

# NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

## PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 a.m. in the Somerset 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 (arrived at 10:13 a.m.)  
Elizabeth Bowman, MSS, LCSW  
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW  
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC

#### Absent:

Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.  
Caroline Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC  
Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General

#### Also attending:

Carmen Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General  
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director  
Michela Ross, Government Rep  
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff

### Announcement of Quorum

Chair Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar announced that quorum existed for the meeting at 10:18 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 Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

### III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

#### A. March 13, 2013 Public Minutes

*Ms. Braun Scalera moved that the minutes of the March 13, 2013 meeting be approved as corrected. Ms. Borden seconded. Voting in favor: all.*

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker informed the Board that web site staff are currently developing an application for approval entities to be posted on the Board's website.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public in attendance:

- A. **Mary Jean Weston, Assistant Executive Director, NASW-NJ** - Ms. Weston came before the Board to inquire if NASW-NJ is required to fill out the formal application to be a pre-approved continuing education entity. *The Board determined that NASW's submit narrative application will be sufficient.*

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

*Upon motion made by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to approve the clinical supervisors' credentials. Voting in favor: all.*

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

*Upon motion made by Ms. Braun Scalera, 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. Ms. Bowman asked to have the minutes reflect that she does not personally know, nor is she related to applicant Melissa A. Bowman.*

**LCSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

*None to report.*

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Sabrina C. Bengal  
Melissa A. Bowman  
Emory Cabrera  
Shani Cabrera  
Deth DeForest  
Jasmine K. Diaz  
Kathleen A. Franklin  
Jose E. Garcia

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**LSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Helene M. Houlis  
Lori E. Kemper  
Anita M. Sgobbo  
LaChandra V. Smalls  
Rochel Sternheim

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Heather T. Bales  
Rachel A. Barbati  
Michelle M. Billera  
Yardnea H. Brickman  
Kristen A. Buongiorno  
Chiquita M. Carter  
Srah J. Darish  
Maria Dokah  
Iren E. Ercan  
Lindsey A. Epstein  
Stephanie Fegan  
Nigora Gontmakher  
Patricia Haliczzer  
Elana Harriman  
Alyce V. Harriott  
Jimmy Huynh  
Chaya R. Klein  
Stefanie L. Kulyk  
Lori M. Leslie  
Lauren R. Lloyd  
Kaitlyn Maglione  
Lynne A. Malloy  
Toby Marcus  
Cher T. McCall  
Jack B. Norman III  
Andrew Pansky  
Katie E. Robbins  
Kaitlyn E. Roche  
Jean M. Roemer  
Elizabeth J. Russo  
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Andreia Soares  
Ann J. St. John  
Courtney L. Terry  
Alicia C. Thompson  
Nicole B. Van Hessen  
Lindsey A. Varisco  
Diana D. Vasilca  
Jacob M. Winkler

**CSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Sara E. Archut  
Nicola C. Laury  
Jessica L. Noblett  
Taner M. Sabry  
Mary G. Solis  
Audrey B. Tejada

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Vanessa Allen  
Samantha M. Buddle  
Daniel A. Castillo  
Delsey Castro  
Cara A. Cocuzza  
Sra A. Cooper  
Manbel G. Corpus  
Molly A. Cullerton  
Clairecine E. Delne  
Erica L. Dmochowski  
Tena E. Fernandez  
Allison M. Fowler  
Malesha E. Goolcharran  
Jessica L. Hoffman  
Emilie L. Mankopf  
Ifroma E. Nwachukwu  
Maria D. Prieto  
Nicole T. Salib  
Natalie Sheridan  
Marci J. Stankiewicz  
Lucila Valentin  
Christina R. Walton

## **VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

### **A. Vote on recommendation**

*Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera, the Board voted to accept the presented CE courses: Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton, Center for Family Services, Green Training Associates Inc., Human Services Bergen County (with the exception of the course entitled "Clinical Supervision for Social Workers"), NJ Association of Cognitive Behavioural Therapists, NJAMHHA's, Preferred Behavioural Health of NJ, Richard Hall Community Mental Health Center of Somerset County. The following was not approved: Hunterdon Prevention Resources. Voting in favor: all*

## **IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. NJAMHAA re: Amendment Proposal: N.J.A.C 13:44G-6.4(c) Continuing Education Requirements** - The Board reviewed Dr. Debra J. Wentz's January 7, 2013 letter requesting NJAMHAA be a pre-approved continual education provider.

*The Board tabled this matter per NJAMHAA's request until its June 12, 2013 meeting.*

### **B. Sharon Easton, from UMDNJ, Director of ACE Provider Program** - The Board reviewed the March 13, 2013 letter from Sharon Easton regarding several questions they have on the process of receiving social work professional contact hours for their training from the Board.

*The Board determined to write Ms. Easton a letter informing her that before July 1, 2013 courses are approved by ASWB. After July 1, 2013 course are approved because they are part of Rutgers University pursuant to N.J.A.C 13:44G-6.4(c)5.*

### **C. Mary Jo Monahan, LCSW** - The Board reviewed the ASWB Examination Pass Rates for 2012.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

### **D. Assembly No. 2278 of NJ 215<sup>th</sup> Legislature** - This Bill protects minors by prohibiting counseling attempts to change sexual orientation.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

**X. MEETING DATES FOR 2013**

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

May 8, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

June 12, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

July 10, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

August 14, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

September 11, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

October 9, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

November 13, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

December 11, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Public session closed at 10:36 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session in a motion by Ms. Borden, with Ms. Braun Scalera seconding. The Board re-entered public session at 1:38 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Chair