

# **NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

## **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2013**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01a.m. in the Somerset 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  
Elizabeth Bowman, MSS, LCSW  
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW  
Caroline Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC  
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC  
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. (arrived at 10:13 a.m.)

#### **Absent:**

Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW

#### **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. Dawn Hall Apgar announced that quorum existed for the meeting at 10:02 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 Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post

### **III. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

*Ms. Borden moved that the minutes of the December 12, 2012 meeting be approved as amended. Ms. Scalera seconded. Voting in favor: all. Ms. Bowman abstained.*

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*Executive Director, J. Michael Walker informed the Board of the new policy of I.D. badges to gain access to the building. He also informed the Board that The New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies (NJAMHAA) will not be present at the meeting.*

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public in attendance:

- A. Susan Sterling, Assistant Director of Clinical Services and Training, Family Intervention Services, Inc - Ms. Sterling had questions regarding the new regulations, specially the regulation dealing with continuing education (CE's) requirements.**
- B. Katie Keating, Education Committee Rep, Freedom Home Health - Ms. Keating came before the Board with questions regarding the new CE regulations.**
- C. Mary Jean Weston, Assistant Executive Director, NASW-NJ - Ms. Weston had questions regarding the approving agencies. Specifically, will the Board be accepting classes offered from all NASW chapters; will classes from all regionally accredited institutions be accepted or only specific regions; and will a list of approving entities be posted on the Board's website.**
- D. Taujennette Poole, applicant and NASW- NJ member - Ms. Poole came before the Board to inquire about the status of her LCSW application. Ms. Poole also provided the Board with a letter in response to their questions.**
- E. Walter Kalman, Executive Director, NASW-NJ - Mr. Kalman stated he will be offering his comments during the discussion of new CE regulations.**
- D. Karun K. Singh, Director of MSW Rutgers Newark - Mr. Singh came before the Board for a follow-up regarding clinical supervision of students.**
- F. Gailann Bruen, CEO Gailann Associates - Ms. Bruen came before the Board regarding clarification of what is considered in service training. She also inquired about what the requirements are in terms of attendees and certificates.**

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

*Upon a motion made by Ms. Scalera, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted to*

*approve the clinical supervisors' credentials. Voting in favor: all.*

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

*Upon a motion made by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Ms. Borden, 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:**

Lois Carmichael  
Victor I. Eguailor  
Melinda J. Galizia  
Haydee Gil-Offer  
Jacqueline C. Porter-Stewart  
Catherine Rupnow

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

LaShone P. Arnett  
Kerry A. Buckman  
Catherine A. DeStefano  
Larissa F. Petillo  
Brian P. Walker

**LSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Shifra Feuerstein  
Adina Greenberg  
Samantha H. Kalman  
Elizabeth G. Kitlas  
Steven Kurland  
Krishna J. Patel  
Brandon M. Rauchbach  
Edith K. Tannar

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Seeronjini Adams  
Stephanie E. Antes

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Juan J. Almanzar  
Pascale Augustin  
Alice N. Blass  
Jennifer L. Budd  
Meredith J. Carhart  
Carol A. Coleman  
Kyoko O. Coco  
Daniella Cuje  
Michael V. DeCesero  
Ineida DeLeon  
Julie K. DeRose  
Diane Fremon  
Susan T. Friedl  
Aurum R. Glassoff  
Peter Glick  
Anisha R. Gosani  
Jessica M. Gregory  
Jennifer M. Harry  
Larisa S. Hessinger  
Sady K. Horn  
Derrik A. Horton  
Marcely Jean-Pierre  
Justy John  
Deborah L. Kaschak  
Carly S. Kisberg  
Brett J. Kramer  
Maximino LaRocco  
Pamela Ann Parel  
Heather L. Mourao  
Jacqueline A. Moyer  
Kyle E. Myers  
Majorie A. Nejman  
Anne E. Ostro  
Lauren J. Prusak  
Elizabeth K. Purdy  
Danielle M. Rawls  
Emmanuel V. Register  
Neury L. Rosario  
Anthony M. Sbarra  
Robert B. Schmus  
Amanda N. Shuster  
Kathleen M. Silver  
Jennifer R. Sklar

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Shari B. Spivack  
Brianna L. Verrinder  
Jill R. Villalobos  
Elana Wajsbort  
Amy L. Wohl

**CSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Vincentina Ardizzone  
Magdalena Berries  
Stevie F. Campbell  
Sarah M. Caputo  
Omani Chan  
Rey F. Diaz Rivera  
Veronica G. Ortiz  
Jessica R. Pearson  
Veronica A. Rizzuto  
Lauren M. Swain  
Marcus A. Taylor  
Liliana M. Villanueva

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Luz M. Carreno  
Charlene B. Castello  
Sra A. Cooper  
Chima Eyiuche  
Isabella W. Gitau  
Jessica L. Hoffman  
Jennie L. Logan  
Emilie L. Mankopf  
Kathryn E. Marks  
Maria D. Prieto  
Jeanette Rodriguez  
Alysia L. Sawyer  
Marci J. Stankiewicz  
Nathaniel Thompson  
Christina R. Walton

**VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**A. Discussion of Problematic CE's**

The Board reviewed the problematic CE's and Ms. Scalera volunteered to update

a checklist to make the review process easier for the reviewer.

**B. Vote on recommendation**

*Upon a motion by Ms. Scalera, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the Board voted to accept the following CE courses: Center for Family Services, Hackensack University Medical Center, and Morristown Medical Center. The following were not approved: Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalyst. The following were missing information and sent back: Rutgers University NJAES Office of Continuing Education, and Hunterdon Prevention Resource. Voting in favor: all*

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Michael DeMassi, LCADC, LSW** - The Board reviewed the October 12, 2012 filed Consent Order.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

**B. Discussion of Clinical Supervision of Students/(no material included)**

*Upon a motion by Ms. Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board determined that the statute does not apply to students, but rather only to licensees. Students are exempt as an intern studying in a CSWE approved school. This exempt status ends when their field instruction ends or the student graduates. A regulation sub-committee consisting of Dr. Bradley, Dr. Apgar, and Mr. St. Onge was formed to further look into this issue. Voting in favor: all.*

- C. Assembly Bill 3618 ~ bill requires certian disclosures in advertisements by health care professional.**

*Upon a motion by Dr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. St. Onge, the Board commented that while the Bill addresses a critical issue of credentials but had concerns regarding the language, specifically that social work is not mentioned by name. The wording of the Bill limits certification to Board of Medical Examiner professionals only. Voting in favor: all.*

**X. Discussion of Implemation of new CE Regulations**

*Upon a motion by Dr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Scalera, the Board determined the following:*

- 1.) Agencies that submitted a course and applied to the Board or other entities (NASW*

*and ASWB) for approval prior to November 9, 2012, those courses will count for the current biennial period.*

*2.) Agencies can continue to apply to the Board for \$100 until approving entities are recognized.*

*3.) It is not the date of the course that governs the November 19, 2012 date but rather the date seeking approval.*

*4.) ASWB and NASW can continue to act as approving providers of programs for the next six (6) months. This can be renewed for an additional six months if the Board does not receive applications for approval entities.*

*5.) Approved ASWB providers during the 2012 calendar year will be allowed to approve CE's through August 31, 2014. The Board will not accept new providers past the 2012 calendar year. Voting in favor: all.*

#### **XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2013**

February 13, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

March 13, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

April 10, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

May 8, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

June 12, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

July 10, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

August 14, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

September 11, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

October 9, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

November 13, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

December 11, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

#### **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Public session closed at 12:24 p.m. and the Board moved to executive session in a motion by Ms. Scalera, with Mr. St. Onge seconding. The Board re-entered public session at 4:45 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Chair