

**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 6, 2018**

The Regulatory Committee of the Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") convened a meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia, in Board Room 3.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Joseph Walsh, L.C.S.W., Ph.D., Committee Chair

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Hayter, L.C.S.W., C.S.A.C.
Dolores Paulson, L.C.S.W., Ph.D.
John Salay, L.C.S.W.
Gloria Manns, L.C.S.W. (*arrived at 1:13pm*)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Maria Eugenia del Villar, L.C.S.W.

STAFF PRESENT: Latasha Austin, Licensing Manager
Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst, DHP

IN THE AUDIENCE: Joseph G. Lynch, L.C.S.W.

CALL TO ORDER:
Dr. Walsh called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:
Dr. Walsh requested a roll call. Ms. Austin announced that four members of the Committee were present; therefore, a quorum was established.

MISSION STATEMENT:
Dr. Walsh read the mission statement of the Department of Health Professions, which was also the mission statement of the Board.

EMERGENCY EGRESS:
Dr. Walsh announced the Emergency Egress procedures.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
With no changes to the agenda, Dr. Walsh proceeded with the agenda as received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Upon a motion by Dr. Paulson, which was properly seconded by Mr. Hayter, the meeting minutes from the Regulatory Committee Meeting held on February 1, 2018 were approved as written. The motion passed unanimously with none abstaining. Mr. Salay suggested that the Committee re-visit criminal background checks for Social Work applicants at a later meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Guidance Document 140-3: The Committee discussed Guidance Document 140-3. The Committee proposed the following amendments to the document:

1. Under Recommendations by the Board, bullet 3, change the wording from “the advantages and drawbacks of non-face-to face interactions” to “**the advantages and drawbacks of technology-assisted social work practice**”.
2. Under Recommendations by the Board, bullet 3, deleting the second sentence that reads: “**Traditional, face-to-face, in-person contact remains the preferred service delivery modality**”.
3. Under Recommendations by the Board, bullet 6, change the wording from “states prohibit” to “**states generally**”.
4. Under Recommendations by the Board, bullet 7, change the sentence from “Social Workers must follow the same code of ethics for technology-assisted therapy as they do in a traditional social work setting” to “**Social Workers must follow the same standards of practice for technology-assisted social work practice as they do in traditional social work setting**”.
5. Adding **Recommended Reference** to the document.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hayter, which was properly seconded by Dr. Paulson, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board to adopt the above proposed amendments to Guidance Document 140-3.

Upon a motion by Mr. Salay, which was properly seconded by Ms. Manns, Mr. Salay recommended that the Committee add to the list of regulatory changes to better define “face-to-face”.

Continuing Education for Supervisors: The Committee discussed the continuing education requirements for supervisors as outlined in 18VAC140-20-50 (B)(2) of the Virginia Regulations Governing the Practice of Social Work.

Upon a motion by Dr. Paulson, which was properly seconded by Mr. Salay, the Committee voted to recommend to the Board to amend the continuing education hours for supervisors from 14 hours of continuing education to 12 hours of continuing education and to delete from 18VAC140-20-50 (B)(2) the last sentence that reads: “The graduate course or hours of continuing education in supervision shall be obtained by a supervisor within five years immediately preceding registration of supervision”. The motion passed with one opposed.

Supervisor Directory: The Committee discussed options for a supervisor directory for the Board of Social Work.

Upon a motion by Mr. Salay, which was properly seconded by Dr. Paulson, Mr. Salay recommended that Board staff create a supervisory directory.

Resident License: The Committee discussed the need for creating a resident license for supervisees in Social Work. The Committee did not see the need for a license of this type at this time. No motions were made regarding this topic.

NEXT MEETING:

Dr. Walsh announced that the next Regulatory Committee meeting would occur on March 14, 2019 at 1:00pm.


ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Walsh adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.



Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director

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Joseph Walsh, L.C.S.W., Ph.D., Committee Chair