

## BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

**October 26, 2020**

**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 October 2020**

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| <b>BOARD MEMBERS:</b> |   |         |
|                       | VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON                    | Present |
|                       | WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER                  | Present |
|                       | DANIELLE NELSON, LSGW, BOARD MEMBER                 | Present |
|                       | SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER                      | Present |
| <b>STAFF:</b>         |   |         |
|                       | AISHA NIXON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR                     | Present |
|                       | MAVIS AZARIAH ARMATTOE- HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST | Present |
|                       | AJAY GOHIL, ESQ.- ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL        | Present |
|                       | DEBBIE MOSS, INVESTIGATOR                           | Present |
|                       | ERIN DONNELLY, INTERN                               | Present |
| <b>VISITORS:</b>      | MR. STEVEN SZOPA LICSW, GWSCSW                      | Present |

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|            | <p><b><u>Roll Call</u></b><br/>Meeting called to order at 10.15AM and a quorum was established.</p>   | VS |
| OS-1026-01 | <p><b><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b><br/>Ms. Selerya Moore made a motion to accept the open session agenda. Seconded by Ms. Danielle Nelson.</p> <p>Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Danielle Nelson and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>   |    |
| OS-1026-02 | <p><b><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></b><br/>Ms. Nixon provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DC Health Processing Center is now open on Mondays and Wednesdays by appointments only.</li> <li>• Health Licensing Specialist for the Boards continue to work remotely.</li> <li>• Informed the Board about the DC COVID Alert Notice (DC CAN) which is the District’s exposure notification system to help the contact tracing efforts.<br/><a href="https://coronavirus.dc.gov/dccan">https://coronavirus.dc.gov/dccan</a></li> <li>• ASWB Annual Meeting of the Delegate Assembly is scheduled for November 13-20<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Licensure Census: Total of 5,171 active Social Workers: 1,442 LGSW, 3,618 LICSW, 46 LISW, and 65 LSWA.</li> <li>• Confirmed a quorum for the November meeting and the cancellation of the December meeting.</li> </ul> |    |
| OS-1026-03 | <p><b><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u></b><br/>None</p>   | VS |
| OS-1026-04 | <p><b><u>Board’s Attorney’s Report:</u></b><br/>Mr. Gohil advised the Board of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HORA revision project.</li> <li>• To review their scope of practice definition to update to reflect current national trends so it can be updated in the HORA,</li> <li>• He suggested the Board discuss and finalized their 2021 meeting dates at the next meeting.</li> <li>• Encouraged Board members to inform their colleagues about the opening on the Board.</li> </ul>  |    |

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| OS-1026-05 | <p><b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br/>Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the September 28, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b><br/>Ms. Wanda Wheeler made a motion to approve the September 28, 2020 Open session minutes. Seconded by Ms. Danielle Nelson.</p> <p>Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Danielle Nelson and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>  |  |
| OS-1026-06 | <p><b><u>Request for Supervised Practice for MSW Graduates</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br/>To discuss the possible implementation of a supervised practice form to allow MSW graduates to work under supervision while they wait to sit for the national examination.</p> <p><b><u>Background;</u></b><br/>During the September 28, 2020 meeting, Ms. Loretta Rodts from Community Connections addressed the Board and expressed the need for the Board to allow MSW graduates to work unlicensed under supervision. A number of community organizations have signed a letter in support of the implementation of a supervised practice letter by the Board of Social Work.</p> <p><b><u>Discussion:</u></b><br/>The Board discussed the following and had some questions that they want to do further research for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarity regarding what the implementation of a supervised practice form would entail.</li> <li>• Ask staff questions regarding possibly increased workload.</li> <li>• How would the implementation of the supervised practice form be monitored and tracked?</li> <li>• The need for the external stakeholders to have conversations with the test developer ASWB.</li> <li>• Does the exam pass rate increase with the use of supervised practice?</li> <li>• What role are employers willing to play?</li> </ul> |  |

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|            | <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b><br/>No formal motion made. This item tabled to the November Board meeting to have continued discussion with the external stakeholders.</p>  |  |
| OS-1026-07 | <p><b><u>Motion to Close</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br/>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><br/>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><br/>Ms. Danielle Nelson made a motion to approve the September open session minutes. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore.</p> <p>Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Danielle Nelson and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> |  |

The next meeting scheduled for **November 23, 2020** at 9AM.

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