

**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 2, 2017**

The Regulatory Committee of the Virginia Board of Social Work ("Board") convened at 1:05 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2017, at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Joseph Walsh, Chair, called the meeting to order.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Maria Eugenia del Villar, L.C.S.W.
Gloria Manns, L.C.S.W.
John Salay, L.C.S.W.
Joseph Walsh, L.C.S.W., Ph.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Dolores Paulson, L.C.S.W., Ph.D.

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Walsh called the meeting to order.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:

Ms. Georgen announced that five members of the Committee were present; therefore, a quorum was established.

MISSION STATEMENT:

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

EMERGENCY EGRESS:

Dr. Walsh announced the Emergency Egress Procedures.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Upon a motion by Mr. Salay which was properly seconded, the agenda was accepted as written. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Melissa Turner, LCSW (Inactive) provided a statement to the Committee regarding the requirements to reactive a license. She noted the difficulties with meeting the requirements and requested that the board review the regulations to ease the burden of licensees to reinstate or reactive their license.

Frances Goddard, LCSW provided public comment in support of mid-level licensure and recommended that the board achieve changing the requirements through the regulatory, rather than through the

legislative process. She noted that the Virginia Society for Clinical Social Work was open to all three levels of licensure.

Joseph Lynch, LCSW provided written public comment.

Debra Riggs with the National Association of Social Workers, Virginia Chapter noted support of mid-level and stressed the importance of splitting the license to ensure that the Bachelors and Masters examinations were utilized.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon a motion by Ms. del Villar which was properly seconded, the meeting minutes from April 29, 2016 were approved as written.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Committee discussed the proposed NOIRA regarding “clinical social work services.” Upon a motion by Ms. Manns which was properly seconded, the Committee accepted the definition of “clinical social work services” to add “psychosocial interventions” to the definition. The motion passed.

The Committee discussed the current regulations for reactivation and reinstatement (see attachment #A). Upon a motion by Mr. Salay which was properly seconded, the Committee accepted the amendments to the Regulations. The motion passed.

Following discussion with the Committee, Ms. Hoyle agreed to work with Board counsel to determine if the Board can separate, through its regulatory authority, the LSW license between BSW and MSW.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

NEXT MEETING:

Dr. Walsh scheduled the next Regulatory Committee meeting for March 30, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

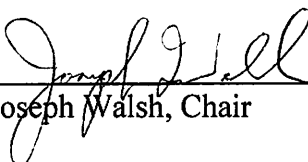
ACTION ITEMS:

- Draft language to outline the Board’s intent to adopt the NOIRA for mid-level licensure.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.


Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director


Joseph Walsh, Chair

**Proposed Regulations as Recommended by the Regulatory Committee
Board of Social Work**

18VAC140-20-10. Definitions.

A. The following words and terms when used in this chapter shall have the meanings ascribed to them in § 54.1-3700 of the Code of Virginia:

Board

Casework

Casework management and supportive services

Clinical social worker

Practice of social work

Social worker

B. The following words and terms when used in this chapter shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Accredited school of social work" means a school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

"Active practice" means post-licensure practice at the level of licensure for which an applicant is seeking licensure in Virginia and shall include at least 360 hours of practice in a 12-month period.

"Ancillary services" means activities such as case management, recordkeeping, referral, and coordination of services.

"Clinical course of study" means graduate course work that includes specialized advanced courses in human behavior and the social environment, social justice and policy, psychopathology and diversity issues; research; clinical practice with individuals, families, and groups; and a clinical practicum that focuses on diagnostic, prevention and treatment services.

"Clinical social work services" include the application of social work principles and methods in performing assessments and diagnoses based on a recognized manual of mental and emotional disorders or recognized system of problem definition, preventive and early intervention services and treatment services, including but not limited to psychosocial interventions, psychotherapy and counseling for mental disorders, substance abuse, marriage and family dysfunction, and problems caused by social and psychological stress or health impairment.

"Exempt practice" is that which meets the conditions of exemption from the requirements of licensure as defined in § 54.1-3701 of the Code of Virginia.

"Face-to-face supervision" means the physical presence of the individuals involved in the supervisory relationship during either individual or group supervision or the use of technology that provides real-time, visual contact among the individuals involved.

"Nonexempt practice" is that which does not meet the conditions of exemption from the requirements of licensure as defined in § 54.1-3701 of the Code of Virginia.

"Supervisee" means an individual who has submitted a supervisory contract and has received board approval to provide clinical services in social work under supervision.

"Supervision" means a professional relationship between a supervisor and supervisee in which the supervisor directs, monitors and evaluates the supervisee's social work practice while promoting development of the supervisee's knowledge, skills and abilities to provide social work services in an ethical and competent manner.

18VAC140-20-110. Late Renewal; Reinstatement; Reactivation.

A. A social worker or clinical social worker whose license has expired may renew that license within one year after its expiration date by:

1. Providing evidence of having met all applicable continuing education requirements.
2. Paying the penalty for late renewal and the renewal fee as prescribed in 18VAC140-20-30.

B. A social worker or clinical social worker who fails to renew the license after one year and who wishes to resume practice shall:

1. Apply for reinstatement;
2. Pay the reinstatement fee, which shall consist of the application processing fee and the penalty fee for late renewal, as prescribed in 18VAC140-20-30.
3. Provide documentation of having completed all applicable continued competency hours equal to the number of years the license has lapsed, not to exceed four years;
4. Documentation of any other health or mental health licensure or certification in good standing, if applicable; and
5. A current report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

C. In addition to requirements set forth in subsection B, an applicant for reinstatement whose license has been expired for ten or more years shall also provide evidence of competency to practice by documenting:

1. Active practice in another United States jurisdiction for at least 24 out of the past 60 months immediately preceding application;
 2. Active practice in an exempt setting for at least 24 out of the past 60 months immediately preceding application; or
 3. Practice as a supervisee under supervision for at least 360 hours in the 12 months immediately preceding an application in Virginia. The supervised experience shall include a minimum of 60 hours of face-to-face direct client contact and nine hours of face-to-face supervision.
- D. A social worker or clinical social worker wishing to reactivate an inactive license shall:
1. Submit the difference between the renewal fee for active licensure minus any fee already paid and the fee for inactive licensure renewal;
 2. Document completion of continued competency hours equal to the number of years the license has been inactive, not to exceed four years.
- E. In addition to requirements set forth in subsection C, an applicant for reactivation who has been inactive for four ten or more years shall also provide evidence of competency to practice by documenting:
1. Active practice in another United States jurisdiction for at least 24 out of the past 60 months immediately preceding application;
 2. Active practice in an exempt setting for at least 24 out of the past 60 months immediately preceding application; or
 3. Practice as a supervisee under supervision for at least 360 hours in the 12 months immediately preceding a reactivation request in Virginia. The supervised experience shall include a minimum of 60 hours of face-to-face direct client contact and nine hours of face-to-face supervision.