

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

March 27, 2023

10.00 AM to 2:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

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"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 March 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	Present
	AMANDA ATTIYA, POLICY ANALYST	Present
	MATTEO LIEB, POLICY ANALYST	Present
VISITORS:	STACEY HARDY-CHANDLER ASWB, CEO	Present
	DALE ATKINSON ASWB LEGAL ADVISOR	Present
	CARA SCANNER	
	JENNIFER HENKEL	
	LISA KAYS, LICSW	
	LAVINA HARLESS	
	SARA BROWN, LICSW	
	ADELE NATTER, LICSW, GWSCSW	
	KAREN GUILLORY, LICSW	
	WILL DOYLE, LICSW	
	STEVE SZOPA, LICSW GWSCSW	
	DEBORAH NEWMARK	
	TAWANA LEE, LGSW	
	SARA CARTMILL	
	SHANNON WALSH	
	TAY ROBINSON	
	TENE WASHINGTON	
	WILL DOYLE	
	JOLEAH GORMAN	
	J. CHASE	
	ASHLEY STRANGE	
	ADRIANA ROSSEL	
	BRANDY NICOLE BROOKES	
	BRENDAN HALEY	
	ADAM MAIER	
	AMBER RIEKE	

	MADelyn HEPNER	
	RACHEL DOYLE	
	KIMBERLY SIMS	
	KAREN OSTILE	
	KATIE	
	CAITLIN GORMAN	
	MARCIA HUFF	
	M G. GREENE	
	MICHAEL GIODANO	
	ONA BALKUS	
	SANDRA MOORE	
	MATTHEW DeCARLO	

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	<p>Roll Call: Meeting called to order at 10:13AM and a quorum was established.</p>	VS
OS-0327-01	<p>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda:</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to accept the March 27, 2023, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler.</p> <p>Vote: Ms. Velva Spriggs, Mr. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0327-02	<p>Executive Director’s Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no updated on operational status everything remains the same. • Licensure Census: Total of 6,190 active Social Workers: 1,578 LGSW, 4510 LICSW, 43 LISW, and 59 LSWA <p>Legislative Updates</p> <p>Health Licensing Board Oversight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee on Health hosted a Performance Oversight hearing for five of DC Health’s Health Professional Licensing Boards. • These are the Boards of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Psychology, and Social Work. • The hearing took place virtually on February 28th. It focused on topics including workforce shortages, board membership, and education and training. You can watch the hearing at the following link. <p>Performance Oversight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee on Health hosted DC Health’s Performance Oversight hearing on Thursday March 2nd. • During her testimony, Interim Director Dr. Lewis discussed the role of equity in DC Health’s work, DC Health’s IT modernizations efforts, DC Health’s response to the mpox outbreak, healthcare workforce development and licensure, and DC Health’s strategic planning process. • You can watch a recording of the hearing at the following link. <p>FY 2024 Budget:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mayor released the proposed FY 2024 budget on March 22nd and hosted a presentation about it that same day to the Council. • On March 24th, the Committee of the Whole held a hearing on the FY 2024 budget during which Councilmembers asked the Mayor and her team detailed questions about the proposed budget. • DC Health’s Budget Oversight hearing is scheduled for April 10th (public witnesses) and April 12th (DC Health representatives). • The Council will have its first reading on the FY 2024 budget on May 16th with the second reading scheduled for May 30th <p>Telehealth Legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman Mendelson, at the request of the Uniform Law Commission, introduced the Uniform Telehealth Act of 2023 (B25-0125). • This legislation “provides a framework to facilitate the delivery of telehealth services consistent with the applicable standards of care and to open state borders for practitioners to assist patients in a more convenient and cost-effective manner” • This legislation is in the Committee on Health and has not been scheduled for a hearing. <p>Ms. Attiya also announce her departure from DC.</p>	
OS-0327-03	<p><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u></p> <p>Ms. Spriggs reported on her Testimony before the Committee on Health of the DC City Council, chaired by Councilwoman Christina Henderson: She provided the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The profession of social work, its levels of practice, and the 4 types of licenses administered; 2. The mission of the ASWB; 3. DC Social Work Board actions, i.e. outreach activities to encourage university students to enter the social work workforce; the issuance of a policy statement extending telehealth practice established during COVID-19 public health emergency; preparation to issue supervised practice letters that will allow graduates waiting to take the ASWB 	VS

	<p>examination to begin practicing under supervision; case reviews, recommendations, and decisions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Hot Topic: dialogue with the DC social work community and ASWB on the racial and age disparities in exam pass rates and the efforts underway by our board and ASWB to address this problem, which is emerging as a serious concern among many state boards; 5. Recognized and thanked our fellow board members and staff for their outstanding contributions to the Social Work; 6. Invited Council members to our board meetings. <p>Ms. Spriggs also reported that the Interprofessional Board Chair Collaboration Work Group, consisting of chairs from medicine, dentistry, nursing pharmacy, professional counseling, and psychology will be sponsoring a symposium in the fall of this year on topics of interest to our boards and our professional communities. They would like board member ideas on topics, time, location.</p>	
OS-0327-04	<p><u>Boards Attorney’s Report:</u> Ms. Drozdoski updated that the Inter Professional Boards includes the Board of Psychology.</p>	
OS-0327-05	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the February 27, 2023, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to approve the February 27, 2023; Open Session Minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velve Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler and Ms. Marjan Shallal voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0327-06	<p><u>Presentation By Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)</u></p> <p>ASWB CEO Dr. Stacy Chandler will be presenting to the Board on ASWB’s proposed New Exam and to address concerns about the</p>	

	<p>exam data that was released last Year. Presentation Slides are available on Boards website.</p>	
OS-0327-07	<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 March 27, 2023; 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 voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0327-08	<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 	

	<p>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> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for <u>April 24, 2023</u></p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to close the open session meeting at 11.45am. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler.</p> <p>Vote: 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-0327-09	<p><u>Request from Adele Nater</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Tabled until April Board meeting.</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-0327-10	<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>	
OS-0327-11	<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>	

This ends the Open Session Agenda.

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