

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

September 26, 2022

10.00 AM to 2:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

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Board of Social Work - Open Session

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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 September 2022

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	MARJAN SHALLAL, LGSW, BOARD MEMBER	Present
	SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Present
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
	ANTHEA ISAACS, DETAILED STAFF	Absent
	AMANDA ATTIYA, POLICY ANALYST	Present
VISITORS:	STEVE SZOPA, LICSW, GWSCSW	
	GINA SANGSTER, LICSW	
	MARGOT ARONSON, GWSCSW	
	LORETTA RODTS, LICSW	
	KAREN GUILLORY, LICSW	

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	<p><u>Roll Call</u> Meeting called to order at 10:15AM and a quorum was established.</p>	VS
OS-0926-01	<p><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda:</u> <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to accept the September 26, 2022, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore. <u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0926-02	<p><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt the Director of DC Health stepped down from her position at the end of July and Dr. Sharon Lewis as been appointed as her replacement. • Practice under the licensure waiver ends on August 10, 2022, and there will be no extensions. Licensees who have been practicing under the waiver must ensure to be licensed in DC by this date or cease to practice. • The COVID Vaccine requirement is still a requirement for licensure or renewal of a license in the District. • Licensure Census: Total of 5,864 active Social Workers: 1,512 LGSW, 4251 LICSW, 44 LISW, and 57 LSWA • There are limited staffing with all Boards and applicants are encouraged to be patient with the Board on processing of applications as well as advised to ensure that supporting documents are submitted timely and to the appropriate Board email address to ensure timely processing of applications. Supporting documents must be emailed and not mailed to ensure timely processing of applications. • The Social Work Board has a vacancy currently for the LSWA slot that the MOTA is actively trying to fill. <p>Legislative Reports: Council Recess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council returned from their two-month summer recess on September 16. • Behavioral Health Scholarship: Last month, Councilmember Robert White introduced the Pathways 	

	<p>to Behavioral Health Degrees Act of 2022. This legislation would provide funding for District residents with bachelor’s degrees to pursue behavioral health masters degrees such as a Master of Social Work at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC). Funding would cover tuition, books, a monthly stipend for living expenses and transportation, and fees associated with obtaining licensure. Upon obtaining licensure, participants in the program are required to work in a behavioral health profession in the District for two years.</p>	
OS-0926-03	<p><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u> None</p>	VS
OS-0926-04	<p><u>Boards Attorney’s Report:</u> An amendment to the HIV/AIDS Data Privacy Protection and Health Occupation Revision Clarification Amendment Act of 2022 restores the ability of Health Occupations Boards to consider convictions of applicants and those licensed, certified, or registered by a Health Occupations Board; (this effectively repeals the portion of the Removing Barriers to Occupational Licensing Act which precluded Boards from considering any convictions that were not directly related to the duties of the particular health occupation for which they were applying.) Thus, if the Board Attorney reviews a CBC for an applicant that she truly believes is of concern, she can once again send it before the Board for review prior to licensure, if necessary.</p>	
OS-0926-05	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the July 25, 2022, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to approve the July 25, 2022 with corrections Open Session Minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-0926-06	<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 September 2022 Open Session Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0926-07	<p><u>Meeting Dates for 2023</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Board to approve the proposed meeting dates for 2023</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The DC SW Board meets the 4th Monday of every month. Based on that schedule the proposed Board meeting dates for the year 2023 are as follows: January 23- Virtual February 27-Virtual March 27-Virtual April 24-Virtual May 22-In Person June 26- In Person July 24-In Person August-Summer Break September 25-Virtual October 23-Virtual</p>	

	<p>November 27-Virtual December-Break for the Holidays</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Wanda Wheeler to approve the proposed schedule for Board meeting dates for the year 2023. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously</p>	
OS-0926-08	<p><u>Concerns from the Coalition of DC health/ behavioral health/homeless service providers.</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> None</p> <p><u>Background:</u> A Coalition of DC health/behavioral service providers have requested to discuss with the Board their concerns about the ASWB Exam testing rates. Mr. Mike Massey will be addressing the Board on this matter.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No Motions were made on this item</p>	
OS-0926-09	<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> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to close the Open Session</p>	

	<p>portion of the meeting at 11:20AM. Seconded by Ms. Wanda Wheeler.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Wanda Wheeler, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
	<p><u>Open Session Board FYI only</u></p>	
OS-0926-10	<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>	

The next meeting is scheduled for **October 24, 2022.**

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