

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

September 27, 2021

10.00 AM to 2:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Virtual Meeting Notice

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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 July 2021

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| BOARD MEMBERS: | | |
| | VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, CHAIRPERSON | Present |
| | WANDA WHEELER, LICSW, BOARD MEMBER | Absent |
| | MARJAN SHALLAL, LGSW, BOARD MEMBER | Present |
| | SELERYA MOORE, CONSUMER MEMBER | Present |
| STAFF: | | |
| | LATRICE HERNDON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | Present |
| | MAVIS AZARIAH ARMATTOE- HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST | Present |
| | DEBBIE MOSS, INVESTIGATOR | Present |
| | JOANNE DROZDOSKI, ESQ.- ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL | Present |
| | GREGORY SCURLOCK, COMPLIANCE OFFICER | Present |
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| VISITORS: | | |
| | MARGOT ARONSON, LICSW, GWSCSW | |
| | STEVE SZOPA, GWSCSW | |
| | ADELE NATTER, GWSCSW | |
| | TAWANA LEE, LGSW | |
| | DEBRA RIGGS, NASW | |
| | KAREN GUILLORY | |
| | DR. BRANDY NICOLE BROOKS, CFSA | |

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| | <p><u>Roll Call</u> Meeting called to order at 10:02AM and a quorum was established.</p> | VS |
| OS-0927-01 | <p><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Marjan Shallal to accept the September 27, 2021 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Selerya Moore.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-0927-02 | <p><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. LaTrice Herndon introduced herself to the Board as the new Executive Director for the Social work Board and 6 other Allied and Behavioral Health Boards. She has an extensive background in Audiology and is a native Washingtonian. • DC Health staff back to in person work for 3 days in a week and two days of telework since July 12. • The Mayor’s public health emergency order ended on 7/25/2021. The District is currently in a Public Emergency status which ends on October 8, 2021. • The waiver for licensure under the public health emergency order has expired and the 60-day grace period ended on 9/23/2021. • There is a new mayoral order that allows out of state licensees to practice under their license in the District at a DC Health licensed facility or via telehealth to existing clients who are DC residents however must submit a DC License application within 10 days of starting to practice in the District. • Board meeting will remain virtual through to the end of the year. Boards will decide next year which months to meet in person. • There is a COVID Vaccine verification required to be submitted by all Healthcare Facility professionals by 9/30/2021. Exemptions to the requirements must also filed by the deadline of 9/30/2021. • All Licensed health professionals in the District must | |

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| | <p>complete 2 contact hours in COVID Vaccine training by 9/30/2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ASWB Delegate Assembly is scheduled for November 19-20, 2021. Its going to be virtual and all Board members are encouraged to register to attend. • SW Renewals ended on 7/31/2021 the 60-day grace period ends this Thursday on 9/30/2021. • Licensure Census: Total of 4,994 active Social Workers: 1,293 LGSW, 3609 LICSW, 41 LISW, and 51 LSWA. | |
| OS-0927-03 | <p><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u> Ms. Spriggs encouraged all Board members to try to attend the Virtual ASWB Annual Delegate assembly scheduled for November 19-20.</p> | VS |
| OS-0927-04 | <p><u>Boards Attorney’s Report:</u> Ms. Drozdoski also reported on the extension of the waiver of licensure with the caveat of out of state licensees having submitted a DC license application by October 1, 2021.</p> | |
| OS-0927-05 | <p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the July 26, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to approve the July 26, 2021 Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-0927-06 | <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> | |

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| | <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to approve the Open Session Consent Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-0927-07 | <p><u>Status on Suspension of Face-to-Face CEs for Social Workers</u></p> <p><u>Board Action</u> Board to decide whether to extend the current suspension of In Person CEUs through the 2023 renewal.</p> <p><u>Background</u> In April 2020, the Board developed a policy guidance suspending the face-to-face CE requirements for Social Worker through the 2021 renewal due to the pandemic and the public health emergency that was in place. With the ending of the public health emergency and the deadline of the policy statement licensees have been enquiring if the current policy will be extended.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Selerya Moore to extend the suspension of in person CEU through to the July 2023 renewal. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-0927-08 | <p><u>Review – Draft Fall Board Announcement</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Review and discuss the draft announcement for licensees.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Board staff has drafted an announcement from the Board to licensees. The announcement would update licenses on all matters pertaining to the Board.</p> | |

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| | This matter was tabled. | |
| OS-0927-09 | <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 portion of the meeting at 10:56AM. Seconded by Ms. Marjan Shallal.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Velva Spriggs, Ms. Marjan Shallal and Ms. Selerya Moore voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| | <u>Open Session Board FYI only</u> | |

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| OS-0927-10 | <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-0927-11 | <p><u>DC Health Covid-19 Pandemic Health & Healthcare Recovery Report</u></p> <p><u>Background:</u> This report provides an assessment of the District’s current and emerging health needs while offering solutions for improving our health system in five domains: workforce, healthcare facilities, health information technology, health planning, and community health services.</p> | |
| OS-0927-12 | <p><u>Expiration of Licensure Waiver</u></p> <p><u>Background:</u> The licensure waiver expired on July 25, 2021. Out of state licensees using the waiver have 60-days from July 25, 2021 to finalize services with DC residents and/or become licensed in DC. At this time, the waiver has not been extended.</p> | |

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| OS-0927-13 | <p><u>COVID-19 Vaccines Continuing Education (CE) Requirement</u></p> <p><u>Background:</u> DC Health through emergency rulemaking, has now mandated that a person licensed to practice one of the identified professions must complete two (2) hours of continuing education on COVID-19 vaccines, including, but not limited to, COVID-19 vaccine safety, best practices for counseling patients about COVID-19 vaccines, and COVID-19 vaccine efficacy and effectiveness, on or before September 30, 2021. These hours of continuing education may be counted as hours required for public health priorities training hours or optional training hours where applicable.</p> | |
| OS-0927-14 | <p><u>COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement for Licensed Health Professionals and Unlicensed Healthcare Workers</u></p> <p><u>Background:</u> All licensed, certified, and registered health professionals and all unlicensed healthcare workers must fulfill the requirement to receive at least one dose of a COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer) or the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine no later than September 30, 2021. Failure to meet this requirement can result in disciplinary action including suspension and revocation of a health professional's license, certification, or registration.</p> | |

The next meeting is scheduled for **October 25, 2021.**

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