

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
OPEN MINUTES
April 20, 2005

Call to Order

The Meeting of the Board of Social Work Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Wednesday, April 20, 2005. Doreen Bobby, Board Chair, convened the meeting, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act at 10:15 A.M. The following attendance was recorded for these minutes:

Roll Call

Henry Acosta, MSW, LSW	Professional Member	Present
Doreen J. Bobby, Chair, MSW, LCSW	Professional Member	Present
John G. Cosgrove, Ph.D., LSW	Professional Member	Absent
Kathleen Ellis	Public Member	Present
Louise A. Murray, Vice-Chair, DSW, LSW	Professional Member	Present
Jo Paine, CSW, LCADC	Professional Member	Present
Dorothy Robinson	Public Member	Absent
Terri Wilson, MSW, LCSW	Government Member	Present

Also present were Executive Director Kay K. McCormack, D.A.G. Susan Berger, and Board staff member, Cathalina Serrano. Upon review of the Open Session minutes from March 16, 2005, a motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Murray to approve the minutes as revised. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

Walter X. Kalman, MSW, LSW – Executive Director of NASW, NJ and Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW State Chapter Association liaison to the Board were in attendance to update the Board on the status of Assembly Bill #3751. The Association will continue to tract the progression of this legislation which proposes to delete two categories from the exempt employment settings described in N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-5 and raise the eligibility requirement for certification at the bachelors level.

Executive Director's Report

There were no announcements given by Executive Kay K. McCormack other than to request that the Board members advise of dates they might be available to participate in future Board inquiries and of any scheduled summer 2005 vacation plans.

Review of Supervisors' Credentials

Dr. Murray reviewed the credentials of individuals seeking approval as clinical supervisors. The Committee unanimously agreed to find the following individuals acceptable as clinical supervisors, based on a review of their curricula vita.

SUPERVISOR

Edward Biuckians, MD, Licensed Psychiatrist – PA

Alison L. Kane, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist – NY

Marlene Weber, LCSW-R-NY

Margaret Morgan-Cohen, LCSW-AZ

Gregory Rosas, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist – PA

Pamela Jones-Brice, CSW-R-NY

Willima Kordonski, MS, LCPC – License Clinical Profesional Counselor, MS

Jessica A. Gerson, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist – NY

Debra Burrell, CSW-R-NY

Ellen Strahs Fader, CSW-NY

Jennifer A. Leff, LMSW-NY

Review of Related BA Degree(s) in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.3(a)3.ii

A motion was offered by Dr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Paine to approve the following two applicants for certification based on a review of their bachelors level transcripts.

Ruth Ann Kozlek, BA in Health Care Administration

Francis Kollie, BA in Philosophy and Theology

IX. Vote on the Candidates Proposed for Licensure and Certification

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and Dr. Murray to approve those candidates who are considered eligible for licensure or certification based on a review of their applications and supporting documentation and, according to the requirements noted in the statute and regulations. The vote was unanimous.

Continuing Education

Vote on Recommendations

A motion to approve CE programs was made Ms. Paine and seconded by Ms. Wilson according to Board members recommendations, based on a review of the program content, the presenters' credentials and the credit hours, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:44G-Subchapter 6. The approved courses will be reflected on the Board's monthly update of CE offerings for April 2005.

Discussion of Problematic CEs

The eligibility of several CE programs was discussed by Board members. The vote to deny the following CE programs reflects the unanimous action taken by the Board. Those programs approved will be reflected in the Board monthly update of CE offering for April 2005.

CE Correspondence

The Board reviewed the additional information submitted by Dr. Kelly Ward, Ph.D., LCSW, LCADC to support her status as a presenter of the 20-hour course in clinical supervision offered through Monmouth University.

Based on the significant experience in clinical supervision Dr. Ward reflected in her expanded resume, the Board voted unanimously to approve her as a qualified presenter for this coursework.

The Board reviewed in clinical supervision course content which was offered through Rutgers University and Hunter College and submitted by Rose Ravelo, MSW, LCSW in compliance with NJAC 13:44G-8.1(a)4. Based on a review of the course content from each of these programs, the Board was unable to approve either course in compliance with the regulation. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Ravelo will be referred to the existing list of Board approved clinical supervision coursework.

Public Orders -FYI

Raymond McCarthy, MSW, LCSW – signed an Order for the unlicensed practice of clinical social work while his clinical license was lapsed during a period of this 2004-2006 cycle. Mr. McCarthy's LCSW license was also reinstated to active status since he had complied with the reinstatement process according to N.J.A.C. 13:44G7.3.

Marvellous Caulker, BSW – signed an Order for the uncertified practice of social work in a setting, which was not determined to be exempt. Mr. Caulker certification was granted as he completed the application process and met the requirements according to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.3.

F.Y.I. – Second Quarter Division of Law Billing Report

A review of the Second Quarter 2005 Division of Law Billing Report is postponed to the May 2005 agenda.

Correspondence

Tatyana Tsenter, MSW, LSW applicant – a motion was offered by Ms. Ellis and seconded by Ms. Paine to approve Ms. Tsenter's request for an English as a Second Language national licensing exam accommodation. Ms. Tsenter will be permitted to take the ASWB national "masters" level licensing exam with the appropriate bilingual dictionary and the standard time extension. The vote was unanimous.

Topics for Board discussion

A. At the Board's request, DAG Berger will pursue the question of whether responsibility for the appropriateness of client services, provided by an LSW, rests with the on-site employment supervisor or the off-premise "arranged" clinical supervisor. This discussion will be continued at the May 2005 agenda.

XV. Adjournment

The Open session concluded at 2:20 P.M. whereupon the Board unanimously agreed to enter Closed session. The Board re-entered Open Session at 4:15 P.M. to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay K. McCormack
Executive Director