

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS OPEN MINUTES

February 18, 2004

Call to Order

The Meeting of the Board of Social Work Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Wednesday, February 18, 2004. Doreen Bobby, Board Chair, convened the meeting in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act at 10:05 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	Present
John G. Cosgrove, Ph.D., LSW	Professional Member	Present
Suzanne Herrmann, MSW, LCSW	Professional Member	Absent
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, Executive Director, Walter Kalman, MSW, LSW, discussed the proposed legislation A. NO1913.

At 10:40 A.M. a unanimous motion, to hear testimony at a scheduled inquiry. The vote was unanimous.

Executive Director's Report

Kay McCormack discussed the following matters with Board members:

- Announced that there will be a Spring Education Meeting in Calgary, Canada on March 24, 2004
- Ms. McCormack provided a summary of the annual conference of FARB, Federation Associations of Regulatory Boards, which she attended as the Board representative on the weekend of February 6-8, 2004, on Amelia Island Plantation, Florida.

Following a review of the December 17, 2003 Open minutes, a motion was made by Dr. Cosgrove and seconded by Dr. Murray to approve them as modified. The vote was unanimous.

Following a review of the January 19, 2004 Open minutes, a motion was made by Ms. Robinson and seconded by Dr. Cosgrove to approve them as modified. The vote was unanimous.

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. Cosgrove and seconded by Ms. Robinson to approve the following individuals as eligible clinical supervisors. The vote was unanimous.

APPLICANTS SUPERVISOR

Kerri Bossardet-West, LSW Paul N. Heber, LPC - NJ

Gayle Brown Susan Reyna-Guerrero, LCSW - IL

Marie Cooper Diana L. Cohen, LPC - NJ

Tom Jones, LSW John Livio, Psychologist - PA

Holly Minnus Mark W. Steege, LMSW - TX

Roy E. Batter, LMSW - TX

Laurie Robbins Mel Schneiderman, Psychologist

Jodi Rubin David McCain Rodgers, CSW R. - NY

Nancy Green Waxman, CSW - NY

Melanie Simons Dianne Mastro, CSW R - NY

Sarah Van Buskirk Alicia S. Galper, LICSW - MA

Michael Monaco, LICSW - MA

Sarah P. Hood, LICSW - MA

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 Dr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Brocco to approve all candidates in their respective categories. The vote was unanimous. The lists are attached.

Continuing Education

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

2. CE Standard Review Committee - For all problematic application, which one Board member reviews, should now be sent to two additional Board members plus the initial reviewer to evaluate for the following

meeting.

The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)

A. F.Y.I. New Jersey Legislation Regarding Licensed Physicians

B. F.Y.I. Social Work Practice Analysis/Exam Name Changes

Legislation - Assembly Bill A#1913 - The Board and the professional association jointly expressed the following concerns: The proposal would appear to redirect the focus of protective services away from the consumer and instead to the licensee, contrary to the traditional position reinforced by the DCA and, the legislation appears to decrease the jurisdiction of the Board as regulatory authorities while empowering the Medical Society, a professional lobbying group historically not consumer protective. While the Boards, which regulate mental health providers, have not been included in this proposed legislation at this point, the Board expressed concern for the future stability of what it believes to be the effective system currently in place.

Correspondence

A. Michele Stanzione-Donahue, LSW - Ms. Donahue requested a CE waiver due to her medical disability. Based on the documentation that was provided, a motion was made by Dr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Brocco to approve the waiver of the required 20 CE for the 2000-20002 cycle and reduce half, or 10 of the 20 CEs required for the 2002-2004 cycle. The vote was unanimous.

B. Frances Levine, LCSW - Ms. Levine requested guidance since she had been asked by a psychiatrist to write a treatment evaluation. Unless she is Court-ordered to produce such an evaluation, she is under no obligation to cooperate with the psychiatrist.

F.Y.I. Medical Malpractice Coverage Requirements

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

Dawn Donovan, LCSW

Stephen Philips, LSW

Adjournment

Open session concluded at 2:40 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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