

**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES
Friday, March 3, 2017**

The stakeholder meeting of the Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") meeting convened at 10:07 a.m. on Friday, March 3, 2017 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director, called the meeting to order.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Walsh, L.C.S.W., Ph.D.

DHP STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Georgen, Licensing Manager
Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Sr. Policy Analyst

BOARD COUNSEL: James Rutkowski

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Fitzgerald, NASW-VA
Joseph Lynch, Virginia Society for Clinical Social Work
Debra Riggs, NASW-VA

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Hoyle called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to create consensus between Social Work stakeholders regarding mid-level licensure.

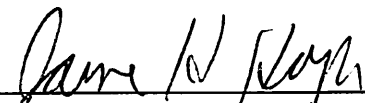
MID-LEVEL LICENSURE DISCUSSION:

Ms. Hoyle stated that, following discussion with Board Counsel, moving forward with mid-level licensure would require a legislative process through the General Assembly and could not be completed only through the Regulations Governing the Practice of Social Work.

Ms. Yeatts provided draft legislation for the stakeholders to consider. The participants reviewed the draft language and, after discussion, proposed amendments (see attachment #A) to the draft language for the Regulatory Committee to consider.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director