

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010**

**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order with a quorum of the Board members at 10:00 am in the Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> 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)  
Henry Acosta, MSW, LSW (Vice-Chair)  
Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW  
Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW  
Lorna Hines-Cunningham, MS, LCSW  
Kathleen Ellis

**Absent:**

Paul J. St. Onge, Esq

**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**

Minutes for March 24, 2010 meeting were approved with corrections.

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker, informed the Board that the online applications for licensure are up now. He also informed Board members that if the state budget passes are currently presented, Board members would be limited to being paid no more than \$100 per month including reimbursements. One additional staff member has been added. Responsibilities have been reassigned and there are two people working on LSW licensure now, which should ease the time necessary for processing all of the new graduates.

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was attended by representatives from New Jersey's Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, New Jersey Chapter (NASW-NJ) Mr. Walter Kalman, LSW, Executive Director; Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, Assistant Executive Director; Carrie Moore, Student intern in NASW-NJ; Michelle Anderson, member of the Ethics Committee at (NASW); Donna Wardell, Director of Communications from Rutgers University; Douglas Behan, LCSW from Rutgers University; Maureen Braun Scalera from Family International Services and Mr. Edward Atkin, public member.

- 1- Walter Kalman, LSW.- Mr. Kalman reported that the NASW will be working with various chapters across the country to provide on line CEUs. He indicated that there are some for-profit organizations who will provide content. The NASW-NJ will screen the content to ensure they are compliant with the New Jersey regulations.
- 2- Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, congratulated Executive Director Walker for placing the license applications on line and for adding an additional staff member which resulted in more help for LSW applications. She indicated that the Association will be holding informational meetings with students concerning the application process.
- 3- Edward Atkin- Mr. Atkin attended the meeting to speak about a complaint he had filed with the Board against a Social Worker. DAG Jodi Krugman explained to him that the Board can discuss any complaint in public session. He was told that if he has additional documents to submit, he could do so.

#### **VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Apgar, seconded by Dr. Altamura, the Board voted on approving 4 of the applications submitted. Others required additional information.*

#### **VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE**

*A motion was made by Ms. Kathleen Ellis and seconded by Ms. Maxine Lisboa, 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. All in favor of the motion.*

**LCSW APPLICATIONS:**

**COMPLETED CRIMINAL HISTORY:**

Janet A. Castellini  
Mark J. Del Mauro  
Rebecca J. Feldman  
Shireen B. Meistrich  
Kecia Y. Melvin  
Monica G. Schiffman  
Barbara E. Sierocki  
Stacey M. Troicki  
Karen E. Wagner  
Alan D. Zahner  
Patricia L. Zurawski

**PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:**

Joan T. Buckley  
Jacqueline Clarke  
Naomi Y. Dalal  
Peter Dougherty  
Yildiz Dural  
Michael W. Geisert  
Cheryl L. Mountain  
Patricia A. Mullen  
Amelia M. Renshaw

**LSW APPLICATIONS:**

**CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED**

Anisa Ali  
Joanne A. Anastasia  
Jessica L. Burke

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Carla L. Butts  
Carol A. Covelli  
Tara W. Cwierko  
Alicia Edmond  
Nicole Freeman  
Karen A. Gama  
Leigh S. Goldman  
Juanita E. Henry  
Richard D. Higgins  
Rachel B. Kristol  
Brian C. Lehrer  
Patricia A. Magnotta  
Shannon C. McDermott  
Colleen M. McKenna  
Jennifer Meltzer  
Pamela E. Myers  
Barbara J. Nathanson  
Felicia Nichols  
Gretchen A. Pinto  
Patricia Ryan  
Roberta I. Sloan  
Marjorie F. Terry  
Timothy Vermillion  
Toni M. Williams  
Kristy L. Zadworney

**CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING**

Beata Berent  
Brittany Bobinski  
Laurie Cargulia  
Jo S. Chang  
Kristin C. Cole

Inna Danieli  
Jasmine K. Diaz  
Kathryn R. Drumgoole  
Karen A. Gama  
Kimberly J. Hampton-Saul  
Thomas Kearns  
Michele C. Kidwell  
Sheila Last

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Patricia Lissade  
Shannon R. Lynch  
Mary T. McAloon  
Lauren Nelson  
Ryan Patterson  
Sharon Pezzano  
Matthew T. Pordes  
Lisa Riccardellia  
Carol Rogoff  
Elisheva Ryp  
Lynda M. Sterling  
Nia Taylor  
Tanya M. Walker

**CSW APPLICATIONS:**

**CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED**

Nicole M. Aagaard  
Courtney F. Aksdal  
Layren Brinkers  
Henriette A. Equinox  
Sharon C. Green  
Evelyn R. McClendon  
Patricia H. Serverino  
Mergan T. Weir

**CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING**

Cheryl W. Akins  
Zeneyda A. Alfaro  
Alyssa J. Biedermann  
Mirla I. Colon  
Erin R. Cooney  
Amany S. Gabrah  
Laura M. Grieco  
Kristen A. Miller  
Adlyn Nelson-Nugent  
Kia D. Quick  
Victoria A. Schmidt  
Sharon G. Schwarzopf  
Shaheem D. Shabazz  
Maria D. Suarez

### **VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

*Upon motion made by Maxine Lisboa, seconded by Dr. Apgar, the Board voted to accept all CE course applications submitted to the Board.*

#### **A. Regulations**

1. Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst presented options for changes to the regulations regarding the approval of continuing education courses.

A- All continuing education must be approved by one of these four methods:

- 1- Attendance at continuing education programs or courses approved by (ASWB) or (NASW); programs offered at a regionally accredited institution; attendance at programs or courses given at State and national social work association conferences where the criteria for membership is either licensure or certification as a social worker and completion of an undergraduate or graduate -level courses at a regionally accredited institution.
- 2- Completion of undergraduate or graduate courses in an academic program accredited or in candidacy for accreditation by the CSWE.
- 3- Completion of undergraduate or graduate courses in an academic institution accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education that is not accredited or not in candidacy for accreditation by the CSWE.
- 4- Attendance at in-service training provided an entity either licensed by the State or accredited by the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA), Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), Council on Accreditation (COA), Family Service Association of America (FSAA), or Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization (JCAOH).

B- Courses approved by the ASWB or the NASW. The Board would no longer be approving courses.

*Upon motion made by Dr. Apgar, Seconded by Ms. Bobby, the Board voted to eliminate the in-service training and the entities that provide it. Mr. Manning to re-write the proposal and he will present it to the Board at a future meeting. Voting in favor of the*

*motion: All.*

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1- Letter from New Jersey Foundation for Aging requesting that the Board provide information to licensees concerning the new legal requirements for reporting abuse. Dr. Walker reported that this is being handled on a Division level basis in that the information will be placed on each of the websites of the Boards whose licensees will be affected.
- 2- Dr. Apgar provided text book definitions of psycho-educational groups.

**X. MEETING DATES FOR 2010**

05/26/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
06/23/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
07/28/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
08/25/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
09/22/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
10/27/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
11/17/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
12/15/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

**X. MEETING DATES FOR 2011**

1/26/2011- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
2/23/2011- Essex Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> FL  
3/23/2011- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
4/27/2011- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
5/25/2011- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
6/22/2011- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
7/27/2011- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
8/24/2011- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
9/28/2011- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
10/26/2011- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
11/16/2011- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
12/21/2011- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Public session concluded at 12:20 am. The Board re-entered public session at 4:40 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW  
Chair