

**A P P R O V E D**  
**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK**  
**MINUTES**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2007**

The Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 20, 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  
Catherine L. Moore  
Francis N. Nelson, Jr.  
Dolores S. Paulson  
Jill Smeltzer

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Howard Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director  
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director  
Arnice N. Covington, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Debra Riggs, NASW, Virginia Chapter  
Mark O'Shea, LCSW, Virginia Society of Clinical  
Social Workers  
Marsha Harrigan, VCU  
Sunny Harris Rome, GMU  
Halaevalu Vakalahi, GMU  
Jo Braddico, Radford University

**ORDERING OF AGENDA**

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

## **WELCOME REPRESENTATIVES OF VIRGINIA SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK (Master's Program)**

Mr. Boehm welcomed representatives of the Master's Programs of Virginia Social Work Schools. Ms. Brown advised that Marvin Feit from Norfolk State University was invited but she had not received a response from him.

## **PUBLICATION OF EXAMINATION SCORES**

Mr. Boehm outlined the Association of Social Work Boards' examination score history. Mr. Boehm opened a discussion with the representatives of the schools that were represented and asked their opinions regarding publishing the overall examination scores on the website of the Board of Social Work. He explained that examination scores are usually available March of each year for the previous year. National examination pass/fail rates are available. The representatives felt that it was a good tool for recruiting for the social work programs. They also felt that it would be good for students considering a school to have as much information as possible to assist in the decision.

The representatives also thanked the Board for inviting them to the meeting and seeking their input regarding reporting the scores on the Board's website.

## **UPDATE OF HOUSE BILL 1146**

Mr. Boehm gave an update on the House Bill 1146 Work Group Meeting that was held March 16, 2007. Mr. Boehm reviewed the Revised Time Table. He further noted that the Board plans to have a response to the General Assembly for the 2009 Session.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Boehm opened the floor to comment from the public.

Mark O'Shea, Virginia Society of Clinical Social Workers, noted that he was in attendance to hear the update of HB 1146. He was also interested in the discussion regarding the Standards of Practice, Professional Conduct and dual relationships.

Debra Riggs, Virginia Chapter, National Association of Social Workers, asked the Board to consider a regulatory change regarding continuing education requirements for licensed social workers. Currently requirements are the same for licensed clinical social workers and licensed social workers who are required to complete 30 hours per biennial licensure period. Ms. Riggs noted that there are not that many courses available to licensed social workers. Mr. Boehm said that would be added to our future list for regulatory change.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Martin to accept the minutes of January 5, 2007. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT – David Boehm**

### Board of Health Professions

Mr. Boehm reported that the Board of Health Professions met January 18, 2007. One of the issues currently being considered is the possibility of performing criminal background checks for licensure applicants in the future. He stated that many Boards in other states are already requiring background checks. The Board will continue this discussion at future meetings.

The BHP is also discussing current requirements for continued competency. AARP has recommended re-testing licensees as a measure of competency. Discussions will continue.

The next Board of Health Professions meeting will be July 31, 2007.

### Discipline Committee Report

Mr. Boehm reported that the Board currently has 19 complaints in Investigation. There are two (2) cases at Board Level. One (1) Informal has been held since the January 5, 2007 Board Meeting.

### Regulatory Committee Report Update – Wayne Martin and Elaine Yeatts

Ms. Yeatts gave an overview of the Regulatory process. She reviewed Executive Order 36 and the Administrative Process Act that was included in the Board package. She also reviewed the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA).

In reviewing the Public Participation Guidelines Ms. Yeatts advised that the Board would need to adopt Regulations for the Public Participation guidelines. A motion was made by Mr. Martin to adopt the Public Participation Guidelines. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Martin reported that the Regulatory Committee met on Thursday, April 19, 2007 to review proposed changes to the Board's current Regulations. Ms. Yeatts reviewed the proposed changes that were recommended by the Regulatory Committee. Following the review, on behalf of the Regulatory Committee Mr. Martin moved to adopt the Proposed Regulations Governing the Practice of Social Work. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Ms. Horne-Quantannens moved that the Regulatory Committee consider a change regarding continuing education requirements for licensed social workers. Currently requirements are the same for licensed clinical social workers and licensed social workers who are required to complete 30 hours per biennial licensure period. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Ms. Yeatts gave the Board a 2007 Legislative Update on laws of interest to the Department becoming effective July 1, 2007.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Executive Director's Report – Evelyn Brown**

Ms. Brown introduced Patricia Larimer, the new Deputy Executive Director for the Board. Ms Larimer replaces Benjamin Foster.

Ms. Brown noted that renewal of licenses will be taking place June 30, 2007 with 30 hours of continuing education required. The audit will take place after the move.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **New Board Member Training Meeting – Dolores Paulson/Willie Greene**

Both Ms. Paulson and Mr. Greene reported on the New Board Member Training Meeting in Northern Virginia. Both felt they learned a great deal and recommended the training for all new Board Members.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Brown reported that the Agency will be moving to the new location sometime in August 2007. No firm date has yet been established.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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David Boehm, Chair

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Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director