

**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

MINUTES

Friday, July 18, 2008

The Regulatory Committee of the Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") convened at 9:10 a.m. on Friday, July 18, 2008 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Wayne Martin called the meeting to order.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Charles R. Chambers, Jr.
Willie T. Greene, Sr.
Susan Horne-Quatannens
Wayne Martin

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
ABSENT:**

Jill Smeltzer

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

David Boehm, Chair, Board of Social Work
Dolores Paulson
Francis Nelson

STAFF PRESENT:

Emily Wingfield, Chief Deputy Director
Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Catherine Chappell, Administrative Assistant
Howard Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT:

Debra Riggs, NASW-VA
Mark O'Shea, LCSW, Virginia Society of Clinical
Social Workers

ORDERING OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Horne-Quatannens moved that the minutes from the April 11, 2008 Regulatory Committee be approved as corrected. The motion was seconded and carried.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR “CLINICAL COURSE OF STUDY”

Ms. Yeatts referred the Committee to the public comments received with respect to the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action to clarify “Clinical Course of Study”. She noted that the Board’s recently adopted guidance document could be used to draft proposed regulatory changes in that regard.

Debra Riggs, spoke on behalf of NASW-VA, and asked that the Board clarify the course work requirements with respect to Bachelor’s of Social Work graduates who pursue Master’s of Social Work (MSW) degrees as advanced standing students.

To address her concerns, discussion followed regarding the removal of references to Advanced Year and clarification of the necessary coursework for clinical concentration to distinguish that coursework from non-clinical courses.

In response to other public comment received, the Committee agreed, with Ms. Horne-Quatannens dissenting, to remove the requirement of a specific course relating to ethics since it was generally agreed that such topic was infused throughout the MSW curriculum.

Mr. Boehm moved that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt revisions to the guidance document. The motion was seconded and carried.

REVIEW AND RESPOND TO PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

Ms. Brown referred the Committee to the petition for rulemaking submitted by Mary Jaquelin Simon, MSW, in which she asked the Board to clarify the requirements for face-to-face client contact for the supervised experience.

Ms. Brown stated that the Board had previously addressed this concern and had drafted fast-tracked regulations in this regard.

Mr. Boehm moved that the Committee recommend that the Board deny the petition and draft a letter to Ms. Simon explaining that changes to the supervision requirements were recently adopted.

UPDATE ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS

- Continuing Education Reduction for LSW’s. Mr. Martin stated that the fast-tracked regulations to reduce continuing education requirements for LSW’s continue to move forward.
- Experience and Exam Requirements. Ms. Brown noted that the fast-tracked regulations to amend the experience and examination requirements for LCSW’s

were moving forward as well. The Committee discussed the implementation of these changes, noting that such changes would apply to applications received after the effective date. Applications currently in process would continue under the previous regulations.

- Requirement for Exam, Supervision, and Practice Standards. Mr. Martin noted that the proposed regulations for exam, supervision and practice standards were currently under the Governor's review.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee agreed to meet on Friday morning, October 3, 2008, prior to the next Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Regulatory Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Wayne Martin, Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director