

**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
MINUTES
Friday, February 3, 2017**

The Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") meeting convened at 10:14 a.m. on Friday, February 3, 2017 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Yvonne Haynes, Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Canek Aguirre
Angelia Allen
Jamie Clancey, L.C.S.W.
Maria Eugenia del Villar, L.C.S.W.
Yvonne Haynes, L.C.S.W.
Dolores Paulson, L.C.S.W., Ph.D.
Gloria Manns, L.C.S.W.
John Salay, L.C.S.W.
Joseph Walsh, L.C.S.W., Ph.D.

DHP STAFF PRESENT: David Brown, D.C., DHP Director
Sarah Georgen, Licensing Manager
Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Sr. Policy Analyst

BOARD COUNSEL: Carrie Mitchell

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Haynes called the meeting to order.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:

Ms. Haynes requested a roll call. Ms. Georgen announced that eight members of the Board were present; therefore, a quorum was established.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Ms. Haynes read the mission statement of the Department of Health Professions, which was also the mission statement of the Board.

EMERGENCY EGRESS:

Ms. Haynes announced the Emergency Egress Procedures.

WELCOME OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Haynes welcomed Mr. Aguirre to the Board.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Upon a motion by Ms. Clancey which was properly seconded, the agenda was accepted as amended. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Lynch provided written public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2016:

Upon a motion by Dr. Walsh which was properly seconded, the meeting minutes from October 14, 2016 were approved as written.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Brown welcomed the new Board members. He provided feedback noting that the Board Member Training held in October 2016 was successful. The training included topics on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), investigative procedures and experiences, the agency and its responsibilities, and the legislative/regulatory process.

Dr. Brown provided an account of the General Assembly that was in session and reminded the Board that Governor McAuliffe issued a news release regarding Virginia's opioid abuse crisis and announced that guidelines were being developed to help with the front end of the abuse.

REGULATORY/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Upon a motion by Dr. Walsh which was properly seconded, the board accepted the adoption of the recommended final regulations and regulatory review changes. The motion passed.

Upon a motion by Dr. Walsh which was properly seconded, the board accepted the adoption of the proposed regulations to include psychosocial interventions in the definition of "clinical social work services" and to revise the requirements for reactivation and reinstatement as outlined in attachment #A. The motion passed.

Ms. Hoyle announced that the fast-track regulations adopted by the Board will be effective March 9, 2017.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Haynes provided an overview of the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) 2016 annual meeting of the delegate assembly.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Hoyle provided a report on staffing. She noted that since the last meeting the Board of Social Work hired a temporary employee to assist with board responsibilities.

Ms. Hoyle stated that she was pleased to attend the ASWB 2016 annual meeting of the delegate assembly with Ms. Haynes and stated that it was important for Virginia to attend the meeting to ensure a voice for Virginia is represented.

Ms. Hoyle reported that the financial report distributed in the agenda packet shows a deficit of funds for the Board, however, noted that the upcoming renewal fee change effective with the 2017 renewal period will help with the deficit amount.

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Ms. Lang provided an overview of the disciplinary process.

Ms. Lang noted that the quarterly reporting statistics from the last quarter were included in the agenda packet, but also reported the statistics of Quarter 2 were released shortly before the meeting. Ms. Lang noted that the Board closed 17 cases last quarter, but 70 cases remain open, with 12 new cases in investigation.

Ms. Lang reported that the Special Conference Committee heard cases on October 28, 2016.

LICENSING MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Georgen reported that the 2017 Quarter 1 statistics were included in the agenda packet, but also reported the statistics of Quarter 2 were released shortly before the meeting. Ms. Georgen noted that the Board regulated 9,144 licensees.

Ms. Georgen reported that the agency satisfaction survey reported a 100% satisfaction rate for the last quarter.

Ms. Georgen announced that the ASWB was offering their New Board Member Training for 2017 and that interested board members that have not participated in the past were welcome to join the ASWB for their training. Ms. Georgen noted that travel expenses for the ASWB meetings are fully funded by the ASWB, but must be approved by the Secretary of Health and Human services due to state travel requirements.

Ms. Georgen also noted that the Board was going green beginning with the 2018 renewal period. She announced that paper renewal notices will no longer be mailed by the Board. She noted that email notices will be sent to all licensees at least 45 days prior to the renewal deadline and reminded all licensees to ensure that their email and mailing addresses were up-to-date with the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Regulatory/Legislative Committee Report

Dr. Walsh reported that the Committee met the day before the Board meeting and discussed the NOIRA regarding “clinical social work services,” reinstatement and reactivation requirements and scope of practice for mid-level licensure.

Dr. Walsh reported positive movement for mid-level licensure and noted that there was full public support to move forward with mid-level licensure as a regulatory approach instead of by legislative means. Ms. Yeatts noted that she would follow-up with the Attorney General’s office.

Dr. Walsh announced that the next scheduled regulatory committee meeting would take place on March 30, 2017.

Credentials Committee Report

Mr. Salay noted that there was nothing to report.

Special Conference Committee Report

Ms. Haynes noted that there was nothing to report.

Board of Health Professions Report

Ms. Haynes reported that her report and draft meeting minutes of the Board of Health Professions was included in the agenda packet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the CSWE Candidacy Status and upon a recommendation by Ms. Mitchell, the Attorney General’s Office must determine if this can be accepted. She asked that staff follow up with James Rutkowski, the Board’s counsel.

Ms. Lang provided an overview of the recommended by-laws revisions. Following several changes and recommendations by the Board, Ms. Lang agreed to provide the Board with the suggested revisions prior to the next board meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

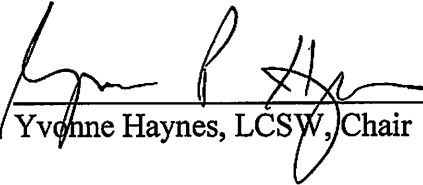
Ms. Haynes announced that the next regularly scheduled full Board meeting would occur on May 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.



Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director



Yvonne Haynes, LCSW, Chair