 health professional boards (Medicine, Nursing, Psychology, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Professional Counselors, and Social Work) together.
 - Theme: Innovations in Team-Based Regulation
 - Panel Topics: Healthcare workforce, telehealth, compacts, AI, Healthcare, and Regulations, Scope of practice
 - For all board members (professional and consumer members) only
 - Continuing education credits may or may not be granted because they are running into some technical challenges with getting them approved for all licensees.

	<p>Council Recess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council went on recess effective July 14 and will return to session on September 15, 2023. 	
OS-0724-03	<p><u>Chairperson's Report:</u></p> <p>None</p>	VS
OS-0724-04	<p><u>Boards Attorney's Report:</u></p> <p>The Board attorney also echoed on the ED's report about the need for Social Workers to renew licenses early since legal reviews may also impact the timely processing of renewal applications.</p>	JD
OS-0724-05	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the June 23, 2023, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to approve the June 23, 2023; Open Session Minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0724-06	<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. Wanda Wheeler to approve the July Open session Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Marjan Shallal</p>	

	voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0724-07	<p><u>In Person CEUs for 2025 Renewals</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To Consider returning to Pre-COVID CEU requirement however accepting Live interactive Webinars as in person CEUs.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Pre-COVID the Board CEU requirement had been 40 hours of approved continuing education units including 6 hours of Ethics (must be done face to face; no online courses are accepted) 2 hours of LGBTQ training (this can be an online course) and 4 of the total required continuing education in Public Health Priorities. Only 12 hours out of the total 40 hours required could be completed online. Due to the social distancing requirements for the COVID-19 Pandemic the Board for the last two renewal cycles waived the in-person CEU requirement till 7/31/2023. With the Deadline approaching the Board is required to decide on CEU requirement for the next renewal cycle.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler starting August 1, 2023, to revert to pre-covid CEUs requirement with the acceptance of Live Interactive Webinars as in person CEUs. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0724-08	<p><u>SW COMPACT</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> No Action Required</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Ms. Adele Natter requested for this to be on the Agenda to hear the Boards questions and thoughts about the proposed Social</p>	

	<p>Work Compact.</p> <p>Ms. Adele Natter reported to the Board on the Social Work Compact and its benefits.</p>	
OS-0724-09	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a). 2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6). 3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9). 4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14). <p>The next meeting is scheduled for <u>September 25, 2023.</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to close the Open Session Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><u>Open Session Board FYI only</u></p>	

OS-0724-10	<p><u>Endorsement Requirements/Reciprocity Pathway</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to discuss and establish easier licensure pathways.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> In Attempt to provide easier pathways to licensure we are requesting each board to discuss and evaluate the following possibilities: Endorsement requirements, reciprocity pathways, and DMV reciprocity pathways.</p>	
OS-0724-11	<p><u>Request from Adele Nater</u></p> <p><u>Pending:</u> Board working on developing a policy guidance on Group Supervision.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Ms. Natter on behalf of the Greater Washington Society has submitted a request for the Board to accept group supervision towards individual hours for clinical licensure. The DC Board's policy has been group supervision are counted towards general supervision hours. The ASWB Model Law recommends that fifty percent of the required individual supervision hours towards clinical licensure can be completed via group supervision and the group supervision may contain no more than 6 supervisees.</p>	

OS-0724-12	<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. A licensee would like the Board’s guidance since it had potential ethical implications on social workers.</p>	
OS-0724-13	<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 Board.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to adjourn the SW July Meeting at 1.09 pm. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

This ends the Open Session Agenda.

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