

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

June 22, 2020

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Virtual 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."

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BOARD MEMBERS:		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Absent
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	DANIELLE NELSON, LSGW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Present
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 CHERYL AGUILAR, PRIVATE PRACTICE GINA SANGSTER, PRIVATE PRACTICE PATRICK O'NEIL LEGAL INTERN	

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	<u>Roll Call</u>	
OS-0622-01	<p><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda:</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Danielle Nelson made a motion to accept the open session agenda presented. Ms. Wanda Wheeler seconded the motion.</p> <p>Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Danielle Nelson and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0622-02	<p><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u> Ms. Aisha Nixon reported that DC had entered phase two of reopening as of today June 22, 2020. In terms of the reopening of DC government agencies, each agency is determining its own reopening plan and DC Health has not made any arrangements at this point. Once plans are finalized it will be update the departments page as well as on the Corona virus webpage. Ms. Nixon also reported that there were currently 4963 active licensees in the District. Finally she commented on the role that ASWB and NASW played in the supreme court’s ruling on the DACA and commended them for their work.</p>	
OS-0622-03	<u>Chairperson’s Report:</u> None	
OS-0622-04	<u>Board’s Attorney’s Report:</u> None	
OS-0622-05	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the April 27, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Wanda Wheeler made a motion to accept the open session minutes from the April 2020 meeting. Ms. Danielle Nelson seconded the motion.</p> <p>Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Danielle Nelson and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0622-06	<p><u>Post COVID-19</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p>	

	<p>Discuss possible telehealth policy/regulations that can be implement in the future.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor issued an Administrative Order that waived licensure requirements and for the allowance of telehealth. The Office of Health Professional Licensing would like all the Boards to look at drafting regulations to address the role telehealth will play in the District post COVID-19.</p> <p>During the April meeting, the Board discussed the ramifications of tele-practice in social work. The Board requested that the attorney draft a tele-practice policy for the Board of Social Work that could possibly be implemented into the regulations.</p> <p>The Board discussed the matter and draft policy submitted and decided to research more and submit additional comments to the Attorney so the draft policy can be amended for review at the next Board meeting.</p>	
OS-0622-07	<p><u>Workforce Survey</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To provide feedback regarding core questions related to the profession.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Health Regulation and Licensing Administration plans to incorporate workforce surveys during renewals for all professions. The Workforce Survey is used to capture the distribution of healthcare providers across the District and obtain feedback regarding hot topics related to your profession.</p> <p>This matter was just FYI for Board members. The draft questions for the workforce survey will be sent to Board members for their input or comments to be submitted to staff later on.</p>	
OS-0622-08	<p><u>Regulations</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To determine when to reconvene the subcommittee or move forward with previous subcommittee recommendations and finalize.</p>	

	<p><u>Background:</u> The Board of Social Work regulations subcommittee met for about a year. The regulations were submitted to the Board for review and revisions to move to the next steps of the rulemaking process. The Board staff is recommending the subcommittee reconvene with 2 board members.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No formal motion made. The Board agreed to keep the subcommittee to the two members and agreed for a scheduler to be sent out for the committee to be able to reconvene.</p>	
OS-0622-09	<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> Ms. Wanda Wheeler made a motion to close the open session meeting. Ms. Selerya Moore seconded the motion.</p> <p>Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Danielle Nelson and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0622-41	<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>	

	<p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Wanda Wheeler made a motion to adjourn the open session meeting. Ms. Danielle Nelson seconded the motion.</p> <p>Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Danielle Nelson and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
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The next meeting is scheduled for **July 27, 2020.**

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