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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**  
**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016**

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Board Chair Dawn Hall Apgar.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW (Chair) (left at 2:00 p.m.)  
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Vice-Chair)  
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.  
Elizabeth Manley, MSW, LSW  
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC  
Patricia McKernan, MSW, LSW  
Deanna Sperling, MS, RN

**Absent:**

Carolyn Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC  
Lisa Cox, Ph.D., LCSW  
Philip McCabe, CSW, CAS, CDVC, DRCC

**Also attending:**

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General  
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director

**Announcement of Quorum**

Board Chair Dawn Hall Apgar announced the presence of a quorum at 9:40 a.m.

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 Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and The Courier Post.

### **III. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

*Upon motion made by Ms. Braun-Scalera, and seconded by Mr. St. Onge, the Board voted to approve the April 13, 2016 minutes as presented. Voting in favor: all.*

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

Executive Director Walker announced that ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz is on federal jury duty.

Dr. Walker stated that he learned that the CE Approval Collaborative does not approve online courses unless a post-test is available for review.

He also reported that he attended the ASWB annual conference in Jersey City from April 28-30, 2016. Ms. Braun-Scalera and Dr. Apgar also attended. Dr. Walker reported on the work of other Boards in the United States and Canada as well as the issues surrounding teletherapy. Security and confidentiality are problematic concerning software and secure internet providers that do not retain information. Also, specialized training is appropriate in the areas of teletherapy and in-home therapy. Ms. Braun-Scalera reported that some Boards use hired professionals to review complaints and expedite the process. Dr. Apgar reported on mobility issues for licensees and also clients.

### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following members of the public were present:

Mary Jean Weston, MSW, LCSW, Assoc. Executive Director, NASW-NJ

#### **Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, Associate Executive Director, NASW-NJ**

Ms. Weston reported on the NASW-NJ annual conference which was held May 1-May 3, 2016. The keynote speaker was Dr. Frederic Reamer who gave a presentation about teletherapy. Ms. Weston will provide a Powerpoint of the presentation if she is granted permission to do so. She also advised that the NASW Code of Ethics is being revised to include teletherapy.

The Board was questioned as to the reasoning behind the requirement that supervision or practice be current (within the last five years) for license approval. This has been the Board's practice because the Board is responsible to ensure safe practice. Therefore, in a case where there has been no clinical practice over a significant period of time, The Board has the obligation to protect the public. In addition, the field of social work is not static but evolving.

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

None

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

*Upon motion made by Ms. McKernan, and seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board approved all of the following candidates as qualified for LCSW, LSW and CSW based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations and subject to review in the cases of pending criminal history background checks.*

**LCSW APPLICATIONS:**

**COMPLETED CRIMINAL HISTORY:**

Abigail Abbas  
Raenelle N. Bacchus  
Maritza I. Bido  
Sara R. Butler  
Tara M. Cardinale  
Samantha C. Cerami  
Kari L. Costello  
Paige D. De Lasso  
Erica De Los Santos  
Barbara A. Feldman  
Jessica Greenshields  
Danielle B. Hagedoorn  
Susan B. Hawk  
Shawna M. Hinkson  
Caitlin M. Hull  
Emily R. Lattimore  
Dennis P. McGinnis  
Chrystie L. Obie  
Andrew S. Pansky  
John P. Reynolds  
Damaris Santiago  
Jessica L. Scales  
Gwyn Sondike  
Lynn M. Stinziano

**PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:**

Anastasia B. Agramonte  
Miriam Berman  
Julia E. Colangelo  
Lisa B. Epstein  
Sean M. Gilligan  
Nicole M. Kries-Wyszynski  
Thomas J. Lorio  
Yvette R. Murry  
Michelle Netter  
Meaghan E. Rogers  
Brittney Schwab  
Claudia L. Van Porter

**LSW APPLICATIONS:**

**CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED**

<b>Albert</b>	<b>Hillary</b>	<b>S.</b>
<b>Amador</b>	<b>Miguel</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>Bustamante</b>	<b>Shayra</b>	<b>L.</b>
<b>Calderwood</b>	<b>Alexandra</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>Cattanae</b>	<b>Genevieve</b>	
<b>Coleman</b>	<b>Andrew</b>	<b>D.</b>
<b>Connolly</b>	<b>Caitlin</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>Dancy</b>	<b>Keith</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Diaz</b>	<b>Vanessa</b>	
<b>Ducker</b>	<b>Melissa</b>	<b>E.</b>
<b>Egleston</b>	<b>Pamela</b>	<b>D.</b>
<b>Ford</b>	<b>Carla</b>	<b>R.</b>
<b>Friedman</b>	<b>Marie</b>	<b>C.</b>
<b>Gentile</b>	<b>Selena</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Hernandez-Cordova</b>	<b>Elaine</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Jimenez</b>	<b>Melany</b>	<b>T.</b>
<b>Kindig</b>	<b>Mary</b>	<b>E.</b>
<b>Leja</b>	<b>Crystal</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>Maroney</b>	<b>Allison</b>	<b>J.</b>
<b>Moreno</b>	<b>Claudia</b>	<b>L.</b>
<b>Newman</b>	<b>Michele</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Nguyen</b>	<b>Julie</b>	
<b>Reed</b>	<b>Keana</b>	<b>N.</b>
<b>Samuel</b>	<b>Nakisha</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>Tracey</b>	<b>Kerry</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>Vanderwiele</b>	<b>Samantha</b>	<b>L.</b>
<b>Wittmer</b>	<b>Jennifer</b>	<b>L.</b>
<b>Zimbaldi</b>	<b>Stephanie</b>	<b>L.</b>

**CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING**

<b>Baker</b>	<b>Arielle</b>	<b>F.</b>
<b>Bohinek</b>	<b>Alexz</b>	<b>N.</b>
<b>Bowes</b>	<b>Erin</b>	<b>K.</b>
<b>Brown</b>	<b>Monae</b>	<b>D.</b>
<b>Bustamante</b>	<b>Adela</b>	<b>D.</b>
<b>Campbell</b>	<b>Jennifer</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Carrera</b>	<b>Christie</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Chambers</b>	<b>Diana</b>	<b>L.</b>
<b>Chiari</b>	<b>Lauren</b>	<b>L.</b>
<b>Cullere</b>	<b>Alyssa</b>	<b>J.</b>

<b>Dashio</b>	<b>Janet</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>David</b>	<b>Esther</b>	
<b>Decher</b>	<b>Nicole</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Dembiec</b>	<b>Brianna</b>	<b>L.</b>
<b>Devery</b>	<b>Kelsey</b>	
<b>Dunia</b>	<b>Dunia</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Ellis</b>	<b>Rashada</b>	<b>L.</b>
<b>Elsayed</b>	<b>Amanda</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Flora-Holmquist</b>	<b>Jade</b>	
<b>Flynn-Higgins</b>	<b>Siobhan</b>	<b>P.</b>
<b>Foley</b>	<b>Collette</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>Forte</b>	<b>Avery</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>Fox</b>	<b>Kristen</b>	<b>D.</b>
<b>Frazier</b>	<b>Janelle</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Gigantino</b>	<b>Jessica</b>	<b>A.</b>
<b>Golden</b>	<b>Andrew</b>	<b>D.</b>
<b>Harstein</b>	<b>Aimee</b>	<b>B.</b>
<b>Hynes</b>	<b>Brenda</b>	
<b>Koziel</b>	<b>Barbara</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Kraft</b>	<b>Meredith</b>	<b>H.</b>
<b>Lichtman</b>	<b>Soryl</b>	<b>S.</b>
<b>Luciano</b>	<b>Ariana</b>	
<b>Mehta</b>	<b>Dhruti</b>	<b>Y.</b>
<b>Morales</b>	<b>Antonio</b>	
<b>Mueller</b>	<b>Eta</b>	
<b>Nguyen</b>	<b>Brian</b>	
<b>O'Brien</b>	<b>Devin</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>O'Leary</b>	<b>Caitlin</b>	<b>E.</b>
<b>Osmun</b>	<b>Andrea</b>	<b>E.</b>
<b>Rhodes</b>	<b>Laura</b>	<b>C.</b>
<b>Sadeghi</b>	<b>Amy</b>	<b>G.</b>
<b>Savas</b>	<b>Amanda</b>	<b>N.</b>
<b>Scudi</b>	<b>Jessica</b>	<b>L.</b>
<b>Servakh</b>	<b>Gloria</b>	
<b>Shaw</b>	<b>Amanda</b>	
<b>Sherry</b>	<b>Amanda</b>	
<b>Smith</b>	<b>Stephen</b>	<b>M.</b>
<b>Sucaldito</b>	<b>Michelle</b>	<b>V.</b>
<b>Tinter</b>	<b>Adam</b>	
<b>Warowitz</b>	<b>Tammy</b>	<b>S.</b>
<b>Westfall</b>	<b>Gabrielle</b>	<b>J.</b>
<b>Wilson</b>	<b>Lauren</b>	<b>K.</b>
<b>Zelner</b>	<b>Emily</b>	<b>S.</b>

**CSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Completed:**

Ashley E. Dabonka  
Keri G. Darcy  
Maureen G. Fitzpatrick  
Courtney R. Gardner  
Marissa N. Hardy  
Evan S. Heidt  
Denise Jones-Holland  
Vicki A. Kenniff  
Tamika M. Murray  
Matilda Nuniz-Rodriguez

**CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING**

Christi F. Babilonia  
Megan L. Grap  
Davina D. Hector  
Kiarra T. Jackson  
Lauren P. O'Brien  
Antonia I. Popo  
Robbin S. Roberts  
Ashley Rodriguez  
Zulma E. Sanabria  
Harry W. Wright  
Keona E. Wright

**VIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A progress report concerning the supervision of Christin Mischenko, MSW, LSW by Wendy Huntley, LCSW as well as a job description for Ms. Mischenko were provided for Board review.

*Upon motion by Ms. McKernan, seconded by Ms. Manley, the Board voted to accept the report and the job description. Voting in favor: all.*

**IX. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

**Carla A.Gagliano, LCSW**

The Board reviewed the signed and filed Consent Order for Ms. Gagliano.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

**X. REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**

*No items to review.*

**XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2016**

June 8, 2106 - Hudson Conference Room

July 13, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

August 10, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

September 14, 2016 - Monmouth Conference Room

October 19, 2016 - Monmouth Conference Room

November 9, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

December 14, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Public session closed at 10:55 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session upon motion by Ms. Braun-Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden. The Board re-entered public session at 3:10 p.m. upon motion made by Ms. Borden, and seconded by Ms. Manley, to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Chair