

**BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
February 22, 2006**

Call to Order

The Meeting of the Board of Social Work Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, on Wednesday, February 22, 2006. Doreen Bobby, Board Chair, convened the meeting at 10:00 A.M. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings. The following attendance was recorded for these minutes:

Roll Call

Henry Acosta, MSW, LSW Professional Member Present
Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW Professional Member Absent
Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW, Board Chair Professional Member Present
Kathleen Ellis Public Member Present
Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW Professional Member Present
Louise A. Murray, DSW, LSW, Board Vice-Chair Professional Member

Present

Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. Public Member Absent
Wanetta V. Williams, BSW, CSW Professional Member Present
Terri Wilson, MSW, LCSW Government Member Absent

Also present were Executive Director Kay K. McCormack, D.A.G. Carmen Rodriguez, substituting for DAG Jodi C. Krugman at this meeting, and Board staff member, Cathalina Serrano.

Following a review of the Public Session minutes of January 25, 2006, a motion was made by Mr. Acosta and seconded by Ms. Williams to approve the minutes as revised pending review by DAG Jodi C. Krugman. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

The NASW, New Jersey chapter's Executive Director Walter X. Kalman, MSW, LSW along attended the session with Association liaison, Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW. There was no comment offered at this session by the Association.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. McCormack advised members of the Board on matters of meeting schedules and contact information.

Review of Supervisors' Credentials

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

APPROVED SUPERVISORS

Erica A. Kisch, LCSW-CA
Suzanne M. Daub, LCSW –PA
Marcia B. Holman, CSW – NY
Leah Bath, CSW – NY

Rebecca Latham, LCSW – MD
Sherry E. Waldman, CSW- NY
Robert Bloom, LCSW - CA

Review of Degree(s) in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.3(a)3.ii There were no related BA degrees presented for Board review in this category.

IX. Vote on the Candidates Proposed for Licensure and Certification

The Board unanimously agreed to approve those candidates who have been evaluated as eligible for licensure or certification based on a review of their applications and supporting documentation in accordance with the requirements in the Statute and Regulations.

X. Continuing Education

Vote on Recommendations

A motion was made by Dr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Acosta to approve CE programs according to Board members' recommendations and based on a review of the program content, the presenters' credentials and the credit hours in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:44G-Subchapter 6. The approved courses will be reflected on the Board's monthly update of CE offerings for January 2006.

Discussion of Problematic CEs

Problematic applications were discussed and those approved will be reflected on the referenced listing of approved CE coursework.

CE Correspondence

Deborah Fox, MSW, LCSW – Ms. Fox's curriculum vita was unavailable and, therefore, a review is delayed to the March 2006 Meeting. Jean Jacques Dobrot, MSW, LCSW – The Board re-examined the clinical supervision course content supplied by Dr. Dobrot for the course he developed and taught at Fordham's School of Social Work in the 1980s. Dr. Dobrot was requesting that the Board waive his obligation to take such a course now in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.1(a)4. A motion was made by Dr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Bobby denying Dr. Dobrot's request on the basis that the scope of his course content does not comply with the intent of N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.1. The vote was unanimous.

Legislation

The Board reviewed Public Law 2005, Chapter 53 which requires coursework in cultural competency for physicians' training. The Board supports this premise for all regulated social workers as well and approves the inclusion of 3 CE credits in Cultural Competency for each biennial cycle. The minutes reflect that Board member, Henry Acosta recused himself from the discussion of this matter due to his participation in the legislative process which led to this proposal.

The Board reviewed S: NO 1276, introduced to the Senate on February 6, 2006, which revised procedures for suspension or revocation of licenses/certificates for overdue child support. The Board unanimously approved the intent of this legislation.

Regulations – Danielle Swenson, Division Regulatory Analyst

The Board reviewed the final draft of the proposed new rules N.J.A.C. 13:44G-10.11 and 13.1 through 13.7-Custody/Parenting Time Evaluations and the related proposed amendments to 3.1,3.2, and 12.4. A motion was made by Ms. Ellis and seconded by Mr. Acosta to approve the amendments and the rules. The vote was unanimous.

Filed Consent Orders –Public Orders Signed since the Previous Meeting.

Lisa Murphy, MSW, LSW – Unlicensed practice
Oleg Topolev, MSW, LSW – Unlicensed practice

Correspondence

The Board unanimously approved a request from Maria I. Suarez, MSW, LSW for an ESL (English as a Second Language) accommodation on the ASWB “clinical” level national licensing exam. In the discussion that followed, a motion was made Ms. Lisboa and seconded by Dr. Murray granting authority to the Executive Director to approve future written requests by candidates for an ESL exam accommodation, according to the procedures established for this purpose by the Association of Social Work Boards. The vote was unanimous. The Board unanimously agreed to conclude Public Session at 11:45 A.M. The Board re-entered Public Session at 4:15 P.M. to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay K. McCormack
Executive Director