

APPROVED
SUMMARY
HOUSE BILL 1146 COMMITTEE MEETING
THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2006

The House Bill 1146 Committee of the Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") convened at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 8, 2006 at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. David Boehm, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

David R. Boehm, Board Member
Charles R. Chambers, Jr., Board Member
Dolores S. Paulson, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Sandra Whitley Ryals, Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Arnice N. Covington, Administrative Assistant

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Frank R. Baskind
Donna DeAngelis
Leslie Herdegen
Lynette Isbell
Alice Kassabian
Paul McWhinney
Mark O'Shea
Debra Riggs
Susan C. Ward

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Ford

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kimberly Kuhn, President, Virginia NASW
David Bailey, Lobbyist for NASW

ORDERING OF AGENDA

Mr. Boehm opened the floor to any changes in the Order of the Agenda. The Agenda was accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Boehm opened the floor to comment from the public.

Kimberly Kuhn, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, President of NASW Virginia, and David Bailey, who represents NASW at the General Assembly, indicated they were interested in the work of the Committee.

Overview of Board of Social Work – Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

Ms. Brown, Executive Director of the Board of Social Work, gave an overview of the Board and the workings of the Board. She outlined the regulatory process and how long it takes to get regulations changed and the many stages required to make a regulatory change. She explained that the statutory amendment is more difficult and requires approval of the General Assembly.

Review of House Bill 1146 – David Boehm, Chair, Board of Social Work

Mr. Boehm reviewed HB 1146 with the Committee and noted that the Committee is charged with determining if current education and training requirements for social workers are adequate to assure the public of professional competency; and whether current exemptions from requirements for licensure best serve the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Presentation ASWB – Donna DeAngelis, Executive Director

Job Analysis

Ms. DeAngelis discussed the Job Analysis from the Association of Social Work Boards. She explained the process for arriving at the Job Analysis. Discussion followed.

Exam Content

Ms. DeAngelis reviewed the various examinations currently being offered in all states. She reviewed the examinations that Virginia offers and the licenses represented by the examinations. Discussion followed.

Focus Group: Scope of Social Work Practice

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the Scope of Social Work Practice, Debra Riggs moved to accept the definition from ASWB Model Law. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be March 16, 2007 at the Department of Health Professions beginning at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

David Boehm, Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director