THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
REGULATORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
Friday, December 4, 2015

The Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") meeting convened at 2:05 p.m. on Friday, December 04, 2015 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Bernadette Winters, Regulatory Committee Chair called the meeting to order.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Angelia Allen
Jamie Clancey, L.C.S.W.
Yvonne Haynes, L.C.S.W.
Dolores Paulson, L.C.S.W., Ph.D.
John Salay, L.C.S.W.
Joseph Walsh, L.C.S.W., Ph.D.
Bernadette Winters, L.C.S.W., Ph.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kristi Wooten

DHP STAFF PRESENT: Christy Evans, Discipline Case Specialist
Sarah Georgen, Licensing Manager
Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

MISSION STATEMENT:

Dr. Winters read the mission statement of the Department of Health Professions, which was also the mission statement of the Board.

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Winters requested a roll call. Ms. Georgen announced that seven members of the Board were present; therefore a quorum was established.

EMERGENCY EGRESS:

Dr. Winters announced the Emergency Egress procedures.

ADOPTIONS OF AGENDA:

Dr. Winters suggested that the Committee first discuss clinical social work services followed by mid-level licensure. The agenda was accepted as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Debra Riggs of the National Association of Social Workers, Virginia Chapter provided written public comment.

Joseph Lynch of the Virginia Society of Clinical Social Work provided written public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Dr. Walsh, which was properly seconded, the meeting minutes from June 19, 2015 were approved as written.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dr. Walsh and Mr. Salay provided reports on psychotherapy, as requested at the last Committee meeting. The Committee discussed psychotherapy as it related to the Regulations Governing the Practice of Social Work.

Dr. Paulson made a motion, which was properly seconded, to create a subcommittee to review the research of psychotherapy and present the findings to the Regulatory Committee with a recommendation. The motion failed with two in favor, and five opposed.

Upon further discussion by the Board, Mr. Salay made a motion, which was properly seconded, to recommend to the full board a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action ("NOIRA") to amend and broaden the current definition of clinical social work services such as the addition of psychosocial interventions. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee discussed mid-level licensure to determine if a separation of requirements was necessary of the Licensed Social Worker license. Ms. Hoyle announced that staff has been working with the Attorney General's office regarding registration of supervision credentials and the board's authority to issue registration of supervision in lieu of mid-level licensure. Ms. Hoyle announced that having the ability to make registrations of supervision public, and having the ability to discipline supervisees, could address some of the issues sought to be remedied through mid-level licensure.

The Committee determined that a subcommittee would be created to discuss mid-level licensure further and provide a report to the Committee at its next meeting. Dr. Winters appointed Mr. Salay, Dr. Paulson, Ms. Haynes and Ms. Clancey to the subcommittee. Mr. Salay requested that board staff provide information in writing from board counsel of how the registration credential would apply to matters of the board.

Dr. Winters opened the floor to discussion of continuing education carry-over hours. Ms. Yeatts reminded the Committee of the proposed regulations set to become effective at the end of 2015 that would change the timeframe of having to report continuing education to even years for annual renewals. The Committee considered the matter resolved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Winters opened the floor for brief discussion of the requirements for reinstatement or reactivation as it related to the public comment received. Dr. Winters suggested tabling the discussion, as well as "clinical social work services – mental health skill building" until the next Regulatory Committee meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

Dr. Winters announced that the next regularly scheduled full Board meeting would occur on February 26, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion by Dr. Paulson which was properly seconded, the December 04, 2015 meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m. The motion passed.

Bernadette Winters, L.C.S.W., Committee Chair

Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director