

Virginia Board of Social Work Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes Friday, December 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233 Board Room 4

PRESIDING OFFICERS: Canek Aguirre, Citizen Member, Board Chairperson (left the meeting at 10:56am)

Jamie Clancey, MSW, LCSW, Board Vice-Chairperson

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Angelia Allen, Citizen Member (arrived at 10:25 am)

Eboni Bugg, MSW, LCSW Elke Cox, MSW, LCSW

Gloria Manns, MSW, LCSW (arrived at 10:10am)

Denise Purgold, MSW, LCSW (virtually-via webex from Henrico, VA - Ms. Purgold was

not in physical attendance due to health reasons) Sherwood Randolph, MSW, LCSW

Teresa Reynolds, MSW, LCSW (left meeting at 1:52pm)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Latasha Austin, Licensing & Operations Manager (virtually- via webex)

Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director Sharniece Vaughan, Licensing Specialist

DHP STAFF PRESENT: Erin Barrett, JD, Senior Policy Analyst, Department of Health Professions

James Jenkins, Agency Deputy Director, Department of Health Professions

Arne Owens, Agency Director, Department of Health Professions

**BOARD COUNSEL PRESENT:** James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

**PRESENTATION SPEAKERS:** Dr. Stacy Hardy-Chandler, CEO, ASWB (virtually-via webex)

Lavina Harless, LCSW, Senior Director of Examination Services, ASWB (via

webex)

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Shenita Williams

Deneen Evans, PhD, LCSW

Sue Rowland Kevin Holder Denise Konrad

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Aguirre called the Board Meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT

OF A QUORUM:

An introduction was done of all Board members and staff. Seven members of the Board were present at roll call (6 in person and 1 virtual); therefore, a quorum

was established.

MISSION STATEMENT: Ms. Hoyle read the mission statement of the Department of Health Professions,

which was also the mission statement of the Board.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion: Ms. Clancey made a motion, which Ms. Cox properly seconded, to

adopt the agenda as edited to move presentation after public comment. The

motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was provided.

#### PRESENTATION:

# Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Examination Presentation The ASWB provided a virtual PowerPoint presentation on the overview of the examination item development process and answered questions from Board members.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The meeting minutes from the Board Meeting held on September 23, 2022, were approved as presented.

The Board took a break at 11:23am. The meeting reconvened at 11:30am.

#### **AGENCY REPORT:**

Mr. Jenkins provided an agency report on behalf of Mr. Owens. As the new Agency Director and new Agency Deputy Director, Mr. Jenkins provided some background on Mr. Owens and himself. Mr. Jenkins thanked the Board for the hard work they are doing and appreciation of work they are doing.

## LEGISLATION & REGULATORY REPORT:

#### • Chart of Regulatory Actions

Ms. Barrett reviewed with the Board the current Social Work Regulatory Actions that are underway. The chart was excluded from the Agenda Packet, so a copy was provided to everyone at the meeting. (See Attachment 1)

The requirement for an initial supervisor contract as well as the requirement to apply for an addition or a change to supervision. The need for the supervisor contract needs further discussion.

**Motion:** Ms. Clancey made a motion, which was properly seconded, to withdraw NOIRA and reconsider it at the next regulatory meeting.

#### • Consideration of Amendments to Guidance Document 140-3

The Board reviewed and discussed the recommended changes to Guidance Document 140-3 regarding Guidance on Technology-Assisted Therapy and the Use of Social Media. A copy of the recommended changes was included in the agenda packet.

**Motion:** Ms. Manns made a motion, which was properly seconded to adopt the amendments to Guidance Document 140-3. The motion passed unanimously.

#### • Consideration of Amendments to Guidance Document 140-5

The Board reviewed and discussed the recommendation to repeal Guidance Document 140-5 regarding possible disciplinary actions for non-compliance with continuing education requirements. The Department of Health Professions adopted Guidance Document 76-10.01, which applies to all Boards. Individual Board guidance documents on this topic are no longer necessary. A copy of both Guidance Documents was included in the agenda packet.

**Motion:** Mr. Randolph made a motion, which was properly seconded to repeal Guidance Document 140-5. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Conversion therapy 140-12

The Board reviewed and discussed the recommendation to repeal Guidance Document 140-12 regarding Guidance on the Practice of Conversion Therapy.

This Guidance Document, which states that certain conversion therapy practices may violate Board unprofessional conduct regulations, is outdated with the codification of Virginia Code 54.1-2409.5 in 2020. The language in this Guidance Document related to unprofessional conduct is no longer accurate or needed. A copy of the Guidance Document and Code were included in the agenda packet.

**Motion:** Ms. Reynolds made a motion, which was properly seconded to repeal Guidance Document 140-5. The motion passed unanimously.

#### • Propose Regulatory Amendments following Periodic Review

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft amendments to 18VAC140-20 following periodic review. No public comments were received. A copy of the draft amendments was included in the agenda packet.

**Motion:** Ms. Manns made a motion, which was properly seconded to adopt the proposed regulations following periodic review of Chapter 20. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board took a break at 12:31pm. The meeting reconvened at 12:43pm.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Hoyle reported on the finances for the Board of Social Work. A copy of the financial report given was included in the agenda packet.

Ms. Hoyle also informed the Board that if any Board member is interested in joining the Regulatory Committee or Nominating Committee to let her know. Ms. Hoyle also reported on the last ASWB meeting she attended.

#### DISCIPLINE REPORT:

Ms. Hoyle reported on the disciplinary statistics for the Board of Social Work from September 1, 2022, through November 11, 2022. A copy of the report was included in the agenda packet.

#### LICENSING REPORT:

Ms. Vaughan reported on the satisfaction survey results for the Board of Social Work for the 2023 1st Quarter and the licensure statistics for the Board from July 2022- November 2022. A copy of the report given was included in the agenda packet.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Discussion of Association of Social Work (ASWB) Examination Data
The Board reviewed and discussed the ASWB Examination Pass Rate Data.
Before the next meeting, Mr. Randolph will work with Mr. Aguirre to form an Ad Hoc Committee to determine what if anything is currently being done to address these issues and identify what further role the Board should take to ensure competency and fairness.

Ms. Revnolds left the meeting at 1:52pm

#### **RECOMMENDED DECISIONS:**

RESPONDENT: Kathryn Webb, LCSW

Case No.: 183074

Registration #: 0904008604

CLOSED MEETING: Upon a motion by Ms. Allen, and duly seconded by Ms. Clancey, the Board voted to convene in Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia to discuss the recommended decision of the Agency Subordinate. It was further moved that James Rutkowski, Jaime Hoyle, Latasha Austin, and Sharniece Vaughan attend the Closed Meeting because their

presence is deemed necessary and will aid the Board in its deliberations.

**RECONVENE**: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, the Board reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:** Upon a motion by Mr. Randolph, and duly seconded by Ms. Clancey, the Board voted to modify the recommendation and recommended that the license of Kathryn Webb, LCSW be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING DATES:** 

Ms. Hoyle announced that the next Regulatory Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2023, and the next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 10, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 

Ms. Clancey adjourned the December 9, 2022, Board meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Canek Aguirre, Citizen Member, Chair

Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director

## Board of Social Work Current Regulatory Actions

VAC	Stage	Subject Matter	Date submitted*	Office; Time in office	Notes
18VAC140-20	NOIRA	Amendments resulting from 2022 periodic review	6/7/2022		Comment period ended 10/26/2022; at Board for consideration of proposed regulations
18VAC140-20	Final	Reduction in CE hours for continuation of approval to be a supervisor	6/3/2022	HHR; 169 days	
18VAC140-20	Fast- Track	Regulatory reduction 2022	9/26/2022	DPB; 32 days	DPB has issues with this submission – will provide additional information
18VAC140-30	Proposed	Initial regulations for licensure of music therapists	1/19/2022	HHR; 210 days	

<sup>\*</sup> Date submitted to current location