

## BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

**June 27, 2022**

**10.00 AM to 2:00 PM**

### MEETING MINUTES

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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 2022**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b>		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	MARJAN SHALLAL, LGSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Absent
<b>STAFF:</b>		
	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	Present
	ANTHEA ISAACS, DETAILED STAFF	Present
	MATTEO LIEB, POLICY ANALYST	Present
<b>VISITORS:</b>	STEVE SZOPA, LICSW, GWSCSW	
	TAWANA LEE,	
	ADELE NATTER, GWSCSW	

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES June 27, 2022**

	<p><b><u>Roll Call</u></b> Meeting called to order at 10:39AM and a quorum was established.</p>	VS
OS-0627-01	<p><b><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u></b> <b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to accept the June 27, 2022, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler.  <b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0627-02	<p><b><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Public Emergency status in the District ended on April 16, 2022.</li> <li>• The COVID Vaccine Booster shoot mandate for licensure in the District has been repealed. However, the COVID Vaccine requirement is still a requirement.</li> <li>• Licensure Census: Total of 5,641 active Social Workers: 1,443 LGSW, 4102 LICSW, 44 LISW, and 52 LSWA</li> <li>• Legislative Update: Ms. Matteo Lieb with DC Health Office of Government Relations reported on the following: <b>Living Facility Compulsory Social Worker Designation Act:</b></li> </ul> <p>On Monday, June 27, Ms. Ranada Cooper from DC Health testified before the Committee on Health on the <i>Living Facility Compulsory Social Worker Designation Act of 2021</i>. The bill seeks to require that all living facilities (such as Assisted Living Facilities or Nursing Facilities) have a designated social worker to serve its residents.</p> <p><b>HPLRP and Healthcare Professional Scholarship Program</b> On June 14, Council passed the <i>High Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Healthcare Loan Repayment Program Emergency Act of 2022</i>. This legislation would authorize DC Health to pay for expenses incurred by program participants to obtain credentials to serve as healthcare workers in high need healthcare careers and would also expand the Health Professional Loan Repayment Program to include loan repayments for medical sub-specialty professionals, part-</p>	

	<p>time practitioners, and private providers in medically underserved areas.</p> <p><b>Removing Barriers Legislation:</b> The <i>HIV/AIDS Data Privacy Protection Amendment Act of 2021</i>, which includes an amendment that increases the flexibility of DC Health Professional Boards to consider criminal records and repeals the ability for perspective applicants to have a predetermination hearing, unanimously passed a first reading vote on June 7. The bill is scheduled to receive a final vote tomorrow, June 28.</p> <p><b>Proposed FY23 Budget:</b> The Committee of the Whole unanimously approved the FY23 budget on final reading on May 24. This includes funding for additional FTEs to support the licensure process. On June 7, Council also unanimously approved the FY23 Budget Support Act (BSA) on final reading, which includes several key provisions.</p>	
OS-0627-03	<p><b><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u></b> None</p>	VS
OS-0627-04	<p><b><u>Boards Attorney’s Report:</u></b> The amendments of regulations to allow supervised practice of MSWs and BSWs while their application is pending exam results was published in the DC register on June 17, 2022, and the Emergency Rules (Regulations) are in effect until October 5, 2022.</p>	
OS-0627-05	<p><b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the May 23, 2022, meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to approve the May 2022 Open Session Minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, and Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0627-06	<p><b><u>Open Session Consent Agenda</u></b></p>	

	<p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to approve the June 2022 Open Session Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0627-07	<p><b><u>Motion to Close</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted by DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to close the Open Session portion of the meeting at 11:08AM. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

	<b><u>Open Session Board FYI only</u></b>	
OS-0627-08	<p><b><u>Ethical Concerns with DC Sexual Assault Victim’s Rights Amendment Act of 2019</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Discuss the potential impact the law will have on licensees.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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 **July 25, 2022.**

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