

A P P R O V E D
THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
MINUTES
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2005

The Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") meeting was convened at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2005 at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. Valerie Carter-Williams, Chair, called the meeting to order.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Valerie Carter-Williams
David R. Boehm
William T. Greene, Sr.
Wayne A. Martin
Catherine L. Moore
Jill Smeltzer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Nandini N. Assar

STAFF PRESENT:

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Benjamin Foster, Deputy Executive Director
Arnice N. Covington, Administrative Assistant
James Banning, Director, APD
Grant Kronenberg – Adjudication Specialist, APD

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Kubat, (VSCSW)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Ms. Carter-Williams, Chair of the Board, introduced Catherine Moore, LCSW, new member, from Richmond.

ORDERING OF AGENDA:

Ms. Carter-Williams opened the floor to any changes in the agenda order. The agenda was accepted as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Carter-Williams opened the floor to comment from the public. There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Boehm and properly seconded by Ms. Smeltzer to accept the minutes of April 1, 2005. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin and properly seconded by Mr. Greene to accept the minutes of May 18, 2005. The motion carried.

AGENCY SUBORDINATE RECOMMENDATIONS – David Boehm

Mr. Boehm gave an overview regarding procedure for the two continuing education cases for consideration by the Board. Mr. Boehm recused himself from additional discussion about recommendations before the Board regarding two (2) continuing education cases.

Mr. Kronenberg and Mr. Banning explained the process of the agency subordinate informal conference and the parameters in which an agency subordinate serves.

Mr. Martin advised the Board that Stanley Furer called him and discussed certain issues regarding Mr. Furer's information that would come before the Board. Following discussion, the Board determined that Mr. Martin should not participate in the discussion or decision regarding Mr. Furer. Mr. Martin recused himself from the executive session and voting for the case regarding Mr. Furer.

Following discussion a motion was made by Mr. Greene and properly seconded that the Board of Social Work convene in Closed Meeting pursuant to Sections 2.2.3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation regarding the Consent Order of Mr. Furer. Mr. Greene further moved that Evelyn Brown, Benjamin Foster, and Arnice Covington remain in the Closed Meeting to aid the Board in its consideration of the matters before the Board.

A motion was made by Ms. Smeltzer and properly seconded that, the Board heard, discussed or considered only those public matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements by Virginia law and those matters as were identified in the motion for the Closed Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Greene and properly seconded that the Board accept the recommendation of the Agency Subordinate regarding Mr. Furer.

Following discussion a motion was made by Mr. Greene and properly seconded that the Board of Social Work convene in Closed Meeting pursuant to Sections 2.2.3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* for the purpose of deliberation regarding the recommendation of the Agency subordinate regarding Betty Getgood. Mr. Greene further moved that Evelyn Brown, Benjamin Foster, and Arnice Covington remain in the Closed Meeting to aid the Board in its consideration of the matters before the Board.

A motion was made by Ms. Smeltzer and properly seconded that, the Board heard, discussed or considered only those public matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements by Virginia law and those matters as were identified in the motion for the Closed Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Greene and properly seconded that the Board accept the recommendation of the Agency Subordinate regarding Ms. Getgood.

REPORTS:

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Brown discussed the Registration of Supervision of some trainees who have set up their own businesses and are under the supervision of an off-site supervisor. Following discussion a motion was made by Mr. Boehm and properly seconded to refer the matter to the Regulatory Committee.

Regulatory Report – David Boehm and Benjamin Foster

Mr. Foster reported that the Board had two Notices of Intended Regulatory Action currently in progress. The first pertained to "Standards of Practice." The Board is currently accepting public comment through September 22, 2005. At this time no comments have been received.

The second pertained to "Examination Requirements" that would allow applicants for licensure as social workers to take the licensure application upon completion of the education requirement and prior to completion of the residency requirements. The Board is currently accepting public comment through September 22, 2005. Comment has been received from three licensees regarding this action, the comments were provided to the Board for informational purposes. Once the comment period ends, all comments will be provided to the Board for review and a formal response.

Board of Health Professions – David Boehm

Mr. Boehm reported that the Board of Nursing Home Administrators has changed its name to the Board of Long Term Care Administrators. The Board of Health Professions is currently reviewing issues regarding telemedicine and within the next year all boards of the agency will be contacted regarding "tele-health."

Discipline Committee – Valerie Carter-Williams

Ms. Carter-Williams reported that the Board currently has 17 complaints in Investigation. There are eight (8) cases at Board Level. Two (2) Informals have been held since last Board Meeting (April 19, 2005).

NEW BUSINESS:

Formal Hearing – Ms. Brown

Ms. Brown advised that the Board would hold a formal hearing at the Board Offices on Thursday, December 1. In order to convene the hearing four (4) members are required. More information will be provided at a later date.

Committee Assignments – Ms. Carter-Williams

Continuing Education – Catherine Moore, Chair and Nandini Assar

Discipline – Valerie Carter-Williams, Chair; David Boehm, Wayne Martin and Catherine Moore

Regulatory – Wayne Martin, Chair; Willie Greene and Jill Smeltzer

Newsletter – Nandini Assar and board staff

Calendar for 2006 – Ms. Carter-Williams

The Board will have a business meeting at 9:30 a.m. on December 1, 2005 prior the Formal Hearing.

The Board will meet on the following dates in 2006:

April 7, July 14 and October 13.

New Board Member Training – October 27, 2005

Ms. Brown advised that any Board Member who had not previously attended training is welcome to do so.

ASWB Annual Meeting – November 4-6, 2005, Dearborn, MI

Ms. Carter-Williams will be the delegate from the Board and attend the meeting in Michigan.

Executive Order 97 Signed by the Governor

Ms. Brown advised that the Governor signed Executive Order 97 for temporary licenses to qualified individuals displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Temporary licenses will be issued for six months without paying an initial fee. The licenses will expire in six months unless the licensee chooses to renew for an additional six months. Following expiration of the 12 months a licensee will be required to pay the licensure fee and become licensed through the process set forth in regulations. All requests will be handled on an individual basis.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Valerie Carter-Williams, Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director