

# NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

## PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. in the Hudson 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 (Chair)  
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Vice-Chair)  
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC  
Carolyn Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC  
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. (arrived at 9:43 a.m.)

#### **Absent:**

Elizabeth Bowman, MSS, LCSW

#### **Also attending:**

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General  
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director  
Michela Ross, Government Rep  
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff  
Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst

### **Announcement of Quorum**

Chair Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar announced that quorum existed for the meeting at 9:40 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 Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and The Courier Post.

### III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

*Dr. Bradley moved that the public minutes of the February 12, 2014 meeting be approved as corrected Ms. Braun Scalera seconded. Voting in favor: all.*

### IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker informed the Board that Regulatory Analyst, Chuck Manning will be present at 10:30 a.m. regarding items "G" and "H" under "Correspondence."

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public in attendance:

- A. **Mary Jean Weston, Assistant Executive Director, NASW-NJ** - inquired about how to handle CE programs that were approved by ASWB because ASWB has a longer approval cycle than the Board.
- B. **Karun Singh, Director MSW Rutgers Newark** - informed the Board that the list of “clinical courses” for Rutgers’s MSW program is currently being reviewed by the Dean for his final approval before submission to the Board.
- C. **Walter Kalman, Director, NASW-NJ** - see below: IX. Correspondence, Item “G”
- D. **Luba Shagawat, LCSW, NJ Society for Clinical Social Work** - see below: IX. Correspondence, Item “H”
- E. **Kathleen Callaghan, LCSW** - came before the Board for guidance regarding what materials she must release to them. *The Board informed Ms. Callaghan that any client notes she submits to the Board will remain confidential and redacted in any further proceeding*

The following members of the Public were present and did not comment:

- A. **Caroline Grossman, LCSW, NJSCSW**
- B. **Jeff Feldman, consultant, NASW-NJ**
- C. **Christina Mina, Field Coordinator, NASW-NJ**
- D. **Paulina Banasiak, MSW student, Rutgers University**

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

*All supervisors were approved except for two; one was denied because the supervision hours were completed over thirty years ago and the other was denied because more information was required.*

**VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE**

*Upon motion made by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden, 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:**

Jane Appel  
Brienne M. Bendit

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Adrienne Coccoziello-Hoover  
Diann Connell  
Judith DeBlasio  
Myrna M. Gomez  
Jenna K. Kimock  
Matthew D. Lawrence  
Deborah A. McDill  
Irma Sandoval-Arocho  
Joanne Solari  
Kristin M. Will

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Yhatrid Algarin  
Esther Ammon  
Lia C. Canavan  
Janice H. Cho  
Doreen Cook  
Lisa Dolmatz  
Nazila Esmaeili  
Katherine Fearon  
Lawrence S. Greenstein  
Nechama Kruk  
Sandra P. Lutomski  
Kristian E. Lynch  
Stephani L. Masi  
Martin O'Toole  
Mario Passaro  
Tresa I. Ramos-Gonzalez  
Kathleen L. Renner  
Brittany A. Richstein  
Elizabeth M. Schmidt  
Lauren Thompson  
Nicole Woo

**LSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Melissa S. Gunsaulus  
Katherine L. Kennedy  
Sheila T. Knoz  
Caren E. Maccini

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Steven J. Maybruch  
Melissa Rovetto-Ruffner  
Hillary Scott  
Nenia R. Weaver

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Diane B. Baird  
Lindsey Bitzer  
Meghan B. Brandecker  
Lisa Calandra-Ratner  
Kristina E. Caro  
Gittle Chase  
Shena M. Dance  
Tamar Danzger  
Sara F. Dubovick  
Manoucheka Emmanuel  
Srah A. Fitzpatrick  
Nancy A. Haman  
Karen D. Hidalgo  
Shira E. Kalman-Hicks  
Lindsey M. Kossowsky  
Rhett W. Knuth  
Corenthia J. Lewis  
Stephanie M. Leifer  
Michael Lifschultz  
Kendrick S. Lutz  
Lucindy D. Marshall  
Kathleen E. McCarty  
Mark Morris  
Alexandra Ogurtsova  
Oluremi H. Olabinjo  
Tia S. Pitt  
Jessica M. Porta  
Tanesha N. Pough  
Aracely Reyes  
Maria V. Rivera  
Alejandra Schraier  
Katelyn I. Smith  
Jillian T. Soja  
Baily Van Jura  
Eva Vasquez  
Linda B. Wachtel

**CSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

None to review.

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

None to review.

**VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**A. Continuing Education Review**

*This matter is tabled until the April 9, 2014 meeting pending sub-Committee review.*

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Senate No. 614**, Reduces the statute of limitations for medical malpractice liability actions to four years. *Upon motion by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted to take a neutral position on this bill. The Board also voted to comment that Social Workers should be included in this bill because they are the number one provider of outpatient mental health services in the United States. Voting in favor: all. Dr. Apgar recused because of an employment conflict.*

**B. Assembly No. 682**, Establishes process to bar certain health care providers from receiving reimbursement under PIP. *Upon motion by Dr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to take a neutral position on this bill. The Board also voted to comment that it had concerns regarding the lack of a definition of the term "relevant information." Voting in favor: all.*

**C. Senate No. 681**, Provides for the issuance of certificate of rehabilitation to certain offenders with substance abuse disorders. *Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera, the Board voted to support this bill. The Board also voted to comment that the language of the bill should indicated that the individual during the evaluation should be a mental health professional who is licensed at a clinical level. Voting in favor: all. Dr. Apgar was recused because of an employment conflict*

**D. Edward Jankowski, LCSW**

The Board reviewed the February 8, 2014 supervision report from Ms. Judith

Lagani as submitted by Mr. Jankowski's attorney, Mr. David Rostan, Esq. *Upon motion by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted to accept this as informational.*

**E. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

The Board reviewed the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)'s February 20, 2014 email regarding the newly released guidance explaining how the HIPAA Privacy Rule operates to protect individuals' privacy rights with respect to their mental health information and in what circumstances the Privacy Rule permits health care providers to communicate with patients' family members and others to enhance treatment and assure safety. *Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera, the Board accepted this as informational. Voting in favor: all.*

**F. Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, Assistant Director, NASW-NJ**

The Board reviewed Ms. Weston's February 17, 2014 letter presenting suggested language changes to regulation for clarification purposes. *Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to forward Ms. Weston's letter to Regulatory Analyst, Chuck Manning for further review. Voting in favor: all.*

**G. Walter Kalman, LSW, Director, NASW-NJ**

The Board reviewed Mr. Kalman's February 27, 2014 letter in opposition of the Board proposing regulations that would mirror HIPAA regulations regarding confidentiality and insurance issues. *Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board accepted this as informational. Voting in favor: all.*

**H. Luba Shagawat, LCSW, NJ Society for Clinical Social Work**

The Board reviewed Ms. Shagawat's March 3, 2014 letter in opposition of the Board proposing regulations that would mirror HIPAA regulations regarding confidentiality and insurance issues. *Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board accepted this as informational. Voting in favor: all.*

**I. Efthimia Homerides Gray, CSW**

The Board reviewed the Final Order of Discipline for Ms. Gray. *Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted to approval the*

*Final Order of Discipline. Voting in favor: all.*

**X. MEETING DATES FOR 2014**

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

April 9, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

May 14, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

June 4, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

July 9, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

August 13, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

September 10, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

October 8, 2014- Monmouth Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

November 12, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

December 10, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Public session closed at 11:47 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Dr. Bradley. The Board re-entered public session at 2:18 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Chair