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HOUSE BILL 1146 AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING
THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2007

The House Bill 1146 Ad Hoc Committee of the Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") convened at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2007 at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. David Boehm, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

David R. Boehm, Board Member
Dolores S. Paulson, Board Member

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

Charles R. Chambers, Jr., Board Member

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Debra Riggs, Executive Director, National
Association of Social Workers – Virginia
Chapter
Mark O’Shea, Virginia Society of Clinical
Social Workers

ORDERING OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Boehm announced that no comment would be taken from the public, as announced in the meeting notice.

Chair’s Overview of the Progress of HB 1146 - David Boehm

Mr. Boehm discussed the previous meetings of HB 1146 and Ad Hoc Committee proposed recommendations to the Board.

Following discussion regarding time constraints on Staff with license renewal and the Agency move, the Committee determined that a Revised Timetable would be presented to the Board at the April 20, 2007 Board Meeting. The proposed timetable will be:

HOUSE BILL 1146 WORK GROUP

TIMETABLE

July 14, 2006	- Review of Work plan by Board
September 1, 2006	- Request for Comment on Issues Addressed in Legislation
October 12, 2006	- Receive Oral Comment
November 1, 2006	- Written Comment Deadline
December 8, 2006	- Focus Group Meeting
January- - 2007	- Job Analysis of information received
April- - 2007	- Report to the Board on Preliminary Findings and Work Plan
October 12, 2007	- HB 1146 Report to the Board
November 2007	- Deadline for Public Comment
December 2007	- Deadline for Written Comment
January 2008	- Board Review of HB 1146 Report
March 2008	- Report Submitted to the Director Sandra Ryals
May/June 2008	- Report Submitted by Director Ryals to General Assembly

DEFINITIONS

The Committee moved to present the following definitions to the Board at the April 20, 2007 Board Meeting for consideration to become the definitions in the Board's Proposed Regulations.

Definition of Social Worker

Individual who has graduated from a School of Social Work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education with a Bachelor's or Master's Degree.

Definition of Clinical Social Worker

Individual who has graduated from a School of Social Work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education with a Master's Degree and is professionally qualified to practice at an autonomous level.

Practice of Social Work

Social Work is the *basic generalist* application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, ethics and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations and communities.

Practice of Clinical Social Work

Clinical Social Work is the *clinical* application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, ethics and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations and communities. The practice of clinical social work requires the application of specialized clinical knowledge and advanced clinical skills *in the areas of assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders, conditions and addictions.*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

David Boehm, Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director