

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FL.

WASHINGTON, DC 20002

November 25, 2019

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES

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 ATTENDANCE: NOVEMBER 2019

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| BOARD MEMBERS: | | |
| | VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON | Present |
| | WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER | Present |
| | SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER | Present |
| | DANIELLE NELSON, LSGW, BOARD MEMBER | Present |
| STAFF: | | |
| | MAVIS AZARIAH— HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST | Present |
| | DEB MOSS – INVESTIGATOR | Present |
| | GREGORY SCURLOCK – COMPLIANCE OFFICER | Present |
| | PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ESQ.- ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL | Present |
| | AISHA NIXON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | Present |
| VISITORS: | MARGOT ARONSON, LICSW, GWSCSW | Present |

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| | <u>Roll Call</u> | VS |
| OS-1125-01 | <u>Acceptance of the Agenda:</u> Ms. Wanda Wheeler made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Selerya Moore. The motion passed unanimously. | |
| OS-1125-02 | <u>Executive Director’s Report:</u> Ms. Aisha Nixon reported that there are currently 4772 active social workers in the District. She also provided feedback regarding her first attendance to the ASWB annual meeting in Orlando, FL. She stated she enjoyed the conference and learned new things about the profession. The next spring educational meeting is scheduled in April in Chicago, IL and the annual delegate assembly will be in Scottsdale, AR. Finally, she reported that she would be drafting and sending out a News Flash to social workers updating them of the ten (10) percent Public Health CEU requirements and on the policy for LGSWs in private Practice. | |
| OS-1125-03 | <u>Chairperson’s Report:</u> Ms. Spriggs also reported on her attendance to the ASWB Annual meeting and Delegate Assembly in Orlando, FL. She stated it was a good meeting. In addition, she was very impressed with the strong Canadian representation and especially about delegates from Manitoba’s efforts in including indigenous populations in their work as regulators. Ms. Selerya Moore reported being a first attendee she found the orientation as informative and gave her a deeper understanding of the organization. Ms. Wheeler also reported that she was a first time attendee and was also very impressed with the information that was shared across member jurisdictions and learning more about other states experiences in public protection. | VS |
| OS-1125-04 | <u>Board’s Attorney’s Report:</u> The Board attorney echoed on what the Executive Director had reported and recommended that the Board be liberal on the approved providers for the Public Health CEU topics as well as for the LGBTQ requirement, also since some of the topics on the public health requirement are already a requirement for SWs, those who complete those courses would have met both requirements. | |
| OS-1125-05 | <u>Open Session Minutes</u> <u>Board Action: Motion:</u> Ms. Selerya Moore made a motion to approve the Open Session minutes form the October 28, 2019 meeting. Ms. Wanda Wheeler | |

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| | seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. | |
| OS-1125-06 | <p><u>Hearing for Norma Schwartz</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board to decide if they would allow expert witness to testify via skype or telephone.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> A hearing is scheduled for February 2019 for Ms. Schwartz for a Notice of Intent to deny her reinstatement application.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Wanda Wheeler made a motion to accept allow the government expert witness to provide their testimony via digital or electronic means for the hearing. The motion was seconded by Selerya Moore. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-1125-07 | <p><u>Continuing Education Audit</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To determine the percentage of licensees to audit for compliance with the continuing education (CE) requirements for renewal of their license</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Selerya Moore made a motion to maintain the 5% CEU audit rate for the 2019 renewal and that Board members would be reviewing the audit responses when ready. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-1125-08 | <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</p> | |

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| | <p>matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Wanda Wheeler made a motion to adjourn the Open Session meeting. The motion was seconded by Selerya Moore. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| | <p><u>Public Comments:</u></p> <p>Ms. Margot Aronson made an inquiry about the CEU approval timeline and processes by the Board and suggested that the 90 day timeline to seek approval for a course being offered be reconsidered.</p> | |

The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2020.

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