

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 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.
Elizabeth Bowman, MSS, LCSW

Absent:

Carolyn Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC

Also attending:

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

Announcement of Quorum

Chair Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar announced that quorum existed for the meeting at 9:33 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

Ms. Borden moved that the public minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting be approved as presented Ms. Braun Scalera seconded. Voting in favor: all.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker informed the Board that Steve C. Lee has been appointed as the Acting Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public in attendance:

- A. Mary Jean Weston, Assistant Executive Director, NASW-NJ** - informed the Board that NASW-NJ annual conference will be taking place in three weeks.
- 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.

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

- A. Elizabeth Beck**

VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS’ CREDENTIALS

*Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Ms. Bowman, all supervisors were approved.
Voting in favor: all.*

VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

*Upon motion made by Ms. Borden, seconded by Ms. Bowman, 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:

Priscilla Bauer
Mindy Bumfeld
Sari Breuer
Florence Chernak
Amy Hill
Joseph Lax
Ashley Padmore-Baker
Arti D. Patel
Laura Smith
Lisa A. Sparaco
Loryl Steinberger
Joseph Ume
Mary Wightman
Nicole Woo

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Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Jaclyn Bauer
David M. Bolignesi
Lia Canavan
Doreen Cook
Samantha Corvino
Jeanne Danyus
Meira Ellias
Jessica Espino
Lee C. Henry
Kathryn Hostettler
Janis Minnuies
Jennifer Polen
Ravjit Siddu

LSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Birnbaum, Aviva
Crespo, Maria L.
Kantor, Toby R.
Little, Julia A.
Schuh, Charles W.
Toland, Michelle

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Abreu, Shallena S.
Anthony, Sonia R.
Cabana, Diana
Crawford, Nathan
Foster, Sonora A.
Garigliano, Robert J.
Gerber, Marilyn
Gibbs, Dionis
Griesaber, Kathleen
Grischuk, Nicole D.
Kesnig, Christine N.
Lee, Sean S.
Martin, Ashley L.
Meadows, Christina R.
Mikolay, Ingrid A.

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Nikpour, Sarah M.
Patti, Rachel C.
Reed, Christina T.
Reed, Michelle D.
Rosenblatt, Pia
Seiger, Scott M.
Smith, Ryan D.
Valente, Andrea
Vangel, Alexandra B.
Waldron, Bridget
Wise, Erick

CSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Nathalia Calle
Jennifer L. Daquino
Melissa A. Ens
Darlene L. Gause
Tasheka S. Pierc-Fuqua

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Natalie E. Amalfitano
Judith Barrett
Mick P. Daity
Pamela L. Gray-Sheppard
Amanda M. Hart
Lynne C. Holley
Kellie N. Johnson
Camilla L. Jones
Dana D. Laboy
Kaitlin E. Mitchell
Megan M. O'Neill
Tarin N. Penrose
Rasheeda R. Roundtree
Ryan P. Ugrovics
Aloha M. Wilkins

VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION

A. Continuing Education Review

Upon motion by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Ms. Borden, all the continuing education courses presented were approved. Voting in favor: all.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Mary Jo Monahan, LCSW, ASWB Chief Executive Director - The Board reviewed the memorandum from Ms. Monahan regarding 2013 ASWB Examination pass rates. *Upon motion by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the Board voted to accept this as informational. Voting in favor: all.*

B. Margaret Weisser - The Board reviewed Ms. Weisser's email inquiring whether a special exception can be made for LSW staff working with the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (MSAA) to receive approved Clinical Supervision hours for psycho-educational group facilitation which is conducted from an online telehealth format. *Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to inform Ms. Weisser that this work does not qualify for clinical hours towards LCSW licensure. Voting in favor: all.*

C. Efthimia Homerides Gray, CSW - The Board reviewed the Final Order of Discipline for Ms. Gray. *Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera, the Board voted to accept this as informational. Voting in favor: all.*

D. Proposed Regulation N.J.A.C 13:44G-4.6 regarding education received while in the military - The Board reviewed proposed regulation N.J.A.C 13:44G-4.6. *Upon motion by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the Board voted to approve the regulation as written. Voting in favor: all.*

E. Assembly No. 2557 - requires health care providers to observe certain practices concerning collection of outstanding balances on patient accounts. *Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera, the Board voted to support this Bill because it protects the consumer. Voting in favor: all. Dr. Apgar and Ms. Bowman recused because of employment conflicts.*

F. Assembly No. 2460 - waives certain professional and occupational licensing fees for veterans and spouses of veterans. *Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to take a neutral position on this Bill and comments that it had concerns with the lack of definition regarding if this*

would be a one time or lifetime waiver of licensing fees. Voting in favor: all. Dr. Apgar and Ms. Bowman recused because of employment conflicts.

X. MEETING DATES FOR 2014

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

May 14, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

June 4, 2014- Sussex Conference Room, 6th FL

July 9, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

August 13, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

September 10, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

October 8, 2014- Monmouth Conference Room, 6th FL

November 12, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

December 10, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Public session closed at 10:35 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Dr. Borden. The Board re-entered public session at 12:55 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW

Chair