

**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012**

The Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") convened a Public Hearing at 9:54 a.m., on Monday, October 15, 2012, at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia on proposed amendments to the Regulations Governing the Practice of Social Work. Yvonne Haynes, Chair called the meeting to order.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Yvonne Haynes, LCSW, Chair, Regulatory Committee
Joseph Walsh, LCSW

STAFF PRESENT: Catherine Chappell, Executive Director
Sarah Georgen, Administrative Assistant
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debra Riggs, National Association of Social Workers – Virginia Chapter, stated that NASW-VA was in support of the proposed Regulation changes, as written.

Joseph Lynch, LCSW, CSOTP, Virginia Society for Clinical Social Work, stated that the Virginia Society for Clinical Social Work was in support of the proposed Regulation changes but requested that the term "resident," as introduced in the proposed changes to Regulation 18VAC140-20-110, be removed because it was not currently defined by the Virginia Board of Social Work. Mr. Lynch also asked for clarification of the required passing examination score on the Association of Social Work Boards national examination which varies between states.

Ms. Chappell asked Ms. Yeatts to explain the approval process of the proposed regulations if changes are proposed due to public comment. Ms. Yeatts stated that the Board has the option to amend the proposed regulations, which would need to be approved by the Governor before becoming effective.

Ms. Haynes announced that the deadline for submitting public comments was November 9, 2012 and indicated that the Board would consider all comments received before issuing final regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Yvonne Haynes, Chair

Catherine Chappell, Executive Director