

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011**

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order with a quorum of the Board members at 10:10 a.m. in the Essex Conference Room, 7th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by the Board's Chair, Ms. Doreen Bobby, MSW, LCSW.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW, (Chair)
Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW (Vice Chair)
Kathleen Ellis
Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW
Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW
Lorna Hines-Cunningham, MS, LCSW
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq

Absent:

None

Also attending:

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Jodi C. Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff
Lucy Chalet, Administrative Staff

Announcement of Quorum

The Chair also announced that in accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Open minutes from January 26, 2011 meeting were reviewed by the Board. *Upon motion made by Ms. Kathleen Ellis seconded by Ms. Maxine Lisboa, the Board voted to accept the minutes as presented. Voting in favor of the motion: All.*

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker, informed the Board that Regulatory Analyst Charles Manning would be present at 11:30 to present proposed changes to regulations. Dr. Walker also informed the Board that DAG, Krugman has a conflict for the scheduled June 22, 2011 meeting. *Upon motion made by Dr. Altamura, seconded by Dr. Apgar, the Board voted to move June meeting from June 22, 2011 to June 15, 2011. Voting in favor of the motion. All*

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was attended by Mr. Walter Kalman, LSW, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, New Jersey Chapter (NASW-NJ); Ms. Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, Assistant Executive Director (NASW-NJ); Donna Wardell, Director of Communications from Rutgers University. Deputy Director, Larry DeMarzo also attended.

- 1- Mr. DeMarzo spoke about the gap LSW applicants experience between receiving the MSW degree and receiving a license. He said he had discussed that matter before with the Executive Director Walker and the DAG Krugman. A very large part of the delay is waiting for the official transcript from the graduate institution. After some discussion the Board agreed on the following plan:

For LSW applicants only, the Board will accept a letter or certification from the Dean/Registrar/Director of the program that lists the names of all who have received their MSW degree. The letter should contain the school's raised seal or be notarized.

Board staff is given the ability to approve complete and non-problematic LSW applications for licensure. They would be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

The current regulatory requirement for a complete transcript for LSW applicants will be waived until changes in the regulations can be made to require "proof of graduation."

Upon motion made by Dr. Apgar, seconded by Dr. Altamura the Board voted to accept the above plan. Voting in favor of the motion: All.

It should be noted that this plan can only be implemented for those with complete applications including a complete criminal history background check. All present were cautioned that the Board's staff has no control over how long a background check may take as the process is dependent on the volume of applicants requesting a background check at any given time.

- 2- Walter Kalman, LSW- Mr. Kalman thanked the Board and Mr. DeMarzo for their efforts to solve this problem with the graduate students.
- 3- Donna Wardell- Ms. Wardell also thanked the Board and their efforts and she promised to work with the Board to solve this issue.

VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

Upon motion made by Dr. Apgar, seconded by Ms. Lisboa, the Board voted to approve some of the supervisors' credentials applications submitted.

VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

A motion made by Ms. Maxine Lisboa, seconded by Ms. Kathleen Ellis, the Board voted to approve the following candidates as qualified in their category based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and regulations and subject to renew in the cases of pending criminal history background checks. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

LCSW APPLICATIONS:

COMPLETED CRIMINAL HISTORY:

Jennifer A. Baldassarre
Karyn P. Bristol
John P. Buscaglia
Sabrina L. Coppola
Kimberly S. Cremer
Andrea M. Doyle
Edward J. Ehrenberg
Marcia S. Fallon
Sarah J. Frederick
Lara G. Maurino
Richard W. Palumbo
William P. Robbins

Melissa E. Rosen
Melissa A. Rottemberg
Leslie A. Springer
Patricia Stern-Zelkowicz
Jennifer M. Tiner

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Brooke M. Warley
Jessie A. Wasserman
Caren H. Wofsy

PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:

Beverly M. Andres
Greta H. Averbach
Kimberly A. Bayardelle
Maria B. Belova
Danielle M. Bennett
Stephanie M. Cedeno
Christine Costa
Brian Daily
Lisa M. DeBarbrie
Vanessa T. Entekin
Susan D. Gerstley
Corey M. Hessinger
Lindsey V. Jankay
Susan G. Saylor
Susan F. Spira
Peggy I. Waller
Evan P. Wraga

LSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Greta C. Buerkle
Suzanne M. Donohue
Dori R. LeGrand-Christmas
Richard C. Lill, II
Sandra P. Lozada
Jenny P. Lozano-Rivera
Karen M. Richards
Joseph M. Smolinski
Katherine Z. Vetere
Kira Young

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CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Regina Almanzan-Disla
Alyssa J. Biedermann
Amanda E. Blair
Carmen E. Bolivar
Lauren Butler
Barbara D. Colon
Elizabeth A. Crammer
Mark K. Culley
Jeanne R. Danyus
Joanna A. DeMoor
Leigh Ann Duca
James E. Einstman, Jr.
Jessica J. Faro
Christina Fimiani
Schaune D. Gamble
Katie R. Gubbins
Sooyoun K. Han
Ceraselia E. Hotar
Naomie S. Johnson
Sana H. Khan
Janis E. Marler
Danielle N. Mason
Heather E. McCooey
Jamie K. McFarland
Tatiana Menis
Gillian Murray
Ingrid S. Nadell
Reem Nasser
Sheri A. Reavis
Michelle Recla
Nixzaliz Rojas
Sharon H. Shapiro
Bryan J. Smith
Gail A. Tittle
Romana Uhlirova
Catherine P. Wilson
Nancy A. Yorlano
Kira Young

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CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Shonda M. Baker
Donna M. Ercoline-Hogan
Renee M. Hananhan
Marie J. Michel
Victoria C. Shepherd
Marieliz Soler
Juliana Vargens
Jane E. DiCola

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

El-Shabazz U. Abdallah
Veronica Liza G. Ansay
Keyonna M. Brydie
Mettina M. Carroll
Barbara Cid
Kandice N. Cooper
Judy Z. Dixon
Kaitlyn V. English
Pamela A. Gormley
Jewel V. Hodge
Ivy Dan
Felecia Johnson
Jennifer S. Leander
Sean A. Macon
Joanne D. McGee
Juan F. Moreno
Iris L. Ortiz
Indiria Pokharel
Erin B. Ritter
Shaheen D. Shabazz
Adeline F. Theobald
Devina Thomas
Constance A. Zubairu

VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upon motion made by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Dr. Altamura, the Board voted to accept all CE courses submitted to the Board. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

1. Continuing Education - Continuing Education course approval regulation proposal. Analyst, Charles Manning, reviewed with the Board some changes he had done in the Rules and Regulations for the Continuing Education part. *Upon motion made by Dr. Altamura, seconded by Ms. Ellis, the proposal was approved. Voting in favor of the motion: All.*

B. Vote on Recommendation.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1- A list of legislative action from Legislative Affairs for the Fourth quarter, September 1, 2010-to December 31, 2010- *The Board accepted this as informational.*
- 2- Memo from Mary Jean Weston- regarding what happens to an LSW his or her supervisor if discovered that the LCSW was not qualified to supervise.- *The Board informed Ms. Weston that it considers each instance on a case-by- case basis. Voting in favor of the motion: All.*
- 3- Memo from Mary Jean Weston whether there could be clearer guidelines for acceptable supervision settings for clinical work. DAG Krugman informed Ms. Weston that regulations are being considered with clearer clinical guidelines. It was also noticed that the Board is considering regulations to require pre-approval of sites and supervisors which would also help solve the problem of the rejection of supervision and supervisors not compliant with 13:44G-8.1.

X. MEETING DATES FOR 2011

March 23, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
April 27, 2011-Hudson Conference Room
May 25, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
June 15, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
July 27, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
August 24, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
September 28, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
October 26, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
November 16, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
December 21, 2011- Hudson Conference Room

The Board also assigned meeting dates for the year 2012

XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2012

January 25, 2012- Hudson Conference Room

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February 22, 2012- Hudson Conference Room
March 28, 2012- Hudson Conference Room
April 25, 2012-Hudson Conference Room
May 23, 2012- Hudson Conference Room
June 27, 2012- Hudson Conference Room
July 25, 2012- Hudson Conference Room
August 22, 2012- Hudson Conference Room
September 26, 2012- Hudson Conference Room
October 24, 2012- Hudson Conference Room
November 28, 2012- Hudson Conference Room
December 19, 2012- Hudson Conference Room

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Public session closed at 12:00 p.m. and the Board moved to executive session. The Board re-entered public session at 3:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW
Chair