

**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
REGULATORY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, February 26, 2016**

The Regulatory Committee of the Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") convened at 11:04 a.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016, at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Bernadette Winters, Chair called the meeting to order.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jaime Clancey
Yvonne Haynes
Dolores Paulson
John Salay

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Georgen, Licensing Manager
Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Charlotte Lenart, Licensing Specialist
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Henkel, Director of Member Services, ASWB
Dwight Hymans, Executive Vice President, ASWB

EMERGENCY EGRESS:

Ms. Haynes announced the Emergency Egress Procedures.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Dr. Paulson moved to adopt agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Katie Hellebush of the National Association of Social Workers, Virginia Chapter provided public comment supporting mid-level licensure and said that careful research needs to be done to ensure that the practice of social work is not negatively impacted by the decision.

Joseph Lynch of the Virginia Society of Clinical Social Work provided public comment which summarized concerns for mid-level licensure and recommended that the Board make no changes in the regulations that would in any way diminish the license.

Brian Campbell, Senior Policy Analyst, Behavioral Health Integrated Care & Behavioral Services from the Department of Medical Assistance Services ("DMAS") presented information to the Board on the recent accomplishment of their Magellan Behavioral Service Administrator Contract and the Governor's Assistance Program and Community Mental Health Rehabilitation Services Changes. Mr. Campbell requested input from the Board as a stakeholder on the initiatives to better define licensed and unlicensed staff services. Ms. Hoyle stated that she will work as a liaison between the three Behavioral Sciences Boards and DMAS regarding a workforce team.

MID-LEVEL LICENSURE DISCUSSION

Ms. Haynes stated that the goal of the subcommittee was to provide recommendations to the full Regulatory Committee on mid-level licensure.

Ms. Haynes introduced Dwight Hymans, Executive Vice President of the Association of Social Work Board (“ASWB”) and asked him to provide information on the current initiatives of the ASWB. Mr. Hymans indicated that one of ASWB’s top initiatives is the mobility of licensure and to reduce barriers for licensure, protect the public and provide a better way to practice both nationally and internationally.

Following discussion, the subcommittee decided to initiate the possibility of mid-level licensure; however, the subcommittee determined the first step of the process was to provide a clear scope of practice of the mid-level licensure. The subcommittee agreed to bring the following points to the Regulatory Committee.

1. The Board should consider three levels of licensure.
 - a. BSW
 - b. MSW
 - c. Clinical
2. Determine and identify the scope of practice of BSW and MSW licensure.
 - a. Clearly define requirements for both licenses.
 - b. Areas of practice.
3. Board authority over registered supervisees.
 - a. Statutory change or regulation change.
4. Exemptions for licensure.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Yvonne Haynes, Chair

Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director