

**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
MINUTES
FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2010**

The Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") meeting convened at 10:05 a.m. on Friday, July 16, 2010 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. David Boehm, Chair, called the meeting to order.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David Boehm
Charles R. Chambers, Jr.
Willie T. Greene, Sr.
Susan Horne-Quatannens
Wayne A. Martin
Catherine L. Moore
Francis N. Nelson, Jr.
Dolores S. Paulson
Patricia Smith-Solan

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Howard Casway, Sr. Assistant Attorney General
Catherine Chappell, Operations Manager
Sarah Georgen, Administrative Assistant
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Arne Owens, DHP Chief Deputy Director
Dianne Reynolds-Cane, DHP Director (present for part of the meeting)
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

ORDERING OF AGENDA

Mr. Boehm asked the Board members to introduce themselves to the new Director and Chief Deputy Director. He then opened the floor to any changes in the order of the Agenda. Ms. Brown asked that the Executive Director Report be moved to the beginning of the agenda to accommodate Dr. Reynolds-Cane's need to be present at another meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Introduction of Director and Chief Deputy. Evelyn Brown introduced Dr. Dianne Reynolds-Cane, Director, Department of Health Professions and Mr. Arne Owens, Chief Deputy Director, and provided a brief summary of Dr. Reynolds-Cane's work as Medical Director of the Daily Planet, a federally qualified health center serving the homeless in Richmond. Ms. Brown noted that among other appointments, Dr. Reynolds-Cane had been a member of the Board of Medicine and had served as President of the Board.

Mr. Owens served as Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services under Governor Gilmore and most recently served in the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services as Deputy Administrator.

Dr. Reynolds-Cane commented that she was pleased to be appointed to the Department of Health Professions and appreciated the hard work of the Board.

Staffing Update. Ms. Brown advised that the behavioral sciences unit continues to be short staffed due to the resignation of a staff member. She advised that Catherine Chappell has assumed responsibility as Operations Manager for the three behavioral sciences boards and will continue to provide support to the Board and supervise licensure staff to insure that the work of the Board continues in an efficient manner.

Virginia Wounded Warrior Program. Ms. Brown presented information on the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) and explained her personal interest in the program that arose following her email exchange with a clinical psychology resident serving in Afghanistan. She learned of the problem that many returning veterans experience with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and that many veterans do not seek help because of the stigma associated with seeking therapy and the belief that civilian clinicians do not understand the military culture.

Ms. Brown advised that VWWP staff, in conjunction with Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), had developed a training program on Combat-Related PTSD Assessment and Training for veterans, families, and clinicians. She asked that the Board of Social Work support and promote these training sessions. Additionally, because the Department of Health Professions maintains a database of licensees, the licensees could be informed about the training through email and/or by posting the information on the Boards' webpages. Dr. Reynolds-Cane and Mr. Owens support VWWP's efforts.

The Board responded that the VWWP initiative was needed to train clinicians to treat combat veterans with PTSD and offered their full support to the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Smith-Solan moved to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2010 Board meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Owen thanked the Board for their continued support and commented that he and Dr. Reynolds-Cane were learning about the issues throughout the Agency. He commented that he was aware of the current staff challenges affecting the behavioral sciences boards and that action was being taken to address the staff shortage. He advised that the Director's office was open to suggestions and recommendations from board members.

With respect to appointments and reappointments, Mr. Owen advised that information on board membership was expected in July or August, and that board members would continue to serve until the Governor made new appointments.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Boehm commented that he had completed his second term on the Board of Health Professions (BHP). The BHP continues to consider the creation of a new "Allied Health Professions Board" in a move to certify and/or license emerging allied health professions, including surgical assistants and medication aides.

REGULATORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Martin reported that the Regulatory Committee met earlier that day and considered the Board's guidance documents posted on the Board's website. He advised that the Committee recommended the following:

1. Revisit at a future date Guidance Document 140-1, with respect to the use of confidential consent agreements.
2. Remove Guidance Documents 140-2.1 and 140-2.2 and note in the listing that the documents are in revision.
3. Delete Guidance Documents 140-3.1 and 140-3.2, with respect to the release of records.
4. Revise Guidance Document 140-4.2 to delete the note at the end of the document.

The motion was seconded and adopted.

Mr. Martin advised that the Regulatory Committee would be reviewing continuing education requirements at the next meeting on October 15, 2010 at 9 a.m.

He commented that a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) would be published on August 2, 2010 regarding recommended changes to the licensing process. The NOIRA to consider possible fee increases and change in renewal cycle was at the Secretary's office. Final regulations to specify coursework required to satisfy a "clinical course of study" were in the Secretary's office, waiting approval.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ms. Moore and Mr. Greene proposed the following slate of officers for consideration:

Chair: Wayne Martin
Vice-Chair: Frank Nelson

The motion was seconded and carried. The change in officers would occur at the conclusion of the meeting.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Boehm thanked the panel that participated in the formal hearing in June and advised that the respondent had been placed on probation and ordered to have a practice supervisor oversee her forensic evaluations. The Order was entered on July 7th and was available for viewing on the Board's website.

Since the last board meeting, no informal conferences have been held. Presently there were 12 cases under investigation by the Enforcement Division, with no cases at board level for probable cause review. Two cases were at Administrative Proceedings. Four cases will be scheduled for informal conferences. One consent order would be considered in closed session at the end of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

ASWB Fall Meeting. Ms. Brown advised that the ASWB Fall Meeting was scheduled for November 11-13 in New Orleans. While board member travel is limited, travel expenses for the Fall Meeting are paid by the ASWB for one (1) member to attend. Mr. Martin asked that interested board members contact him for further information.

Request for Alternative Arrangement for Supervised Experience Hours. Mr. Martin advised that he had been contacted about a social worker who was unable to obtain 15 hours per week in face-to-face client contact hours in the delivery of clinical social work services per Regulation 18VAC140-20-50 and sought an alternative, flexible arrangement. The Board agreed that the requirement of 15 hours per week in direct service was not a new requirement and the intent was to provide the trainee with vigorous training.

Mr. Casway reminded board members that they speak as one board and should not discuss matters relating to disciplinary matters or engage in interpretation of regulations. Any questions that may be posed to them should be referred to board staff.

Ms. Brown advised that the social worker could submit a "Petition for Rulemaking" with a request for regulatory change.

Correspondence to VCU Social Work Dean. Mr. Boehm asked Ms. Brown to draft a letter to James Hinterlong, PhD, the new dean at VCU's School of Social Work.

Family and Children Trust Fund. Mr. Boehm presented a report from the Family and Children Trust Fund for Board information.

Transition of Chair. Ms. Horne-Quatannens thanked David Boehm for his service as Chair. Mr. Boehm congratulated Mr. Martin on his election as Chair.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CLOSED MEETING – CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT ORDER

Ms. Smith-Solan moved that the Board of Social Work convene in closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia in order to consult with legal counsel on a consent order. She further moved that Howard Casway, Evelyn Brown, Patricia Larimer, Catherine Chappell, and Sarah Georgen attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and they would aid the panel in its consideration of the matter. The motion was seconded and carried.

RECONVENE

Ms. Smith-Solan moved to certify that only those public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act and only matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Horne-Quatannens moved that the Board accept the consent order for Terrance Mayes, LCSW. The motion was seconded and carried.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Martin announced that the next board meeting would be held on Friday, October 15, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., following the Regulatory Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

David Boehm, LCSW

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director