NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2009 PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order with a quorum of the Board members at 10:10 am in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by by the Board's Chair, Ms. Doreen Bobby, MSW, LCSW.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW, (Chair) Louise A. Murray, Ph.D., LSW, Henry Acosta, MSW, LSW (Vice-Chair) Lorna Hines-Cunningham, MS, LCSW Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW Wanetta Williams, BSW, CSW Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW

Absent:

Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. Kathleen Ellis

Also attending:

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

Announcement of Quorum

The Chair announced that a quorum was present.

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

Review of June 24 Minutes The minutes were accepted as corrected.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director introduced Amy Bernstein, intern in the Social Work office and her role in filing complaints and writing letters. She has been extremely helpful in dealing with the backlog. All welcomed Amy to the Board and thanked her for her effort. Dr. Walker informed the Board that minutes from previous months are not ready yet to be reviewed as the Director's office still working on them. He also reiterated the employee shortage and informed the Board that the employment of temporary workers will be terminated in the near future, as well.

V. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

VI. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

A motion was made by Mr. Acosta and seconded by Dr. Murray to approve the following candidates as qualified in their category based on a 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:

Marlon R. Aguilar

Kathleen Andrews Laura C. Booker Leah C. Donato Kimberly D. Finnie Jason S. Kurtz Emily Masciandaro Eileen Mullarkey Alyson B. Schroeder Patricia A. Smith Bethany C. Snell Kathleen S. Tierney Barbara L. Titus Rita A. Varano

PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:

Sean A. Frankino Allison Granite Yvette D. Ison Stephanie M. Koncicki Carolyn E. Kramer Christian E. Losch Diane H. McCarthy Rebekah L. Shackney Judeth Wesley

LSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Sharon Bale-Pena Diane M. Barnes Lori N. Barnett Laura L. Brooks Nancy J. Cimino Saba Daneshyar Marisa S. DeVito David Espinosa Jennifer T. Fuchs Estee Glass Amanda L. Gray Yoona Han Kimberly R. Hazen Quincy S. Holloway Jessica A. Houghton Nicole C. Jordan Rumyana Kudeva Dana Louis-Jean Staci B. Marzolino Kerry W. Mates Bridget H. Melnyk Gilberto Pilarte Jose E. Roman Julie A. Safar Kelly Song

Kristin Sorlie Elena D. Spector Stacey M. Troicki Justine K. Walia

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Gina Abbondante Tamra N. Ackerman Brenda L. Almodovar Beth A. Aymar Nicole M. Banas Kelly M. Beaudry Laurel B. Bohm Cathleen Callahan Alaina M. Cara Ligia S. Carvalho Jessica L. Cofone Devin L. Cunliffe Kelly M. Deegan Lori Donner Kim Dove Martha C. Eisner Gloria M. Farfan Marissa Gibbons Melissa M. Harvey Ricardo Janvier Maryanna Kanda Laurie C. Kleid Allison R. Kusnetz Jaclyn L. Marscovetra Leah I. Mass Kristen B. McGuire Heidi M. Melita Tova D. Messer Laura K. Moffett Maria Munoz-Condis

Adria L. Narke Paul O'Keefee Susan M. Pasquale Jena R. Pasquariello Jeremy D. Payonk Brooke N. Petersen Julissa H. Perez Muriel K. Rand Kimberly C. Reilly Erin Reagan Kathleen L. Renner Kaity B. Rodriguez Patricia S. Rodriguez Samantha Satz Stephanie Scott Mary A. Sengstack Paige E. Shiling Shauna C. Simmons Erin Swetitis Alexandra Tarsitano Christine E. Tice Maria A. Toppi Margarita Torres Vangie Vargas Kacie Welsh Wendy A. Westberg Robert S. Wilson

ADDITIONS:

Alicia M. Ayvas Tara L. Brophy Danielle DeVincenzo Carolyn C. Frank Lourdes Gonzales Phillip A. Hickey Marlena McLean

Eucaris Montanez

Liora Moshe Erin Pitsch

CSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Maria E. Chaiiari-Pace Sabina Easmin Karen Freeman Nicole Larsen-Kleinman Rebecca A. Larsen Dwayne A. Lumbsden La Dean L. Mitchell Teresa M. Peschl Joyce Y. Tiemens Tiquan Ross

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Cassandra L. D'urso Shawntel L. Gray Sara B. Jenkins Lori A. Kelly Veronica M. Klapmuts Rose M. Lewis Erin K. Mangan Kimberly C. Morague-Artis Raven S. Rudolph Patricia H. Severino Lisa N. Smith Suzanne S. Steele Tiffany M. Summersett Maurice J. Tobin Veronica Velez Jenna Wendolowski

VII. CONTINUING EDUCATION

A. Discussion of Problematic CE's

1- Carolyn Snyder, LCSW Applicant/Michelle Desiree Stefanelli, MSW, LCSW- Assorted course work submitted to establish compliance with N.J.A.C.13:44G-8.1(a). This item was tabled until the next meeting as more information was needed.

B. Vote on Recommendation.

VIII. SIGNED CONSENT ORDER

Consent Order offered to Michael G. Ippolito, Ph.D., LCSW has been signed. The Board accepted this as informational.

IX MEETING DATES FOR 2009

09/23/2009- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL 10/28/2009- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL 11/18/2009- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL 12/16/2009- Hudson Conference Room, 6th F

X. MEETING DATES FOR 2010

The scheduled meeting dates for 2010 were accepted by all Board members.

01/27/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL 02/24/2010- Essex Conference Room, 7th FL 03/24/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL 04/28/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL 05/26/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL 06/23/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL 07/28/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL 08/25/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL 09/22/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL 10/27/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL 11/17/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL 12/15/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Today's session was attended by representatives from New Jersey's Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Executive Director Walter X. Kalman, Jr., MSW, LSW, Ms. Maureen Braun Scalera from Family International Services and Dawn Hall Apgar, representative from NASW-NJ. Walter Kalman, Jr., MSW, LSW, Executive Director of the New Jersey's Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) spoke about difficulties social workers are having with Magellan. This insurance provider continues to demand more information from client records than social workers are allowed to share. He stated that the Association is working on ways to resolve the issue. Ms. Maureen Scalera spoke about her agency and raised their concern about speeding up the licensing process and the possibility of allowing students in their last semester of course work to be able to apply. The Executive Director stated that ways are being explored to streamline the process.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Public session concluded at 10:50 am. The Board re-entered public session at 1:45 to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

_ Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW

Chair