

#### **Board of Social Work Examiner**

# **Social Work Compact**

31 states including Delaware and Virginia have enacted legislation to join the SW Compact. Pennsylvania along with four other states have pending legislation. The Compact Commission met on September 4th to hear public comments on the use of the ASWB as the National Qualifying Exam. Members of the Commission also met in a closed session to review two vendor proposals for the national licensing database.

The Commission meets again on November 5th. On the agenda is finalizing the database vendor. At this time, there isn't an exact date as to when the Compact licenses will start being issued. We will keep you posted!



## **Staff Shoutout!**

# Brenda Neal, LCSW-C, Staff Social Worker, Licensing Unit

The staff at the Board of Social Work manage a high volume of applications, phone calls, emails and more. The work can seem never-ending and tedious. Every now and then, a licensee will express their gratitude.

# The following is excerpted from an email sent to the Director of Licensing & Certification:

I am writing to convey my sincere gratitude for the outstanding assistance I received from Brenda Neale during the licensure exam approval process. Brenda played a pivotal role in guiding me through each step, and her support made a significant difference throughout this experience.

# September 2025: Issue VIII

### **Board Meetings!**

Information including video of the Open Session (as of July 11, 2025) can be found on the Board Meeting webpage:

#### **BSWE Board Meetings**

Reminder: The public is welcome to attend the Open Session. For information on public attendance, please refer to COMAR 10.01.14.02(B).

### Maryland Department of Health (MDH) 2025-2026 COVID-19 Standing Order

As the lead agency responsible for protecting the health interests of Maryland citizens, MDH has issued the following COVID-19 Vaccine Order effective September 19, 2025. Please click on link for details:

MDH 2025-2026 COVID-19 Vaccine Standing Order

# **Know Your Rights in Maryland**

The Maryland Commission on Civil Rights and the Maryland Office of the Attorney General Civil Rights Division recently published a guide to understanding civil right protections. As a Maryland Social Worker, this guide has useful resources and information for your clients or for you. Click on this link:

Know Your Rights - A Guide to
Understanding and Protecting Your
Rights

...comprehensive understanding of the licensure requirements, combined with her careful attention to detail, provided me with the assurance I needed during what is often a challenging journey.

...in addition to her technical skills, Brenda's approachable and supportive nature made an enormous impact. She consistently went the extra mile to make sure I felt informed and encouraged...Brenda is truly an asset to your team, and I am extremely grateful to have benefited from her guidance...I could not have completed this process without her invaluable support.

We thank Brenda for her professionalism, expertise, and supportive approach to serving applicants seeking to become MD licensed social workers.

## September 8th was 988 Day!



## 2025 RENEWALS: Don't Wait!

Application Portal closes at midnight on October 31st.

Click here to start renewal application



If you are not ready to renew and want to place your license in an inactive status, please click on the links below for more information.

**Inactive Status Application** 

Reactivation/Reinstatement webpage

### **Unable to Practice!**

If you do not renew by midnight October 31, 2025, you will not be licensed as of November 1st and you can't practice social work in the state of Maryland.

You could be subject to disciplinary action if you are found to be practicing without a license.

Additionally, you will have to reapply via a

Reactivation Application. This application requires submission of your CEU certificates to the Board.

Don't risk it! Renew today!

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