

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2010**

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order without a quorum of the Board members at 10:10 am in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by the Board's Chair, Ms. Doreen Bobby, MSW, LCSW.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW, (Chair)
Henry Acosta, MSW, LSW (Vice-Chair)
Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW
Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW
Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq

Absent:

Lorna Hines-Cunningham, MS, LCSW
Kathleen Ellis

Also attending:

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Jodi C. Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff
Lucy Chalet, Administrative Staff

Announcement of Quorum

The Chair announced that no quorum existed and that the members present would discuss matters on the agenda and make recommendations for action when a quorum is present. The Board will discuss matters on the agenda, no motions or decision will be taking until quorum is present.

The Chair also announced that 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

No Minutes were presented for Board's review.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker, informed the Board that the State has contracted with Bright Star to scan the licensing files of the Social Work Board. The preliminary work is beginning.

DAG Jodi Krugman informed the Board that Director David Szuchman, is no longer with Consumer Affairs and that Sharon Joyce has been appointed Acting Director.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Today's session was attended by representatives from New Jersey's Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, (NASW-NJ) Mr. Walter Kalman,MSW, LSW, Executive Director; Mary Jean Weston,MSW, LCSW Assistant Executive Director; Carrie Moore, Student intern in NASW-NJ; Donna Wardell, Director of Communications from Rutgers University; Marian Diksins, Assistant Director of Student Services in Rutgers University; Maureen Braun Scalera from Family International Services; and Diane Noah, Social Worker applicant.

- 1- Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, informed the Board that the forms for candidates to record supervision hours should be ready in few weeks and she thanked the Board for its support. Ms. Weston also welcomed New Board Member, Dawn Apgar, to the Board .
- 2- Walter Kalman, LSW- Mr. Kalman thanked the Board for moving the Public Comment to earlier section of the agenda.
- 3- Donna Wardell, MSSW, LSW- Ms. Wardell stated that the Rutgers University School of Social Work stated that they are still working on a a mechanism to let NJBSWE know when a student is enrolled in the last semester of the program in order to be eligible to take the master's level examination. DAG Jodi Krugman suggested that a letter should come from the Dean in the college and should state that the student is currently enrolled in the last semester and give the anticipated date of graduation.

At 10:40 a.m. Board Chair, Doreen Bobby, officially opened the meeting and announced that with the arrival of Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW, a quorum was present.

At 10:45 a.m., newly appointed Board member, Dawn Apgar, Ph.D., LSW was sworn in by DAG Jodi Krugman. All welcomed her to the Board.

VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

Upon motion by Dr. Altamura, seconded by Ms. Bobby the Board approved all Clinical Supervisors' Credentials.

VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

A motion was made by Dr. Leonard Altamura and seconded by Ms. Maxine Lisboa 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 renew in the cases of pending criminal history background checks. All in favor of the motion.

LCSW APPLICATIONS:

COMPLETED CRIMINAL HISTORY:

Quenise N. Beckford
Maya C. Berhan
Karen H. Bernardes
Jaime Dauber
Jennifer B. Dunst
Martha S. Francis
Anna Irizarry-Wood
Nicole M. Liloia
Jeffrey L. Longhofer
Megan C. Maloof
Stephanie D. Manes
Janet M. McInerney
Sydney M. Mueller
Cara A. Natale

Pamela A. Parmelli
Dai G. Phan
Tamatha A. Rettberg
Anne S. Rosenfeld

PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:

Rita L. DiVenti
Keane J. Gardner
Meghan A. Krouse
Jamie L. Marcella
Karen M. Mulgrum
Colleen M. Powers

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Efrat Shaked
Anna B. Vitiello

LSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Sarah E. Adelson
Mariann E. Bischoff
Brian F. Condon
Maribel Cortez
Barbara N. Gill
Lee N. Harding
Bradley L. Jacobs
Jenny A. Rosetti
Pamela Ziede-Weber

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Anna J. Blodgett
Lauren E. Denelly
Marian Gerges
Nedejada Y. Golubkova
Tina M. Gradison
Ann L. Hurwitz
Sharyn Kline-Felix
Jeremy S. LeFever
Shelly Levin

Leslie A. Mader
Veronica M. Menard
Juliette D. Mine
Evan J. Morrison
Elyse C. Norton
Christie A. Patla

Sarah C. Riley
Chananyah Silverman
Geraldine Summerville
Laura A. Van Wyk
Victoria A. Vreeland

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Christine N. Wendt
Erica L. Zaklin

CSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Maria A. Baptiste
Cassandra N. Dobutovich
Aura N. Espitia
Aireal K. Fudge-Johnson
Shawntel L. Gray
Shonda L. Green
Heather M. Kershaw
Veronica M. Klapmuts
Stacia Mosier
Judith G. Ramsey
Francine Sadek
Snehal A. Ukey
Renee L. Wells

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Okechukwu L. Anyanwu
Todd Bailey
Rekishia L. Beans
Alyssa J. Biedermann
Allison B. Brown
Joanne M. Hubert
Marvella J. Jackson

Kristen A. Miller
Adlyn Nelson-Nugent
Mark G. Salmon
Damaris Santiago

Victoria A. Schmidt
Chanel N. Scott
Patricia H. Severino
Marisa V. Silvey

Anelisa Smith
Tatiana Smith
Tiffany M. Summersett
Caitlin A. Tamayo
Jenna Wendolowski

VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upon motion made by Maxine Lisboa, seconded by Henry Acosta, the Board voted to accept all CE hours submitted to the Board.

A. Problematic CEU's

No discussion about Problematic CEU's

B. Vote on Recommendation.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1- Walter X. Kalman, MSW, LSW Executive Director of NASW-NJ spoke about ways to speed the process of licensure for LSWs. Dr. Altamura suggested that we should table this issue for further discussion between Board members and DAG Krugman.
- 2- Memos from Mary Jean Weston, MSW, LCSW of the NASW-NJ- information regarding life coaching by social workers. DAG Jodi Krugman asked Ms. Weston if she had any suggestions as to how the Board should address this issue. Ms. Weston indicated that her organization was studying it in order to make appropriate recommendations.
- 3- Memo from Donna Wardell, MSSW, LSW- regarding Rutgers students and confirmation that they are in the last semester of the master's program in order that they may be approved for the masters level examination. She suggested that a spreadsheet of eligible candidates be sent to the Board. The Board felt that this would be problematic in that it would not allow for proper documentation to be placed in individual licensing files.
- 5- An email from Mary Jean Weston, MSW, LSW asking if hours accrued in a volunteer capacity could be applied to the requirement for LCSW licensure. *Upon motion made by Dr. Altamura, seconded by Mr. Acosta, the Board voted to approve volunteer work hours as long as the documentation proves it is totally compliant with the requirements of the regulations and all progress notes are kept and reflect the level of supervision hours accumulated. Voting in favor of the motion: All.*

X. MEETING DATES FOR 2010

02/24/2010- Essex Conference Room, 6th FL
03/24/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
04/28/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

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05/26/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
06/23/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
07/28/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
08/25/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
09/22/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
10/27/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
11/17/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
12/15/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Public session concluded at 11:15 am. The Board re-entered public session at 2:00 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW
Chair