

APPROVED
SUMMARY

HOUSE BILL 1146 COMMITTEE MEETING
THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007

The House Bill 1146 Committee of the Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") convened at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 22, 2007 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. David Boehm, Chair, called the meeting to order.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

David R. Boehm, Board Member
Charles R. Chambers, Jr., Board Member
Dolores S. Paulson, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Arnice N. Covington, Administrative Assistant

COMMITTEE MEMBER

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Susan Ward, Virginia Hospital and Healthcare
Association
Debra Riggs, National Association Social Work

ORDERING OF AGENDA

Mr. Boehm opened the floor to any changes in the Order of the Agenda. The Agenda was accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment from the public.

Chair's Overview of Process and Progress of HB 1146 Study - David Boehm

Mr. Boehm, Chair of the Board of Social Work, gave an update from the previous meetings regarding the status of the business of the Committee. He stated that the Committee is defining "people" and not functions. Mr. Boehm stated that the Committee will make a report to the Board at the January 11, 2007 meeting.

General Discussion

Mr. Boehm indicated that the study needed to focus on the assignment by the Virginia General Assembly to determine (i) if current education and training requirements for social workers are adequate to assure the public of professional competency and (ii) whether current exemptions from the requirements for licensure best serve the citizens of the Commonwealth.

The Committee will summarize the study outlining HB 1146; background of the legislation; the definition of clinical social work; the history of social work licensure; practice of social work and knowledge, skills and abilities; education; and the public comment. The Committee also discussed certification.

The Committee's Report will go to the Board for review and vote. The Board report would then go to the Board of Health Professions for approval, then to the Director of the Department of Health Professions, and then to the Governor.

Ms. Brown will draft an Introduction and contact Ms. Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst, for assistance.

Ms. Brown will write the history of social work licensure and the background of the legislation.

Mr. Chambers will review all comments, both public and written. He will write a synopsis for the next Committee Meeting.

Ms. Paulson will continue her work on the definition of "clinical social worker."

There was discussion regarding four (4) titles of licensure that ASWB uses, but does not necessarily recommend, and adding the titles to the report but not necessarily recommending using all of them.

Discussion ensued regarding change of job titles in the Community Service Board's and other state and federal agencies and the Committee felt that positions would not be diminished by changing the job title from "social worker."

All reports are to be submitted to staff by December 1st for the next meeting December 14, 2007 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

David Boehm, Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director