

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2011**

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order with a quorum of the Board members at 10:35 a.m. 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)
Kathleen Ellis
Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW
Lorna Hines-Cunningham, MS, LCSW
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq

Absent:

Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW (Vice Chair)
Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW

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 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

Open minutes from February 23, 2011 meeting were reviewed by the Board. *Upon motion made by Ms. Kathleen Ellis seconded by Ms. Doreen Bobby, the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. Voting in favor of the motion: All.*

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker, spoke to the Board concerning the new process for LSW licensing approved by the Board in April. The NASW-NJ sent helpful information regarding the process, however students at one New Jersey university misinterpreted it to mean that the exam was no longer necessary. Many phone calls from students and from individuals with whom the students communicated (some as far away as Texas) ensued. The NASW-NJ sent subsequent information to clarify the new process and the phone calls eventually ceased.

Dr. Walker also expressed concern that many will now be presenting their LSW applications in person "Walk-ins" tend to be very time-consuming and subtract time from processing applications.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was attended by Ms. Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, Assistant Executive Director (NASW-NJ); Donna Wardell, Director of Communications from Rutgers University.

- 1- Ms. Mary Jean Weston, informed the Board that check lists will be published after approval of executive Director Michael Walker and DAG Jodi Krugman.

Ms. Weston also stated that the checklists would be made available to the Deans and Directors of the MSW programs.

- 2- Donna Wardell- Ms. Wardell thanked the Board and their efforts and she told the Board that she will post on the Rutgers' website that will be no walk-ins accepted at the Board office regarding this issue. The Board thanked her for her help in this issue.

VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

Upon motion made by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Lisboa, the Board voted to approve all of the supervisors' credentials applications submitted.

VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

A motion made by Ms. Maxine Lisboa, seconded by Ms. Kathleen Ellis, 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 renew in the cases of pending criminal history background checks. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

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COMPLETED CRIMINAL HISTORY:

Alexandrea K. Arnone
Suzanne M. Badawi
Wendy Hernandez
Liora Moshe

PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:

Alison M. D'Auguste
Ross A. Croessmann
Leslie A. Frey
Michelle A. Hague
Christine Ferro
Dolores A. Ijames-Bryant
Katie A. Labush
Karen M. LeVasseur
Michelle A. Lodato
Patricia A. Moloney
Kristen M. Nicholl
Starla M. Rudolph
Kristen P. Schiller
Ann F. Thoresen
Erika D. Turner
Virginia S. Zofi

LSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Regina M. Almanzan-Disla
Jennifer R. Baldwin
Jillian I. Clark
Melissa M. Eodice
Denise Gaetano
Virginia W. Kenney
Maria Lott-Coulon
Marissa A. Scotto

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Rosetta Abraham
Susan M. Afa
Jane B. Appel
Brenda L. Bedward
Erin M. Bennington
Laura D. Brovich
Barnaby Chancellor
Angela R. Constantino
Kelly M. Craig
Janet Michelle M. Cuevas
Elizabeth M. Faughnan
Pamela Fitzgerald
Regina Frigola
Karen Z. Goldberg
Mark Graceffo
Ciara D. Haynes
Robyn L. Kestler
Rose Ann Kim
Tammarra D. King
Krystal L. Kochera
Brooke Laster
Hope Lipschutz
Lacie M. Longo
Janine M. Macrone
Wanda I. Marquez
Joshua I. Maudlin
Monique S. Morris
Caitlin A. Mulligan
Lisa A. Quachenbush
Stacey L. Rockman
Monique M. Roumo
Lori J. Sonenblum
Jaclyn Spagnuolo
Mersene Stapp
Aviva E. Wasserman

CSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Joseph E. Alperin
Kira Nnelle Berstecher
Keyonna M. Brydie

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Debra A. Dempsey
Samera M. Jackson-Thacker
Jennifer S. Leander
Adeline F. Theobald
Thomas Devina

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El-Shabazz U. Abdallah
Tynesha D. Barnes
Mettina M. Carroll
Barbara Cid
Elizabeth Conde
Kandice N. Cooper
Judy Z. Dixon
Kristin J. Dykhouse
Kaitlyn V. English
Carleen N. Evans
Jennifer L. Giatka
Pamela A. Gormley
Jewel V. Hodge
Sean A. Macon
Leslie M. McNamara
John A. Meehan
Juan F. Moreno
Janet K. Porter
Erin B. Ritter
Shaheen D. Shabazz
Tracy L. Shadle
O'Sheila S. Wallace
Dana M. Walsh

VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upon motion made by Mr. St Onge, seconded by Ms. Bobby, the Board voted to accept all CE

courses submitted to the Board. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

1. GSC Home Study Course; for Board's review "Practicing Social Work Ethics: Contemporary Approaches". *Upon motion made by Ms. Bobby, seconded by Ms. Ellis, the CE course was approved. Voting in favor of the motion: All.*

B. Vote on Recommendation.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1- New regulations concerning Health Care Professional Reporting Responsibility, from New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs. *The Board reviewed the regulations and accepted the item as informational.*
- 2- State of NJ, 214th Legislature, Assembly No. 3851- requires information concerning certain public employees be made public. *The Board accepted this as informational.*
- 3- Adopted new rules, Readoption of N.J.S.A. 13:45C; Duty to Cooperate Regulation. *The Board accepted this as informational.*
- 4- Budget Report for the 1st Half of year 2011 from Darlene Kane, Budget Officer. *The Board accepted the report as informational.*
- 5- Family Intervention Services, Inc.- letter from Susan Sterling, LCSW Assistant Director of Training and Clinical Services for the organization regarding questions asked by registrants.
 1. Can an LSW take the course, or does he/she need to have an LCSW prior to taking the course?
 2. If an LSW takes the course, before they have the LCSW, does he/she need to take it again when he/she becomes an LCSW?

The Board reviewed this letter and upon motion made by Ms. Bobby, seconded by Ms. Hines-Cunningham, the Board voted to discourage taking the supervisory exam while an still an LSW because it would be at least three years after they were licensed as an LCSW before they were

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allowed to supervise. The Board feels that the course should be completed closer to when the licensee would begin supervising. Voting in favor of the motion: All.

X. MEETING DATES FOR 2011

April 27, 2011-Hudson Conference Room
May 25, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
June 15, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
July 27, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
August 24, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
September 28, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
October 26, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
November 16, 2011- Hudson Conference Room
December 21, 2011- Hudson Conference Room

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Public session closed at 11:15 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session. The Board re-entered public session at 3:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW
Chair