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THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
MINUTES
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2007

The Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 5, 2007 at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. David Boehm, Chair, called the meeting to order.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David R. Boehm
Charles R. Chambers, Jr.
Willie T. Greene, Sr.
Sandra Horne-Quatannens
Wayne A. Martin
Francis N. Nelson, Jr.
Dolores S. Paulson
Jill Smeltzer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Catherine L. Moore

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra Whitley Ryals, Director
Howard Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Arnice N. Covington, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Benjamin Foster
Mark O'Shea, LCSW

ORDERING OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Boehm opened the floor to comment from the public. Benjamin Foster, former Deputy Executive Director, came to say goodbye and thanked the Board for his association with the members and the opportunity to work with them. Mark O'Shea, Virginia Society of Clinical Social Workers, noted that he was in attendance to hear the update of HB 1146.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A correction was noted on Dolores Paulson's name which will be made to the Minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Martin to accept the minutes of October 13, 2006. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Sandra Whitley Ryals

Ms. Ryals reviewed the Agency Performance Measures Report which outlines how the Agency has performed in a number of categories and the expectations for the future. Currently the Agency is performing well.

Ms. Ryals gave an update on the Agency revenue and expenditures. She announced that the Agency would be moving around August 1, 2007 to a building with other state agencies.

CHAIR'S REPORT – David Boehm

Mr. Boehm reported on the ASWB Meeting held in Maryland in November 2006. He noted that there were changes on the Board of Directors. He reviewed information regarding the passing scores on examinations and which schools' graduates scored higher. Mr. Boehm requested that the April 20, 2007 Agenda include inviting representatives from the four (4) Virginia schools that offer a Master of Social Work. He also discussed adding the names of the Virginia schools to the Board's website.

Mr. Boehm gave an update on the House Bill 1146 Work Group Meeting that was held December 8, 2006. Mr. Chambers reviewed the timetable for the Work Group. Mr. Boehm stated that the Committee adopted the ASWB Model Law Definition. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2007.

Mr. Boehm attended the Board of Health Professions meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia in conjunction with the Citizen's Advocacy Center Meeting on October 17, 2006. He reported that the BHP Board discussed the possibility of performing criminal background checks for licensure applicants in the future. The next Board of Health Professions meeting will be held January 18, 2007.

Discipline Committee

Mr. Boehm reported that the Board currently has 17 complaints in Investigation. There are four (4) cases at Board Level. No Informals have been held since the last Board Meeting (October 13, 2006).

REPORTS:

Executive Director's Report – Evelyn Brown

Ms. Brown reported that the Association of Social Work Boards would have New Board Training Meetings in March and June and the Board plans to send two (2) Board members to each meeting. Also the ASWB Spring Meeting will be held in Mobile, Alabama in April.

Ms. Brown reported that she would be holding interviews for the Deputy position vacated by Benjamin Foster on January 10 and 11, 2007.

Regulatory Committee Update – Wayne Martin and Elaine Yeatts

Ms. Yeatts was at the General Assembly and Ms. Brown reported that the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) adopted at the July 14, 2006 meeting had been submitted for review. Upon receipt of approval a Notice of Public Comment will be mailed to participants of the Public Participations Guidelines listing. This Notice of Intended Regulatory Action is the first step in amending current regulations pertaining to standards of practice, supervision, and examinations.

The next meeting of the Regulatory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2007 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Boehm requested that the April 20, 2007 Agenda include inviting representatives from the four (4) Virginia schools that offer a Master of Social Work. He also discussed adding the names of the Virginia schools to the Board's website.

Mr. Boehm noted that examination pass/fail score information should be accessible to the public so that students can make an informed decision about the graduate program they plan to attend.

Mr. Casway agreed to do a Power Point Presentation regarding Informal Conferences at the next Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Brown reminded the Board that travel vouchers must be submitted within 30 days in order to be reimbursed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

David Boehm, Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director