

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS OPEN MINUTES

January 21, 2004

Call to Order

The Meeting of the Board of Social Work Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Wednesday, January 21, 2004. Doreen Bobby, Board Chair, convened the meeting in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act at 10:15 A.M. The following attendance was recorded for these minutes:

Roll Call

Doreen J. Bobby, Chair, MSW, LCSW	Professional Member Present
Dorothy M. Brocco, MSW, LCSW	Professional Member Absent
John G. Cosgrove, Ph.D., LSW	Professional Member Present
Suzanne Herrmann, MSW, LCSW	Professional Member Present
Louise A. Murray, Vice-Chair, DSW, LSW	Professional Member Present
Jo Paine, CSW	Professional Member Present
Dorothy Robinson	Public Member Present
Terri Wilson, MSW, LCSW	Government Member Absent

Also present were Kay K. McCormack, Executive Director; Susan Berger, D.A.G.; Cathalina Cruz, Staff; and Sandra Huff, Staff.

Public Comment

NASW, NJ, liaison to the Board, Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW, the Association's concern with unqualified and unlicensed individuals performing "coaching" services. More information will be provided for future discussion.

At 10:40 A.M. a motion was made by Ms. Robinson to enter Closed Session, and seconded by Ms. Herrmann, to hear testimony at a scheduled inquiry. The vote was unanimous.

Executive Director's Report

Kay McCormack discussed the following matters with Board members:

- Current Active license/certificate statistics:

LCSW 7,378
LSW 3,998
CSW 5,096
Total 16,472

Mention the appointment of Burt Liebman, in December 2003 as Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs. Mr. Liebman will oversee the regulatory process for the Boards in the future currently his focus involves tracking relevant legislation.

Ms. McCormack will attend the annual conference of FARB, Federation Associations of Regulatory Boards

as the Boards representative. The conference will be held on Amelia Island Plantation, Florida the weekend of February 6-8, 2004.

A review of the December 18, 2003 minutes was postponed to a future meeting.

Review of Supervisors' Credentials

Ms. Bobby reviewed the credentials of those seeking approval as clinical supervisors. The Board found the following individuals to be acceptable clinical supervisors based on a review of their curricula vita. A motion was made by Dr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Herrmann to approve the following individuals as eligible clinical supervisors. The vote was unanimous.

APPLICANTS SUPERVISOR

Lauren Block Jane S. Hall, CSW (R) - NY
Mina Chang Lawrence Saccocio, CSW (R) - NY
Megan Dysard Dudley Robicheaux, BCSW - LA
Paulette Frederick Patty Inacker, LCSW - PA
Barbara Rosen Nancy Braveman, CSW (R) -NY
Sandra Tignor Karen Cotton, LCSW - CA

Review of Related BA Degree(s) in compliance with NJAC 13:44G-4.3(a)3.iii

There were no degrees in this category presented for Board review.

Vote on the Candidates Proposed for Licensure and Certification

The Board reviewed the list of eligible candidates proposed for licensure in both categories and for certification. A motion was made by Ms. Paine and seconded by Dr. Murray to approve all candidates in their respective categories. The vote was unanimous. The lists are attached.

Continuing Education

The Board reviewed the list of CE offerings recommended for approval by the Committee. A motion was made by Ms. Herrmann and seconded by Dr. Cosgrove to approve the programs recommended. These titles will be reflected on the Board's updated reference list of approved CE offerings for January 2004.

CE Standard Review Committee - no report

The Board reviewed information submitted by NASW, NJ regarding the current clinical supervisor course developed and taught by Jonathan Caspi, Ph.D., MSW. Dr. Caspi addressed the Board's concern with the tangible number to ethics credits a licensee could expect to derive from the course, he estimated 5 instructional hours could be counted with in the 20-hour course. (Policy Attached)

Dr. Apgar listed the cost of the course and information on varying scales of payment accepted by the Association.

Regulatory Review Committee (Suzanne Herrmann, Dorothy Brocco) The committee with input from the full Board, will begin to review national social work guides regarding Court-ordered mental health services, and the criteria established by New Jersey Courts for Court-appointed therapist in order to draft a regulation to guide New Jersey clinicians.

F.Y.I. Statutes and Regulations - Licensed and Drug Counselor Committee - DAG Susan Berger reviewed the act, which implements licensure for New Jersey Alcohol and Drug Counselors, under the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy.

The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)

Application for membership - Manitoba Institute of Registered Social Workers, Canada. Based on Manitoba's qualifications for membership in the ASWB, a motion was made by Dr. Murray to approve the province of Canada Manitoba Institute as a qualified member for the Association. The motion was seconded by Ms. Herrmann. The vote was unanimous.

National Survey of State Social Work Boards' current ESL Policies and the Association's Current Accommodations

The Board will review each request made for ESL on an individual basis.

C. National Licensing Exam -The Board has no interest in obtaining a Diagnostic Comprehensive Report

F.Y.I. HIPPA

Policy to increase monetary penalty for unlicensed practice over "lengthy" period of time. A motion was made by Dr. Cosgrove to keep the current policy in place the motion was seconded by Dr. Murray. The vote was unanimous.

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Notice of Consent Order(s) Filed since the previous meeting

Mario Lorpesti, LCSW
Cecele Krause, LCSW
Thomas DiPaola, LSW
Lisa Murlroony, CSW

Adjournment

Open session concluded at 2:00 P.M. At 3:30 P.M. the Board re-entered Open session to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay K. McCormack
Executive Director

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