**899 North Capitol St. NE – 2nd**Floor**.**

**Washington, dc 20002**

**January 27, 2014**

**9.30am -2.00pm**

Meeting Minutes

**BOSW Mission Statement:**

“To provide oversight to licensed professionals and ensure the health and safety of citizens and visitors in the District of Columbia through the provision of health care services.”

BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

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| BOARD MEMBERS: |  |  |
|  | cathleen gray, phd, licsw chair | Present |
|  | Velva spriggs, lisw, VICE CHAIR | Absent |
|  | anneselee, lgsw | Present |
|  | faith bonner, lswa | Present |
|  | michelle rose, consumer member | Absent |
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| STAFF: | Robin Jenkins–Executive Director |  |
|  | Fatima Abby – health licensing specialist |  |
|  | Deb Moss – Investigator |  |
|  | Timothy Handy – supervisory investigator |  |
|  | Diane Moorer – IT Support |  |
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| LEGAL STAFF: | Carla Williams, esq. – assistant Attorney General |  |
| VISITORS | Margo Aronson, LICSW- Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work, GWSCSW |  |
|  | Michael Francum, Executive Director, DC Chapter of National Association of Social Workers (NASW) |  |
|  | Alison Fellowes Comly, LICSW |  |
|  | James S. Aist, Esquire |  |

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OPEN SESSION: Call to Order:9:30am

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|  | **Senior Deputy Director’s Report**  **There was no report from the Senior Deputy Director.** |  |
|  | **Executive Director’s Report:**  **Ms. Robin Jenkins informed the Board about the HPLA Senior Deputy Director, Dr. Rikin S. Mehta, PharmD, JD.** | RJ |
|  | **Chairperson’s Report:**  **There was no report from the Chairperson.** | CG |
| 0127-01 | **MINUTES**  Consideration of the Open Session Minutes of October 28, 2013 meeting.  **Ms. Anne Selee motioned for the open session minutes to be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.** | ALL |
| 0127-02 | **Human Service Worker Draft Bill.**  **Board Action: The Board comprised a sub committee to review the comments received and give recommendations to the Board regarding the Bill.**  **Tabled for the next Board meeting.**  **Background:**The SW Board is proposing that Human Service Workers be registered in the District of Columbia. At the April 2013 Board meeting representatives from DMH, APRA, DDS amongst other DC agencies met with the Board to discuss the proposed bill. The Board requested the agencies to send in marked up versions of the bill with their comments for consideration. The Comments received from the agencies varied but most were focused on the education component and supervision. A subcommittee comprised of the Executive Director, attorney and 2 Board members will review the comments to make recommendations to the Board. | ALL |
| 0127-03 | **Discussion on Clinical Case Management**  **The Board reviewed the draft policy or guidance statement on the proposed requirements for clinical experience. The Board also reviewed the requirements from MD and VA.**  **Dr. Cathleen Gray, Chairperson, stated that VA Board only speaks about the hours and supervisions. Their regulations do not specifically state what kinds of tasks qualify the social worker to obtain the LICSW. Dr. Gray stated that Maryland Board has more detailed requirements for requirements.**  **Ms. Faith Bonner, Board Member, voted to accept the clinical case management policy statement. The motion was passed unanimously.**  **Background:** The DC Social Work regulations do not specifically identify what tasks qualify the social worker to obtain the LICSW. The critical language of the regulations is “diagnosis” and “treatment”. Many states do not count case management as valid for the advanced clinical licensure. The District is therefore looking at ways to clarify the law and rules. A working committee was set up to look at what aspects of case management may qualify as clinical work. | ALL |
|  | **Comments from the Public**  **Ms. Margo Aronson, LICSW, commented that the policy and stated that VA Board is currently working on drafting a policy for guidance.** |  |

**TO BE READ BY THE CHAIRPERSON PRIOR AT THE END OF THE PUBLIC SESSION.**

**This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting, and pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b), and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting.**

The Open Session Board meeting ended at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Next Board meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2014 at 9.30am.