

# NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

## PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2014

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:53 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 (Chair)  
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Vice-Chair)  
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.  
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC

#### Absent:

Elizabeth Bowman, MSS, LCSW  
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  
Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst

### **Announcement of Quorum**

Chair Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar announced that quorum existed for the meeting at 9:54 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

*None to review.*

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker apologized for missing the December 11, 2013 meeting due to illness.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public in attendance:

**A. Mary Jean Weston, Assistant Executive Director, NASW-NJ** - Ms. Weston presented the Board with three (3) letters for their review:

1.) Can someone who has earned an MSW but is not licensed by the State of NJ sign "social services progress notes" with the initials MSW after their name?

*The Board determined that the MSW designation can be used after a name so long as the masters is from a regionally accredited institution. The Board reminded her that an individual with an MSW cannot hold themselves out to be licensed.*

2.) Social Workers who lived in other states, and were "grandfathered in" to their licensure, have never taken the ASWB exam. Would the Board reconsider its ASWB exam requirement for applicants with licenses from other states?

*The Board stated that applicants need to meet the State of New Jersey's requirements and be substantially equivalent.*

3.) Social Workers who are being questioned and pressured by Magellan to provide information beyond what is outlined and permitted in the Social Work regulations.

*The Board determined to table this matter until it's February 12, 2013 meeting agenda because they need more time to review. (The State Board of Psychological Examiners has a multi-level system for release of records which is in the statute)*

**VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS**

*None to review.*

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

*Upon motion made by Ms. Borden, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera, 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:**

Adam Baumwoll

Linda Chelsen

Donna Clarke

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Danielle Harte  
Nicholas LaCorte  
Melissa F. Lillien  
Lindsey M. Mazur  
Margaret W. McSherry  
Cristina Reamon  
Kristine J. Reeves  
Jennifer Torres  
Nefertiti E. Towns-Scotta  
Dahlia Wilkerson

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Ashley-Lynn Amoruso  
David E. Becker  
Tanoa Bettis  
Allison Corley  
Sharon M. Grosso  
Micah Hillis  
Lisa A. Juliano  
Angela R. Key  
Danisha King  
Silvia A. Lynch  
Janis Minnuies  
Diana A. Murray  
Joseph A. O'Brien  
Pamela R. Saxena  
Joseph M. Smolinski  
Dana R. Sopko  
Erica E. Rodriguez

**LSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

William S. Laytham  
Garrett T. Pace  
Hinna Sheikh

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Nicole L. Christine  
Diana M. Cirelli  
Angela Y. DeMontagnac

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Jessica D. Deutsch  
Adela Y. Diaz  
Kelly A. Flanagan  
Marisol Galindo  
Sarah A. Ghazi  
Annette G. Green  
Kenyetta E. Jackson  
Rachel Jaworski  
Jill Jonas  
Laura H. Kearney  
Miriam S. Lowingger  
Joan M. Mandel  
Jennifer L. Morales  
Cheryl O'Brien  
Michael J. Mullin  
Jesenia Ramirez  
Maria D. Romero  
Amanda L. Santiago  
Yaakov Schiff  
Ciaran N. Sisko  
Amanda J. Villamar  
Amanda J. York

**CSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Danielle M. Eckeard  
Rebecca S. Hecht  
Keisha R. Hunter  
Tammy T. Hunter  
Ricardo A. Martin  
Marlene L. Watts

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Olivia R. Barrick  
Marcia M. Bristol  
Toni M. Cohen  
Lisa M. Giordano  
Daniel Grossano  
Louise E. Imperiale  
Tanya M. Kahl  
Nakeisha L. Martin

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Orly A. Menese  
Megan M. O'Neill  
Nadia E. Rago-Iddrisu  
Noemi Santana-Velez  
Talauna L. Sims-Driggins  
Elizabeth A. Schellhammer  
Carrie L. Tucker  
Veronica Wilkes

## **VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

### **A. Clarification of the Continuing Education review process**

*The Board clarified that if a continuing education provider has paid the \$100 for the current 2012-2014 licensing cycle, their approval will be granted through the end of that cycle. The Board will also continue to review any CE program reviews that are still pending due to Board requested revisions to the course.*

## **IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. Chapter 49, An Act issued by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey: C.45:1-15.3 Issuance of certain professional, occupational licenses to veterans with equivalent training.**

The Board reviewed the proposed regulation as presented by Regulatory Analyst, Chuck Manning. *Upon motion by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera, the Board voted to approve the regulations as presented and move forward in the adoption process. Voting in favor: all.*

### **B. Cynthia Sabella, Business Administrator, The New Jersey Institute for Training in Psychoanalysis, Inc**

The Board reviewed Ms. Sabella's December 3, 2013 letter regarding continuing education approvals. *Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Mr. St. Onge, the Board voted to inform Ms. Sabella that if they have paid the \$100 for the current 2012-2014 licensing cycle, their approval will be granted through the end of that cycle. The Board also voted to inform Ms. Sabella that for the 2014-2016 licensing cycle they need to apply to either the NASW Collaborative or other approving entity. Voting in favor: all.*

## **X. MEETING DATES FOR 2014**

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

February 12, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
March 12, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
April 9, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
May 14, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
June 11, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
July 9, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
August 13, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
September 10, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
October 8, 2014- Monmouth Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
November 12, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL  
December 10, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Public session closed at 10:50 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session upon motion by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera. The Board re-entered public session at 2:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Chair