# NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2012

# PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

## I. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

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

# II. <u>ROLL CALL</u>

#### Present:

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW, (Chair) Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. Kathleen Ellis Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW

#### Absent:

Lorna Hines-Cunningham, MS, LCSW

#### 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, <u>The Newark Star Ledger</u>, <u>The Trenton Times</u>, <u>The Bergen Record</u> and <u>The Courier Post</u>

## III. <u>REVIEW OF MINUTES</u>

No minutes for Board's review.

## IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker, reported that renewal continues with only a few problems. Also, the process of licensing LSWs has been going well except that the Board did not receive the list of May 15<sup>th</sup> graduates of Kean University until July 19. Unfortunately, the list did not conform

Open Session Minutes Wednesday August 8, 2012 page 2 to the Board's requirements as it did bore neither the seal of the university nor notarization.

Dr. Walker informed the Board that Ms. Donna Wardell, Director of Communications from Rutgers University is moving to Virginia and the new Director will be Mr. Karun Singh. All welcomed Mr. Singh as he was present in the meeting as public member.

Dr. Walker and DAG Krugman requested that the 2013 Board meetings be moved to the second Wednesday of each month instead of the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday due to a conflict with the DAG's schedule. Upon motion made by Ms. Lisboa, seconded by Ms. Bobby, the Board voted to move the Board meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

# V. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>

The meeting was attended by Mr. Walter Kalman, MSW, LSW, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, New Jersey Chapter (NASW-NJ); Ms. Mary Jean Weston, MSW, LCSW, Assistant Executive Director (NASW-NJ); Mr. Doug Behan, from Rutgers school of Social Work; Ms. Caroly Bray, from (NJAMHAA); AJ Sabath, from NASW-NJ; Ms. Julie Chamberlain, student intern from NASW-NJ; Mr. Karun K. Singh, new Director for the NSW Program from Rutgers University; Ms. June Noto, Program Director from (NJAMHAA); and other public members. Public comment is listed under correspondence.

# VI. <u>REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS</u>

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

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

A motion made by Ms. Lisboa, seconded by Ms. Bobby, 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 review in the cases of pending criminal history background checks. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

## **LCSW APPLICATIONS:**

# **COMPLETED CRIMINAL HISTORY:**

Dina P. Brue Tule A. Chau Miriam T. Corlett Danielle R. Gallo Margaret M. Hamilton Open Session Minutes Wednesday August 8, 2012 page 3 Joaniko Kohchi Sabrina P. Lueth Diana A. Melendez Laurie J. Peter Brooke N. Petersen Cynthia M. Stamper Nancy M. Tricamo

#### PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:

Brenda L. Almodovar Tracy A. Barry-Austin Donovan W. Bedward Yesenia Beutel Daniel J. Blane Alexander M. Cehak Dana M. DeDonato Randy Dodd Kim Dove Rachel L. Edmonds Janine A. Evans Marion M. Fitzgerald Maryann T. Frantz Lori F. Genung Marjorie A. Glaser-Sommer Brianna P. Haber Kennath C. Hale Shuneka A. Harrison Melissa M. Harvey Philip A. Hickey Kristine V. Infante Libby M. Klein Sara E. Leta Jane A. Mann Milena Margolin Sean X. McNally Heather A. Miller Eucaris M. Montanez Erin L. Myer Ushvani H. Persaud Christina M. Santaspirt Jeryl D. Skinner Scott J. Sussman

Open Session Minutes Wednesday August 8, 2012 page 4 Shirley Thompson Tracy L. Trattner Yajaira A. Vasco Angel T. Windham Sarah D. Wiedermann

## LSW APPLICATIONS:

#### **CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED**

Acosta, Elisa I. Allen, Ashley E. Byrne Jr., Richard J. Chadha, Mobin Changlai Sean Cohen, Malka Coston, Tara A. Czerniecki, Christine Diviaio, Christopher Esochaghi, Treasure Gamarekian, Lindsey Gardenswartz, Avi Gardner, Iantha Gillis, Courtney D. Hillstrom, Darcy A. Iheakaram, China K. Insalaco, Michele L. Inya-Agha, Nichole C. Joseph, Julie T. Kearney, Alena N. Kissam, Stephanie L. Laskin, Heather R. Lee, Brittany M. Levesque, Kimberly W. Levine, Jennifer M. Manning, Jodi B. Martinez, Madeline I. Morgan, Elizabeth A. Nicolosi, Jill L. Oliver, Dana E. Patterson, Elizabeth B. Pearson, Delmara Polizzotto, Salvatrice R. Open Session Minutes Wednesday August 8, 2012 page 5 Robinson, Bradley A. Scott, Tyesha Scullin, Andrew O. Taccetta, Rosa M. Teixeria, Katherine B. Thurlow, Jason Twersky, Edith Twumasi-Ankrah, Joseph A. Weber, Marley M

## **CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING**

Abele, Amber N. Abrascue, Johanna J. Altieri, Catherine Alperin, Joseph E. Bailey, Natalie C. Bandstra, Alison M. Berry, Julie Bizzarro, Nicholas A. Blinder. Mark Bloom-Rau, Ellen Blumenthal, Aliza D. Boyce, Julianne K. Boyden, Jacqueline M. Bull, Zena N. Cherrington, Patricia J. Coglianese, Alexandra M. Cohen, Steven H. Converse, Colleen A. Crangle, Thomas Diaz, Betty C. Easmin, Sabina Estes, Stacey N. Eure, Lakeesha L. Evans, Katharine A. Gardiner, Michelle Giacomelli, Brittany L. Gibson, Carly Ginnetti, Natalie M. Glaser, Susan J. Greany, Kristen M. Hansen, Elisse

**Open Session Minutes** Wednesday August 8, 2012 page 6 Hecklsher, Alena B. Heil, Christina M. Herquet, Gabrielle Hidalgo, Giannil Himley, Rachel H. Holguin, Jillian Holley, Amanda M. Kirschner, Amanda R. Kranz, Nechama Krause, Rebecca E. Lambert, Danielle N. La Puzz, Stephanie Leeds, Caroline C. Leeds, Roselyn Livis, Marina Luban, Shaul Y. Ludwig, Mary P. Macias, Mario S. Manalio, Kathleen E. Mantin, Lindsay D. Marchese, Melissa McCullough, Brian McMahon, Kelly A. Meier, Katelyn B. Miller, Jennifer E. Mulawka, Margaret H. Myerson, Mara E. Nekritz, Esther R. Newell, Tiffany L. Nichols, Nikki Noll, Kimberly B. O'Connor, Marybreen Oldknow, Charles W. Patel, Juhi R. Pearyer, Nomora S. Pinney, Stephanie R. Popovich, Christina Press, Anne K. Quinlan, Tara B. Rafel, Darren Rajaratham, Kanjana M. Ramos, Lisbeth Q. Rana, Isha

**Open Session Minutes** Wednesday August 8, 2012 page 7 Redcay, Alexandra Richa D. Mehta Roberg, Joseph K. Ruffino, Maya R. Ruiz-Adams, Roxanne Schenck, Laura G. Scott, Sandra A. Shorter, Leola M. Sideri, Liana Smith, Alexandra Soboti, Jacqueline M. Spinnato, Gail M. Todd, Christina Weber, Sandra M. Welker, Lindsay A. Wells, Renee L. Wood, Robyn E. Woods, Victoria Yetsko, Matthew N. Zakrzewski, Christina A. Zdep, Lindsay Zotto, Scott Theresa M. Lane Juliana Mejia-Gonzalez Jennifer E. Miller Tasha N. Page Naomi F. Stuart Sherry A. Scucci-Hamilton Gabrielle L. Weisman Debra S. Bradin Jedidjah M. Rodrigues-Pereira Taharka Sankara

#### **CSW APPLICATIONS:**

#### **CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED**

Jasmin Acevedo Heather A. Adkins Phyllis A. Burke Kathryn M. Deane Shontel M. Dowdell Susana M. Fernandes Sonya Jakucki

**Open Session Minutes** Wednesday August 8, 2012 page 8 DeAnna O. Jones Tarloh Kollie Christine A. Lewis Mark A. Maldonado Geraldine Matosky Marissa M. McCarthy Melissa C. Meisenbacher Sally Mendoza Lemonie L. Mundell-Johnson Paul K. Ohene Boboli Trudy Pearson Christine A. Pintye Jessica M. Rea Mariam E. Rezk Erica Rodriguez Janae N. Williams

#### **CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING**

Natacha D. Agboyibor Tanya J. Aschenbrand Brett M. Ashton Emily A. Barone Stevie F. Campbell Cioffi, Christopher R Angie L . Cortez Lisa Cordasco Kerwin Cummings Anne M. Dillon April T. Di Pietro Terry S. Doan Norine Earl Laura M. Ehnes Christina Evans Megan M. Fitzpatrick Lauren N. Galvano Jessica I. Gavilanes Isabella B. Halpin Joel C. Henry Clevette Hill Jessica L. Hoffman

**Open Session Minutes** Wednesday August 8, 2012 page 9 Sonovia V. Horace Cara N. Lanza Christine A. Lewis Shavon A. Loatman Evelyn E. Lopez Ashley L. Martin Amanda L. Murray Maria Palma Lopex Margaret A. Pancoast Rachel K. Parliman Karisa M. Pascall Pearson, Jessica R. Veronica A. Rizzuto Johnerick Rodriguez Theodore F. Seemuller Sonia Singh Monique A. Smith Nathaniel Thompson Carrie L. Tucker Danielle R. Walker Christina R. Walton Sharyn B. Zisa

# VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upon motion made by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Lisboa, the Board voted to accept all CE courses submitted to the Board including the Autism of New Jersey CE that was added to the agenda. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

# IX. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>

1. A letter from NJAMHAA, request for Revisions of the State Board of Social Work Examiners (BSWE) Proposed Regulations on Continuing Education Credits (Proposed Open Session Minutes Wednesday August 8, 2012 page 10

November 7, 2011) to expand the organizations, enumerated under N.J.A.C. 13:44G-6.4, that may offer BSWE continuing education hours and credits that enable licensees and certificate holders to complete Board requirements, to include the New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies (NJAMHAA). Walter Kalman, MSW,LSW, A. J. Sabbath and Mary Jean Weston, MSW, LCSW from NASW-NJ spoke against the proposed change stating that it was not in keeping with the Board's mandate to protect the consumer. Douglas Behan, MSW, LCSW from Rutgers University also spoke against the proposal. Ms. Carolyn Bray of NJAMHAA spoke in favor of the proposal and promised to provide the Board with information regarding the development and approval process for courses as well as the criteria for approval.

- 2. Letter from The Hon. Mitchel E. Ostrer, J.A.D. Chair, Privileges of the Subcommittee of the Evidence Committee with Superior Court Committee report of The Rules of Evidence desires to adopt a standardized set of rules concerning the release of client information during court proceedings. DAG, Jodi Krugman informed the Board that Division of Law is dealing with the issue to come up with a standard answer for the Mental Health Boards. *Upon motion made by Ms. Bobby, seconded by Dr. Apgar, the Board voted to table the matter until the Board learns the results of the Division of Law review. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*
- 3. A letter from JoAnn Jarolmen, Ph.D., LCSW, regarding an article she wrote (Reflections on Global Experiential Learning: A Participant's Perspective), also about textbook she wrote regarding the 40 continuing education credits for license renewal. The Board reviewed this request and *upon motion made by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Lisboa, the Board voted to grant Ms. Jarolmen the 9 credits allowed toward her continuing education requirement. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*

# X. DISCUSSION OF COMMENTS FOR PROPOSED CONTINUING EDUCATION REGULATIONS.

Regulatory Analyst Charles Manning attended the meeting at 10:30 to review the proposed amendments concerning continuing education. Public comments were reviewed and minor changes made to the proposal.

# XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2012

September 19, 2012- Monmouth Conference room (7th FL) October 10, 2012- Somerset Conference room November 14, 2012- Monmouth Conference room December 12, 2012- Somerset Conference room Open Session Minutes Wednesday August 8, 2012 page 11 XII. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Public session closed at 11:45 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session. The Board reentered public session at 3:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW Chair