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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 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)
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Vice-Chair)
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.
Lisa Cox, Ph.D., LCSW
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC
Elizabeth Manley, MSW, LSW
Deanna Sperling, MS, RN

Excused:

Patricia McKernan, MSW, LSW
Philip McCabe, CSW, CAS, CDVC, DRCC

Also attending:

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz - Confidential Assistant

Announcement of Quorum

Board Chair Dawn Hall Apgar announced the presence of a quorum at 9:37 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

The Board reviewed the June 8, 2016 public minutes.

Upon motion made by, and seconded by, the Board voted to approve the June 8, 2016 minutes as presented. Voting in favor: all.

The Board reviewed the July 13, 2016 public minutes.

Upon motion made by, and seconded by, the Board voted to approve the July 13, 2016 minutes as presented. Voting in favor: all.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Walker discussed with the Board that the issue of question #6 on the renewal application asking about US citizenship, which was discussed at the July 13, 2016 meeting, is continuing to be worked on.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public were present:

Anthony Gallo, MSW student at Rutgers – Student Intern – NASW NJ

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

Ms. Weston discussed with the Board that the clinical supervision paperwork asks the clinical supervisor is asked to check if the applicant is ready or not for licensure. Many times a supervisor is leaving the agency or a supervisee is changing a supervisor and the supervisor does not want to check off that the applicant is ready for licensure when there is still more supervision to complete. Ms. Weston asked if it was possible to update the supervision form to reflect a third option which will state that the work so far is acceptable if the supervision is still in progress.

The Board will review options to ask if the work so far is satisfactory or unsatisfactory to date, and if it is not, the supervisor should send a letter indicating why not. DAG Krugman and Dr. Walker will work on the supervision form to be reviewed at a later date.

Ms. Weston also discussed with the Board agencies that are not compliant with the rules of supervision for LSWs, and they are not being supervised by someone who is fully compliant with N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.1. An example of this was an LCSW was asked to sign off on supervision they did not provide, and when they refused to sign, they were terminated from their job. What can be done to work with organizations and agencies to ensure compliance at all times? Ms. Weston will work on a letter that can be sent to all employers with references of the proper regulations to follow and will send to DAG Krugman and Dr. Walker to review.

VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

1. Jennifer Wilcher, MSW – Stephen Terio, LCSW-NY and Donna Fielder, LCSW-PA are approved as a supervisor for Ms. Wilcher.
2. Francis Bulman, LSW – Barbara Bernhardt, LCSW-PA is approved as a supervisor for Ms. Bulman.

VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

Upon motion made by Ms. Braun Scalera, and seconded by Dr. Hall Apgar, 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 recusals:

Ms. Sperling recused for Anna Klisiewicz.

Ms. Manley recused for Alexandra Redcay and Ashley San Giacomo.

LSW recusals:

Dr. Cox recused for Jasmine Brickhouse, Natalie Castro, Alepty Dwyer, and Nicole Garbe.

Ms. Borden recused for Alexia Valentine.

LCSW APPLICATIONS JULY:

Debra Marx

Christine Czerniecki

Anna Klisiewicz

Anastasia Agramonte

Rachel Shuster

Sarai Southrey

Hannah Akerman

Elana Friedman

Jill Duffy

Caitlin Hull

David Dimoplon

Sarah Mendal

Andrea Egert

Bridget Coyle

Laura Karlsen

Danielle Aliotta

Alexandra Redcay

Brian Coya

Beverly Rogers
Sofia Makarenko
Julia Colangelo
Deanne Bajaj
Gregory Sandler
James Mindnich
Minday Schachter
Samantha Chipetz
Michael Calderon
Karen Koch-Ramirez
Adrien Chavanon
Lindsay Gonzalez
Christopher Liggio
Ashley San Giacomo
Kathleen Manalio
Claudia Rosenberg
Sweta Kansagra

AUGUST:
COMPLETED CRIMINAL HISTORY

Toby Tider
Fabiola Tony
Chanta Blue
Crystal Brooks
Nanci David-Flores
Meaghan Rogers
Denise Dickinson

PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY:

Alison Hickman
Justin Williams
Meredith Barnhart
Thomas Lorio
Jacqueline Adrian
Miriam Zehavi

LSW APPLICATIONS JULY:

Katelyn Agabiti
Christina Altamura
Arielle Baker
Keisha Barnhill
Quinn Batcho
Tiffany Bethea
Jacklyn Bichara
Erin Bowes
Dana Brauca
Diana Bravo
Hazel Cervantes
Nicole Chaladoff
Jonathan Chapman
Jessica Chicas
Casey Cooper
Alanna Doughty
Jane Dustman
Allison Eady
Katherine Escalante
Meredith Freeman Wu
Maurice Gaines
Lena Gilman
Julie Goetz
Shannon Guire
Kayla Hanley
Meagan Jensen
Sheana Jodice
Agnieszka Kapusta
Courtney Louis
Ariana Luciano
Lisa Lussier
Farrah Maurice
Melissa Mutten
Mirsolav Nerad Jr.
Elizabeth Nichols
Devin O'Brien
Kristen Palmieri
Ferdinando Palumbo
Samantha Parreiral
Camille Passucci
Gina Pellrine
Leonard Pikaard
Melissa Quinn
Erica Rasmussen

Kelly Rice
Heather Rizzo
Donna Roth-Jones
Casey Rozmes
Gia Ruiz
Miriam Schwartz
Devora Segall
Rebecca Sidoti
Julie Sprotzer
Jodi Ster
Laura Swotinsky
Alison Tardogno
Jeffrey Thoelen
Tierney Vagts
Bianca Valentini
Blessy Varkey
Kristen Wendling
Sangeeta Yadav

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Sarah Ackbarali
Yedidya Alper
Carolyn Asch
Iris Aybar-Reyes
Callie Bader
Janet Bamgbade
Rachel Baumzweig
Shraga Bernson
Chelsea Blecki
Jasmine Brickhouse
Cassandra Brush
Victoria Bukey
Amy Caramagna
Natalie Castro
Colleen Ciriello
Tabitha Clifford
Brittney Coleman
Caitlyn Connolly
Michael Conover
Maria Correa
Kirstyn Crehan
Lisa Delp
Joseph Drucker
Lisa Duncan
Elizabeth Dunleavy
Alepty Dwyer
Katie Epperly

Jacquelyn Feliciano
Ayla Fleming
Jennifer Formicola
Alexis Gallinger
Nicole Garbe
Natalie Gheit
William Gonzalez
Yolanda Gonzalez
Julie A. Greener
Bianca Griffin
Michael Gurock
Desiree Guzzardo
Bon Ha Guzzardo
Kimberly Hershenson
Jennifer Hill
Leila Hodzie
Catherine Illenye
Charisma Jackson
Melissa Johnson
Youmna Kabia-Williams
Rukiatu Kamara
Erin Kilroy
Maria Kumagay
Laura Kusisto
Lauren Ladouceur
Megan Lombardo
Stephanie Lupinacci
Catherine Lupo
Bonnie Marsh
Allison Maury
Jennifer Mazzola
Rebecca Mejias
Timothy Meyer
Kathryn Miller
Todd Miller
Roxanne Miller
Sara Mitry
Cathryn Moore
Cylicia Moore-Elianor
Lillian Moreno
Christina Muller
Ketty Musharbash
Youmna Nafady
Barbara Napoleon
Lauriann O'Brien
Lauren Pagan
Amanda Petosa
Nicole Rivera

Cartoune Romulus
Diana Sanchez
Wilmaris Santos
Katarzyna Sasko
Danielle Seneca
Ashley Shimabukuro
Roshunda Simmons
Heather Skarbek
Tara Smith
Brittany Strouse
Maria Thompson
Lauren Tripodi
Michelle Vasquez
Carly Viglione
Emily Walsh-Slack
Rachel Weinstein
Devin White
Taiesha Wooten
Chana Yaroslavit
Tayiba Yasin
Lena Zairis

CSW APPLICATIONS:

Stephanie M. Corbosiero
Dana Cux
Grazyna Jarmosiewicz

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Ingrid Alcivar
Kailee Andrucyk
Gabiella Antonello
Christie Babilonia
Javier Baires
Elizabeth Conover
Victoria Cooper
Christina Dalessandro
Brooke Gainey
Vanessa Garcia
Julia Gembry
Jennifer Gerhardt
Kelli Giambrone
Sherlie Gonell
Amanda Goritski

Megan Grap
Shatese Jackson
Elina Kaziu
Nicole Maggio
Kylie Magitz
Shawn Mahmood
Herbert Maldonado
Juliette May
Rosemary Mensah-Dubose
Samantha Michel
Liliane Murray
Nashali Pagen
Antonia Popo
James Pressley, Sr.
Safuriat Ramos
Ashley Rodroquez
Xiomara Roman
Deanna Rudcco
George Saives
Julia Schaefer
Tracy Suydam
Lakeshia Swift
Keziah Tan
Adeanna Williams
Ashton Whalen
Shamira Woodward
Harry Wright
Yvonne Yanney Ollenu

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Upon motion made by Ms. Braun Scalera, and seconded by Dr. Cox, the Board voted to approve all actions concerning the correspondence as listed below. Voting in favor: all.

1. Quarterly supervision report from Wendy Huntley, LCSW, CCS, for Christine Mischenko, MSW, LSW

The Board reviewed the quarterly supervision report from Ms. Huntley for Ms. Mischenko.

The Board voted to have Ms. Huntley provide additional detailed information describing what Ms. Mischenko is doing in a supervisory role.

2. Letter from Jon Day Brecka, LCSW

The Board reviewed the letter from Mr. Brecka requesting permission to supervise additional LSW's.

The Board voted to deny Mr. Brecka's request because it is not inclined to waive a regulation it has determined is necessary for appropriate time spent with each supervisor.

3. Letter from Allan Tepper, J.D., Psy.D.

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Tepper regarding Meshulem M. Epstein.

The Board voted to move this discussion to the executive session to discuss confidential matters.

IX. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

May E. Weldon, LSW - Filed Order

Julie A. Green - Filed Order

X. REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

No items to review.

XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2016

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 10:30 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 3:30 p.m. upon motion made by Ms. Braun Scalera, and seconded by Ms. Manley, to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW
Chair