

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

September 28, 2020

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

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."

OPEN SESSION AGENDA September 28, 2020

	<u>Roll Call</u>	VS
OS-0928-01	<u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u>	
OS-0928-02	<p><u>Hearing of Ms. Shavon Warrick LICSW</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> A Hearing Proceeding.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Ms. Warrick’s license has been summarily suspended since 1/18/2019. The Hearing notice was mailed and emailed to Ms. Warrick in March 2020 for a scheduled hearing in June 2020, but a response was never received.</p> <p>Another hearing notice was mailed out on 9/1/2020 and delivered on 9/5/2020 however, Ms. Warrick has not responded yet again to this notice.</p>	
OS-0928-03	<u>Executive Director’s Report:</u>	
OS-0928-04	<u>Chairperson’s Report:</u>	VS
OS-0928-05	<u>Board’s Attorney’s Report:</u>	
OS-0928-06	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the July 27, 2020 meeting.</p>	
OS-0928-07	<p><u>Qualification for LICSW</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To review the proposed regulatory changes regarding the supervised hours.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> A recent inquiry about this issue has resulted in this matter being back on the agenda for the Board to decide whether or not to stick to its previous interpretation or accept the proposed change by the sub-committee.</p> <p>The Board’ interpretation of the HORA had been for an LGSW to practice continuously between 2-4 years under supervision to qualify for approval to take the clinical exam. A sub-committee set up for regulations update had discussed this issue with the Board</p>	

	<p>and the following update was proposed but not finalized:</p> <p>7005 QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR LICENSED INDEPENDENT CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER</p> <p>7005.1 To qualify for a license to practice as a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW), an applicant shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Possess at least a Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree from a social work program accredited by CSWE; (b) Have taken and passed the Clinical Examination developed by ASWB; and (c) Have accrued at least three thousand (3,000) hours of post-graduate clinical practice experience meeting the requirements of § 7007.2 under the supervision of an independent clinical social worker over a period of not less than two (2) or more than six (6) years, provided that at least five hundred (500) hours of the practice experience were accrued during the twelve (12)-month period prior to the date of the application, and provided further that the Board may extend the maximum time period for the accrual of the supervised practice by up to twenty-four (24) months based on demonstrated extenuating circumstances. 	
OS-0921-08	<p><u>TELEHEALTH</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To review the current telehealth guidelines as it relates to scope of practice, waiver of in person CE requirements and supervision of LGSWs and LSWAs and determine whether to adopt as emergency and proposed rule-making.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> In March of 2020, The Mayor and Director of the Health Department issued a Telehealth Waiver for Health Care Professionals in good standing with another state or jurisdiction permission to provide telehealth services to residents residing in the District of Columbia due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic social distancing efforts of reducing the spread of the virus.</p>	

	<p>During the April 2020 board meeting, the Board voted to have the attorney draft policy guidance on waiver of in person CE Tele-supervision and tele-practice for the SW Board. Senior leadership has requested that all policies that make changes to the current regulations be done through emergency/proposed rulemaking.</p> <p>The Board’s possible options are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take out the in-person requirements entirely. • Not take out the in-person requirements but leave room for them to suspend the in-person requirement under certain circumstances (limiting emergency situations or allowing the Board to use their discretion). 	
OS-0928-09	<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>	
OS-0928-10	<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>	

The next meeting is scheduled for **October 26, 2020.**

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