

**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, February 26, 2016**

The Regulatory Committee of the Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") convened at 1:38 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016, at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Bernadette Winters, Chair called the meeting to order.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jaime Clancy, 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

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Georgen, Licensing Manager
Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Charlotte Lenart, Licensing Specialist
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Henkel, Director of Member Services, Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)
Dwight Hymans, Executive Vice President, Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:

With six members of the Committee present, a quorum was established.

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

EMERGENCY EGRESS:

Dr. Winters announced the Emergency Egress Procedures.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was accepted as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joseph Lynch of the Virginia Society of Clinical Social Work provided public comment which summarized concerns for mid-level licensure and recommended that the Board make no changes in the regulations that would in any way diminish the licenses.

Debra Riggs, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, Virginia Chapter provided written public comment in support of multitier licensure.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dr. Walsh motioned that the minutes from December 4, 2015 meetings minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ms. Haynes reported that the subcommittee met prior to the full Regulatory Committee meeting and recommends the following topics of discussion regarding mid-level licensure:

1. The Board should consider three levels of licensure.
 - a. BSW
 - b. MSW
 - c. Clinical
2. Determine and identify the scope of practice of BSW and MSW licensure.
 - a. Clearly define requirements for both licenses.
 - b. Areas of practice.
3. Board authority over registered supervisees.
 - a. Statutory change or regulation change.
4. Exemptions for licensure.

After discussion by the Committee, Ms. Clancey made a motion which was properly seconded, to recommend that the Board consider beginning the process of multitier licensure and assigning the Regulatory Committee the authority to define the scope of practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Ronnie Zuessman, Supervisor of the Prince William County Community Services Board provided comment for consideration regarding “mental health skill building” and requested feedback. The Committee determined that mental health skill building alone does not constitute “clinical social work services” as it does not have diagnostic responsibility; therefore Ms. Haynes suggested that board staff contact Mr. Zuessman and refer him to the definition of clinical social work services in the Regulations and in Guidance Document 140-10.

Dr. Paulson made a motion, which was properly seconded, to update Regulations 18VAC140-20-110(B)(3) and 18VAC140-20-110(C)(3) to require that a minimum of one hour of face-to-face supervision must be provided per 40 hours of work experience at the appropriate level of licensure for which the applicant is applying. The motion carried with one member in opposition (Mr. Salay), who expressed concerns about the clarity of the wording.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was not new business.

NEXT MEETING:

Dr. Winters scheduled the next Regulatory Committee meeting for Friday, April 29, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.



Bernadette Winters, Chair


Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director