

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m. in the Hudson 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 (Chair)
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. (Left at 1:05 p.m.)
Elizabeth Bowman, MSS, LCSW
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC
Deanna Sperling, MS, RN (arrived at 10:00 a.m.)
Patricia McKernan, MSW, LSW
Philip McCabe, CSW, CAS, CDVC, DRCC (arrived at 9:54 a.m.)
Lisa Eileen Cox, Ph.D., LCSW

Absent:

Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Vice-Chair)
Carolyn Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC

Also attending:

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Michela Ross, Government Rep
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff

Announcement of Quorum

Chair Dr. 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

A. September 10, 2014 Public Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Ms. McKernan, the Board voted to approve the September 10, 2014 public session minutes. Voting in favor: all.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director J. Michael Walker informed the Board that Governor Christie signed the 2014 Appropriations Act, P.L. 2014, c.14. One million dollars was appropriated from the Board of Social Work Examiners.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Brian Gilman, Education Technician, Department of Veterans Affairs - Mr. Gilman came before the Board to discuss the letter from Ms. Shanices Chambers-Robinson, LSW which is item "E" under Correspondence. *Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Mr. St. Onge, the Board requested additional information including: 1) a list of courses that have been offered in the State of New Jersey; 2) a list of VA employees who have attended these courses; 3) a list of social workers who are non-VA employees who have attended these courses; 4) the names and credentials of course presenters. Voting in favor: all.*

The following members of the Public were in attendance, but did not comment:

A. Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, Assistant Executive Director, NASW-NJ

B. Brandon Green, Student Intern, NASW-NJ

VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Ms. Bowman the Board voted to approve the supervisors as presented. Voting in favor: all.

VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

Upon motion made by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Ms. McKernan, 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:

None to review.

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Ronald M. Battiston

Rebecca A. Cornell

Seby George

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Christine Kirkbride
Jane A. McGarry
Anna Mierkiewicz
Linda Raoul
Anastasia M. Romano
Heather N. Schmutz
Teresa Sgroi
Christie White
Laura M. Woolfson

LSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Allison Arnold
Mahtab Ayatollahi
Angela Babin
Roshawanda Berrian
Amy Cargill
Michele Carley
Kaitlin Donahue
Breanne Gesicki
Cara Haefner
Michelle Hicks
Nikia Hodges
Khusboo Jani
Taira Jean-Bart
Mary Lloyde
Analette Negron
Barbara Rodriguez
Sarah Saffian-Leerhsen
Charlie Schuh
Boni Shevelove

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Mirel Adler
Angela Bailey
Haywood Berman
Vernita Blocker
Andrew Bonfrancesco
Emily Braithwaite
Syreeta Bratton
Jessica Broadnaz

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Katrina Brophy
Tashelle Brown
Kimberlt Burke
Alison Burks
Noel Burton
Dana Bush
Rebecca Cadena
Erica Caln
Kathryn Campbell
Angel Cardenas
Illana Carr
Katherine Catapano
Rosalia Cespedes
Jane Coyle
Jessica Delbert
Donna DelCielo
Michael Denichilo
Carmela Disalvo
Katherine Dimire
Viergina Dudley
Melissa Dudley
Nicole Edelman
Kelly Espino
Jodi Fahy
Erika Ferrie
Kelly Finnegan
Jessica Frandsen
Jacqueline Frey
Aireal Fudge-Johnson
Kaitlin Galambos
Kerry Geddis
Paige Geraghty
Julia Grimm
Julia Hanes
Erica Harrison
Rafiah Hickson
Sandra Hoffman
Jessicalee Huggins
Maria Jackson
Laura Johnson
Heather Kagedan
Michelle Kateux

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Briana Kelly
Iva Kirzhner
Dustin Knoblauch
Jacquelyn Lake
Brain Leguia
Peter Linden
Taya Lyon
Christina Malinowski
Angelina Mara
Samantha Mascot
Tiffany Mayers
Yakial McBride
Jared McCarthy
Eve McCoog
Kelsey McGarvey
Courtney McGrath
Crishma Metha
Erica Milano
Susan Miles
Alyssa Miller
Shoshana Miller
Beverly Moore-Clark
Kathryn Mortara
Sonia Mulero
Ashley Newman
Katrina Nichols
Melissa Nini
Kristen Palatella
Jillu Panavelil
Tiffany Paul
Prisilla Pineda
Carmel Nisha Pius Franco
Heather Pollinger
Tiffany Prado
Vanessa Putnoky
Stephanie Rajaram
Jennifer Repose
Jessica Robinson
Jonnelle Rodriguez
David Rodriguez
Phaedra Ruddock
Stephanie Salmone
Melissa Schneider

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Jamie Sferlazzo
Shamyra Shaw
Tracey Singer
Rita Sitney
Samantha Smith
Stephanie Smith
Yakov Steinberg
Reem Suqi
Jacqueline Torella
Kelly Turner
Earthelda Turner
Gabriella Urato
Susan Vanino
Ingrid Vasquez
Elizabeth Walter
Michael Wickham
Jessica Wicki

CSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Cleide Cureton
Laverne H. Fennell
Danisha L. Golden
Blanca M. Gonzalez

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Shawn L. Banks
Jonnel C. Batson
Blyss B. Bowman
Aisha J. Brady
Lashonda F. Buckner
Anika Burrowes
Jantoya N. Canion
RaeAnne Chiselko
Mick P. Daity
Angela L. DePaola
Patricia B. Duverne
Rashon J. Dwight
Angela S. Ellerbe
Shenita I. Fountain-Keenan
Kristen R. Freeman

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Jonathan H. Harmon
Chalyn N. Hickson
Sharonda M. Hogans
Olatiewa I. Ifesanya
Mariam A. Jaber
Ashley L. Kaminiski
Joanne E. Kucsma
Carmen G. Letren
Terezinha C. Manzo
Nina M. Masco
Hadas Mavashev
Judy L. Melchoir
Shauna L. Mote
Gina R. Murray
Megan M. O'Neill
Brooke M. Pasker
Emily Perez
Christina L. Ramirez
Deshonda R. Renfro
Janet Richardson
Laurene M. Roth
Ziomara Serrano
Lindberg K. Simpsons
Brendaliz Veras
Cyd E. Williams
Rebeca M. Zapatero

VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION

A. Continuing Education (CE's) Review

None to review.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Gary Samad- The Board reviewed Mr. Samand's September 19, 2014 e-mail as forwarded by NASW-NJ. *Upon motion by Ms. Bowman, seconded by Mr. St. Onge, the Board voted to request that Mr. Samad re-send his letter directly to the Board, not through NASW in order for the Board to directly address his concerns. Voting in favor: all.*

B. Fiscal 2015 report from the Director's Office - The Board reviewed the September 3, 2014 letter from the Director's Office regarding the 2014

Appropriations Act, P.L. 2014, c.14. Which was signed into law by Governor Christie on June 30, 2014. *Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the Board accepted this as informational. Voting in favor: all.*

- C. Edward Jankowski, LCSW**- The Board reviewed Mr. Jankowski's progress report as submitted by supervisor, Judith Lagani, LCSW. *Upon motion by Ms. McKernan, seconded by Mr. St. Onge, the Board accepted this as informational. Voting in favor: all.*
- E. Shanices Chambers-Robinson, LSW** - The Board reviewed Ms. Chambers-Robinson's September 17, 2014 e-mail inquiring about any exemptions or exceptions for a federal government agency. *The Board acted on this item in the "Public Comment" section of this meeting.*
- F. Application from National Association of Social Workers (NASW) - National Chapter** - The Board reviewed the application for Board acceptance as a continuing education approval entity pursuant to NJAC 13:44G6.7(b). *Upon motion by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Ms. McKernan, the Board voted to inform NASW that in regards to point #8, would like a disclaimer on materials stating that "this course is not approved by the NJ Board of Social Work Examiners." Voting in favor: all.*
- G. Assembly, NO. 3700** - The Bill provides for licensure of ambulatory care facilities to provide integrated primary care services including behavioral health care. *The Board tabled this matter.*

XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2014

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

November 12, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

December 10, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Public session closed at 10:45 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session upon motion by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Ms. McKernan. The Board re-entered public session at 3:25 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW
Chair