

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Chair Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. (Arrived at 9:47 a.m.)
Elizabeth Bowman, MSS, LCSW
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC

Absent:

Carolyn Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC
Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General

Also attending:

Carmen Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Michela Ross, Government Rep

Announcement of Quorum

Chair Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar announced that quorum existed for the meeting 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 Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A. July 10, 2013 Public Minutes

Ms. Bowman moved that the minutes of the July 10, 2013 meeting be approved as presented Ms. Braun Scalera seconded. Voting in favor: all. Ms. Borden abstained.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker informed the Board that the application for approving entities has been completed and is currently being reviewed by the Director's Office for final approval before placing on the website.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public in attendance:

- A. Dr. Karun K. Singh, Director of MSW Rutgers Newark** - Mr. Singh came before the Board to discuss the clarification of clinical classes offered through Rutgers University and the confusion resulting from course titles on older transcripts. Executive Director J. Michael Walker suggested that Rutgers submit a list of the courses that are clinical in nature to aid the staff when reviewing LCSW applications.
- B. Mary Jean Weston, Assistant Executive Director, NASW-NJ** - Ms. Weston presented the Board with the announcement of the New Jersey Social Work Continuing Education Approval Collaborative ("The Collaborative") as presented in the NASW-NJ newsletter.

VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

Upon motion made by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the Board voted to approve the clinical supervisors' credentials. Voting in favor: all.

VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

Upon motion made by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Bowman, 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: all.

LCSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

David Espinosa
Anna Klemenswicz
Laura Pinter
Luke D. Salter
Jacqueline M. Soboti

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Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Ephraim Altman
Beth I DeForest
Claire Grainger-Valvano
Kimberly J. Hampton-Saul
Christie Howly
Claire S. Kaplan
Judith F. Kurtis
Maria V. Lopez
Matthew S. Moskovitz
Florene G. Sperka
Amanda R. Uhrig

LSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Fanteema Barnes-Watson
Kathleen A. Bendul
Vanessa A. Boykewich
Stephanie I. Chapman
Chad M. Costello
Timothy R. Diganci
Rochelle L/ Glatter
Maria N. Kaidas
Shydu H. Kato
Ahuva Levy
Gayle Parker Wright
Michelle R. Sacks
Gregory Sandler
Salman C. Tahir Hussain
Meghan M. Thompson
Amy M. Urmson-Gross

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Lindsay S. Acker
Ann M. Alves
Nikita L. Banks
Carly R. Bell
Katherine E. Blackburn
Erika H. Brelle
Karen M. Bucci
Caitlin M. Butters
Leeann E. Cameron

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Keith Casey
Nikki Casey
Kaman Cheong-Lau
Elizabeth Clarke
Whitney L. Cohen
Dawn M. Conroy
Julie A. Contrino
Lindsay M. Currie
Julia A. Danishek
Michelle Deen
Evonne J. Dejong
Veronica Delgado
Ryan A. DiMeglio
Rodneisha D. Dixon
Anne M. Donohue
Teresa Duchesneau
Norine Earl
Michelle Edelson
Yale Enoch
Samantha Faber
Mary L. Ferechiak
Bethany Ferrato
Chelsea V. Fisher
Megan R. Fox
Tali E. Friedman
Navika Gadhok
Ashley L. Gasparro
Michele A. Girard
Lauren M. Grassi
Hillary A. Grasso
Jessica M. Gregory
Javier D. Guzman
Cherie L. Harrington
Susan B. Hawk
Erin Hedinger
Naomie Hernandez
Amy E. Herschell
Stephanie Iannelli
Shlam K. Jeral
Geo Joseph
Jennifer Kaplan-Pollack
Jacqueline M. Kohlberger

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Cindy B. Lallier
Emily R. Lattimore
April J. Matera
Megan Anne McGuire
Vonda L. McPherson
Illana Mehl
LaRonda R. Moorefield
Erica L. Muniir
Licia A. Nusbaum-Brannigan
Chrystie L. Obie
Sheila S. Pierce-Williams
Jessica M. Pizzo
Samuel Plange-Kaye
Shira Pomrantz
Adebola O. Popoola
Carla Porges
Jeffrey D. Rapp
Victoria Romanyuk
Todd Romer
Audria A. Russell
Anna Samoylov
Lissa D. Schaupp
Cara M. Schiavo
Danielle Schneider
Holly J. Selepouchin
Aliza Shenker
Mary C. Sibson
Jennifer Swan
Katherine Swanson
Jacqueline S. Tartekk
Courtney S. Taylor
Diana M. Theckston
Jamilla N. Thompson
Alyssa B. Videe
Melisa A. Walker
Lorena S. Williams
Meng Yu Yao
Sharyn B. Zisa

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CSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Sra E. Archut
Brenda C. Armpnestor
Emily M. Fernandez
Breanne E. Gesicki
Kirsten L. Hoffman
Nicole Minniti
Carrine N. Neves
Sharon E. Payne-Isaacs
Takesha Roberts
Nancy H. Tran
Maria D. Prieto
Elmia Walker

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Sharon D. Anderson
Octavious J. Brooks
Samantha M. Buddle
Lori D. Butler
Jenna M. Casaletto
Brooke A. Cassidy
David Clement
Brandyn S. Conyers
Yolanda Cotez
Mick Daity
Clairecine E. Delne
Erica L. Domochowski
Najwa S. Driggins
Christina L. Evans
Karlene S. Green
Latasha M. Hurst
Mary A. Jackey
Alycia E. Johnson
Amber L. Judkins
Joan Kim
Kystof Leszcynski
Amie T. Lidke
Dolores Miller
Linda Paulino
Gia A. Ruiz
Sophie M. Saint Hubert
Ekta S. Shah

Gwen N. Shenowski
Carrie L. Tucker
Aida Villanueva
Thomas A. Wohl

VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION

A. Vote on recommendation

Upon motion by Ms. Bowman, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera, the Board voted to accept the presented CE courses: Deidre House (Child Advocacy Center), GEM Associates, Preferred Children Services CPSAI, New Jersey Long Term Care Leaders Coalition, The Mental Health Association in Southwester New Jersey. The following need more information: Center for Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis of NJ, Children's Aid & Family Services. The following were not approved: The Upper Room Spiritual Center.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. **Debra L. Wentz, Ph.D., CEO NJAMHAA** - The Board reviewed Dr. Wentz's July 22, 2013 letter regarding N.J.A.C 13:44G - Continuing Education Requirements. *Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Mr. St. Onge, the Board voted to accept DAG Krugman's response to Ms. Wentz stating that the Board strongly suggests that NJAMHAA submit the course to an approving entity recognized by the Board for review. Voting in favor: all.*
- B. **Alan Pfeffer, MSW, LCSW, from Pfeffer Counseling Associates, P.A.** - The Board reviewed Mr. Pfeffer's July 2, 2013 letter requesting the approval of supervision via Skype. *Upon motion by Ms. Bowman, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera, the Board voted to inform Mr. Pfeffer that supervision by Skype is approved. The Board also suggests that Mr. Pfeffer and his supervisee meet face-to-face occasionally. Voting in favor: all.*
- C. **Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, Assistant Director of NASW-NJ** - The Board reviewed Ms. Weston's August 2, 2013 letter inquiring if a member of NASW-NJ can raise rates for new clients but continue the rates she currently charges for the current clients. *The Board informed Ms. Weston that the regulations do not prohibit this practice.*

X. MEETING DATES FOR 2013

please note: all meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m.

September 11, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6th FL

October 9, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6th FL

November 13, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6th FL

December 11, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6th FL

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Public session closed at 10:37 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session upon motion by Ms. Bowman, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera. The Board re-entered public session at 1:40 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW
Chair