

# NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

## PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.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 (arrived at 10:05 a.m., left at 4:04 p.m.)

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 10:03 a.m., left at 4:03 p.m.)

#### 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 10:01 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 January 3, 2013 meeting be approved as amended.*

*Dr. Bradley seconded. Voting in favor: all.*

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker informed the Board that some Rutgers students are submitting their LSW applications prior to applying for and passing for the masters' level examination.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public in attendance:

- A. Karun K. Singh** - Dr. Singh reported on schools requesting their candidates' pass/fail scores by logging onto the ASWB website at [www.aswb.org](http://www.aswb.org), going under the heading "social work licensing exams," and then "school reports." At that site, a school can download and submit the request form. Please note that this will be based on student self-reported information and applies to students who took the examination in 2011. Scores are reported by calendar year with 2011 data being available now. Data for 2012 will be available after March of this year. For more information, please contact Dr. Chuck Friedman, Exam Program Manager, at [CFriedman@aswb.org](mailto:CFriedman@aswb.org).
- B. Mary Jean Weston, Assistant Executive Director, NASW-NJ** - Ms. Weston introduced Ms. Suzanne Levy, Continuing Education Associate. Ms. Weston also asked for clarification if the Board would still be maintaining the status quo regarding approval entities and CE's for the next six (6) months.  
*Upon motion by Ms. Borden seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera, the Board voted to allow the continuing education courses already approved to continue in approved status until the end of the 2012-2014 renewal cycle.*
- C. Walter Kalman, Executive Director, NASW-NJ** - Mr. Kalman presented the Board with a information concerning The Continuing Education Approval Collaborative. This collaborative is currently in place in Massachusetts and Michigan. The NASW-NJ is interested in initiating such a collaborative for New Jersey.

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

*Upon motion made by Ms. Braun 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 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:**

Hilary M. Fineman  
Gloria J. Hoegel  
Jamie Lauren  
Veronica Sanders  
Carla M. Zarrella

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Vashonna T. Hassett  
Michelle Skenesky

**LSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Nicole P. Berezny  
Laura K. Berrios  
Valerie P. Biddle  
Taniel C. Brown  
Svetlana Buryakov  
Nancy M. Hutchinson  
Jamie E. Lasker  
Danielle N. Leone  
Jesse Piere  
Rocet Rodriguez  
Mark V. Rufino  
Samantha M. Stuerze  
Gary A. Tsiperfal

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Karen E. Austro  
Jennifer K. Briggs  
Abbe G. Favocci  
Kristina M. Hadam  
Janice M. Kilgallen  
Lionel Y. Latouche  
Minu S. Mathew  
William T. Mazzuto  
Tara L. McAteer  
Nadley R. McIntosh  
Irene V. Muniz

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Kristin S. Nicely Colangelo  
Sally Pitanga  
Michanya M. Ricketts  
Sonia A. Scott  
Raelyn M. Sprenkle  
Linda G. Teller  
Megan B. Vitale  
Allison E. Wise  
Beth D. Wray  
Janelle Zollo

**CSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Charlene B. Castello  
Isabella W. Gitau  
Kimberly L. Joie  
Jennie L. Logan  
Kathryn E. Marks  
Reynell A. Price  
Jeanette Rodriguez  
Alysia L. Sawyer

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

William J. Brophy  
Sara A. Copper  
Erica L. Dmochowski  
Gayle Eklund  
Gena M. Fox  
Malesha E. Goolcharran  
Jessica L. Hoffman  
Nicola C. Laury  
Emilie L. Mankopf  
Nicole L. McQueen  
Jessica L. Noblett  
Maria D. Prieto  
Nicole T. Salib  
Stephanie L. Souza  
Marci J. Stankiewicz  
Brielle D. Sykes  
Lauren M. Teres  
Nathaniel Thompson  
Christina R. Walton

## **VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

### **A. Vote on recommendation**

*Upon motion by Dr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera, the Board voted to accept the following CE courses: Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton, GSC Home Study Course, and New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women. The following was not approved: Zen Garland. Voting in favor: all*

## **IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. Raffi Bilek, LSW** - The Board reviewed Mr. Bilek's February 1, 2013 email regarding his advertisement.

*The Board determined to send Mr. Bilek a letter inquiring the following: 1.) The name of the agency where he works; 2.) The nature of the agency; 3.) What type of work does Mr. Bilek do; 4.) Who supervises his clinical work; 5.) What is the ownership structure of the agency; 6.) Are fees paid directly to him or to the agency.*

### **B. Debra L. Wentz, Ph.D, CEO of NJAMHA** - The Board reviewed Ms. Wentz's December 7, 2012 letter inquiring about the pending adoption of the continuing education regulation.

*The Board determined this is an issue for the regulation committee and will be placed on their agenda. The committee will then report back to the full Board for final determination.*

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

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

January 08, 2014- Somerset Conference Room  
February 12, 2014- Hudson Conference Room  
March 12, 2014- Hudson Conference Room  
April 9, 2014- Hudson Conference Room  
May 14, 2014- Monmouth Conference Room  
June 11, 2014- Hudson Conference Room  
July 9, 2014- Hudson Conference Room  
August 13, 2014- Hudson Conference Room  
September 10, 2014- Hudson Conference Room  
October 8, 2014- Hudson Conference Room  
November 12, 2014- Hudson Conference Room

December 10, 2014- Hudson Conference Room

**XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2013**

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

March 5, 2013 - Essex Conference Room, 7<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 11:03 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session in a motion by Ms. Borden, with Mr. St. Onge seconding. The Board re-entered public session at 4:06 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Chair