



Government of the District of Columbia
Department of Health
Board of Social Work



899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2NDFLOOR.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002

January 26, 2015

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.”



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BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	CATHLEEN GRAY, PHD, LICSW CHAIR	Present
	ANNE SELEE, LGSW	Present
	FAITH BONNER, LSWA	Present
	MICHELLE ROSE, CONSUMER MEMBER	Present After 12 noon
	VELVA SPRIGGS, LISW, VICE CHAIR	Present
STAFF:	ROBIN JENKINS–EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
	MAVIS AZARIAH– HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	
	DEB MOSS – INVESTIGATOR	
	TIMOTHY HANDY – SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR	
	DIANE MOORER – IT SUPPORT	
LEGAL STAFF:	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ESQ. – ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	
VISITORS:	MICHAEL FRANCOM EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE NASW DC METRO CHAPTER DENISE CAPACI, DIRECTOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES LUIS VASQUEZ, DIRECTOR HOMELESS & HOUSING SERVICES, CATHOLIC CHARITIES MICHELLE SPARKS, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES CATHOLIC CHARITIES LEAH ROBERTS, LICSW DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES KNOLLWOOD SKILLED NURSING FACILITY.	

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OPEN SESSION: Call to Order: 9:40am

	<p><u>Executive Director's Report:</u> Ms. Robin Jenkins that the Mayor's new Office of Talents and Appointments (MOTA) will appoint and recruits mayoral executives as well as board and commission members. Steven Walker is the director of the office. She reported that the Department of Health also has a new director, Dr. Laquanda Nesbitt.</p> <p>Finally, she reported that the Mayor's office received a letter from the Director of the DC Behavioral Health Association, Ms. Shannon Hall reporting that the DC Social Work Board is issuing too many fines against unlicensed personnel and that the Human Service Worker Bill would negatively impact their operations because of the proposed credentials that may be required. The complaint was also sent to Suzanne Fenzel of the Department of Behavioral Health. Ms. Jenkins sent both Ms. Hall and Fenzel invitations to attend the January meeting and never received a response. Ms. Fenzel did send a response noting her positive and cooperative interactions with the Board of SW. Ms. Fenzel reported that the Deputy Mayor for Human Services wanted updates on the Board of SW's plans regarding human service worker legislative proposals.</p>	RJ
	<p><u>Chairperson's Report:</u> Dr. Cathy Gray gave an update of upcoming conferences and enquired if the Department of Health would sponsor Board members to attend. The First is the Digital Revolution in Social Work: Ethical Challenges by The Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work and Dr. Reamer on March 8 in Chevy Chase, Maryland and the ASWB Education meeting in Seattle, Washington on April30-May2. Ms. Jenkins will submit requests for Board member attendance. The Board was also advised of the Upcoming ASWB Board member training scheduled for March 13-15 in Miami, Florida and also in washington DC on June 26-28.</p>	CG
	<p><u>Board's Attorney's Report:</u> None</p>	
0126-01	<p><u>MINUTES</u> The Board approved the minutes from the November 2014 meeting.</p>	



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0126-02	<u>Human Service Worker Draft Bill</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board approved the recommendations of the subcommittee on the human services worker proposed language. The Board also requested that a letter to be set to the director of Department of Behavioral Health, Mr. Baron, responding to his letter to the Board regarding DBH's concerns about the human services worker proposed language.	
0126-03	<u>Discussion on Case Management requirements for Clinical Licensure.</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board voted to adopt the proposed guidelines and requirements for clinical case management to be incorporated to the SW regulations.	
0126-04	<u>Comments from the Public</u> Mr. Michael Francum, Executive Director NASW DC Metro Chapter commented on the new SW Clinical Exam scheduled to begin in July 2015 which will have a focus on the DSM 5. His members are concerned about their non-usage of DSM 5 and want to know if they will be allowed to take the examination prior to meeting the 24 month post MSW clinical work experience requirement. The Board requested that Ms. Jenkins survey other licensure boards to find out their position on this matter and report back to this board. The Board also requested that the staff to send an email blast to licensees regarding changes in the Clinical examination starting July 2015.	

The Open Session Board meeting ended at 10.47am. The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2015.