

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010**

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order with no 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)
Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW
Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq
Kathleen Ellis

Absent:

Lorna Hines-Cunningham, MS, LCSW
Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW
Henry Acosta, MSW, LSW (Vice-Chair)

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 a quorum was present after Mr. Paul St. Onge arrived at 11:00 a.m.

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

Minutes for October 28, 2009 and November 18, 2009 were approved as corrected.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker, informed the Board that the applications for licensure were not yet available on line, but progress has been made. He also informed the Board that the staff has increased by one person who transferred from another Board and, as a result, various staff responsibilities were being redistributed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was attended by representatives from New Jersey's Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, New Jersey Chapter (NASW-NJ) Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, Assistant Executive Director; Carrie Moore, Student intern in NASW-NJ; Donna Wardell, Director of Communications from Rutgers University; and Maureen Braun Scalera from Family International Services.

- 1- Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, talked to the Board about the problem that social workers are being asked to provide more information to insurance companies than the regulations allow. Reimbursement is threatened unless the social workers comply with the insurance company requests.

The Board then entered into executive session at 10:25 a.m. to receive advice from counsel. The Board returned to open session at 10:35 a.m.

The Board requested that NASW-NJ compile information concerning what is being requested as well as the insurance companies that are requesting the information.

- 2- Carrie Moore, intern from NASW-NJ, talked about the frequently asked questions project brochure she's working on putting it together with DAG Jodi Krugman and Executive Director Walker.
- 3- Maureen Braun Scalera, from Family International Services, spoke about the new online state data system and how it might violate confidentiality because names are available to anyone who can log on to the system, although patient records can only be accessed by those responsible for the individuals files, the names are available to anyone who has access to the system.

She was also concerned that the v code diagnosis is necessary for an agency to be paid by DYFS and mobile response agencies are still being staffed by people with only a Bachelors degree. DAG Krugman will check with DCBHS about both matters.

VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

Upon motion by Dr. Apgar, Seconded by Ms. Ellis, the Board approved all Clinical Supervisors' Credentials.

VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

A motion was made by Ms. Kathleen Ellis 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:

Angie M. Arce
Jennifer L. Barnett
Mike Bellamy
Jonathan Caspi
Patricia Churchill
Lauren M. DePinto
Wayne E. Duncan
Maina Fridman
Michele I. Kramer
Randy L. Masel
Doris E. Ruiz
David J. Schaublin
Heather S. Simon
Helen H. Spencer-Snyder
Anniesha D. Quann-Walker
Mayer Zuckerman

PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:

Milissa K. Aronson

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Diane L. Bojazi
Chelsea L. Davis
Eliezer V. DeFranca
Heather R. Gaudette
Noelle K. Jensen
Jacqueline S. Mullaney
Anna K. Przywara
Nicole M. Tursi
Karen E. Wagner

LSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Debra J. Abrams-Goldsmith
Susan E. Algieri
Claudette I. Bachoe
Nicole Berardi
Jessica E. Cichalski
Lorraine Howard
Rosemary Hughes
Denise Irwin
Libby Klein
Amy E. McCree
Mairead A. McInerney
Ike C. Nkulme
Zina L. Rodriguez
Renu R. Singh

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Rachel M. Addison
Vincent M. Austin-Cole

Anne M. Ayres
Michael D. Bailey
Caroline M. Campbell
Jennifer S. Carpinteri
Nicole M. Chabot-Waugh
Helen H. Cho
Amanda Covas

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Meghan F. Daley
Jacqueline K. Deyo
Maureen R. Edwards
Lauren J. Freylikhman
Elizabeth M. Gay
Lindsay A. Goldstein
Aileen M. Hayes
Patricia E. Hartigan
Christian J. Hong
Rebecca R. Knab
Szilvia M. Kun
John A. Lahm
Lydia J. Lawrence
Miriam Lowy
Jennifer M. Mele
Natalie N. Moore-Bembry
Jessica Mungekar
Diana A. Murray
Shannon M. Pavas
Sherree L. Pecci
Lauren M. Polakoff
Etan S. Pomerantz
Rechelle D. Porter
Kristina M. Ricker
Monica K. Wolfram

CSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Okechukwu L. Anyanwu
Nancy H. Cowan
Joanne M. Hubert
Maria Katsos

Laurey E. Kawalek
Lisa E. Kozlowski
Basheer A. Shabazz
Tatiana Smith
John R. Wilson

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Nicole M. Aagaard
Cheryl W. Akins
Alyssa J. Biedermann
Layren Brinkers
Erin R. Cooney
Amany S. Gabrah
Sharon C. Green
Laura M. Grieco
Kristen A. Miller
Adlyn Nelson-Nugent
Kia D. Quick
Victoria A. Schmidt
Sharon G. Schwarzopf
Shaheem D. Shabazz
Patricia H. Severino
Maria D. Suarez
Megan T. Weir
Jenna Wendolowski

VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION

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

A. Regulations

1. A copy of proposed CE's regulation changes- State analyst, Charles Manning, attended the meeting to talk about the new changes to the regulations but due to lack of quorum the board postponed this discussion until the next meeting.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1- Memo from Mary Jean Weston regarding supervision for the LCSW's regarding communication from LaTasha Holmes, NASW staff-coordinator of CE's suggesting that supervision be based on a curriculum that would prepare people for the ASWB clinical examination. *Upon motion by Ms Lisboa, seconded by Ms. Ellis, the Board voted to table this matter until it receives direct communication from Ms. Holmes. Voting in favor of the motion: all.*
- 2- Memo from Mary Jean Weston regarding unlicensed people asking if unlicensed MSW's are allowed to run a psycho-educational group. The Board does not have a working definition of a psycho-educational group. *Upon motion by Ms. Lisboa, seconded by Ms. Ellis, the Board voted to table the matter until*

Dr. Apgar can present research on common definitions. Voting in favor of the motion: All .

3. Assembly Concurrent Resolution #118- Designates March 2010 as “Professional Social Work Month” in NJ- *this part of the Legislature was accepted as informational.*
4. Senate #1666 for Board comment- The bill requires a videotaped recording of interviews by psychologists and other mental health experts in child custody cases. DAG Jodi Krugman presented the bill and what it means and the objections that other mental health boards had concerning the bill. *Upon motion made by Ms. Bobby, seconded by Ms. Ellis, the Board voted to indicate to the regulatory analyst that the bill was acceptable. Motion carried, Ms. Lisboa voted “no.”*

X. MEETING DATES FOR 2010

04/28/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
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 11:30 am. The Board re-entered public session at 2:30 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW
Chair

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