<u>APPROVED</u> VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK MINUTES INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2004

TIME & PLACE:	The Informal Conference Committee convened at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 2, 2004, at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Fifth Floor, Richmond, Virginia.
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Sharon C. Ekleberry, LCSW, Chair Fredrick D. Weston, LCSW
STAFF PRESENT:	Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director Patricia Larimer, Senior Adjudication Analyst Arnice Covington, Administrative Assistant Ann Tiller, Compliance Manager Peggy Call, Senior Compliance Investigator
OTHERS PRESENT: CONFERENCE	Amelia L. Bland, Attorney Joseph Lynch Michael Perkins Brandon Perkins Robert Maitland Richard George
SCHEDULED:	DAVID R. BOEHM, LCSW

Mr. Boehm appeared before the Informal Conference Committee on Friday, April 2, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. to review allegations that he may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of social work in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Chair recognized Mr. Boehm and Ms. Bland and invited their comments regarding the allegations. Mr. Boehm made an opening statement.

Mr. Weston moved that the Committee convene in a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel. Mr. Weston further moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer and Ms. Covington attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its consideration of the matter.

The Committee reconvened in open session.

Mr. Weston moved that the Informal Conference Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom on Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried.

Comments were received from the following visitors: Michael Perkins Brandon Perkins Joseph Lynch

Mr. Weston moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* for the <u>purpose of deliberation</u> to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Boehm regarding the allegations outlined in the Notice of Hearing. Additionally, Mr. Weston moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer and Ms. Covington attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The Committee reconvened in open session.

Mr. Weston moved that the Informal Conference Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom on Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried.

ACTION:

The Committee concluded that Mr. Boehm did not violate any statutes governing the practice of social work in Virginia and voted to exonerate him and close the case.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Conference was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Sharon C. Ekleberry, LCSW

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director Board of Social Work