

**BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
April 25, 2007**

**I. The Meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Doreen Bobby at 10:15 A.M.**

**II. The meeting of the State Board of Social Work Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, the 6th floor, on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The following attendance was recorded for these minutes:**

**III. Roll Call**

Henry Acosta, MSW, LSW, Vice-Chair Professional Member Present  
Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW Professional Member Present  
Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW, Chair Professional Member Present  
Kathleen Ellis Public Member Present  
Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW Professional Member Present  
Louise A. Murray, DSW, LSW Professional Member Present  
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. Public Member Present  
Wanetta V. Williams, BSW, CSW Professional Member Present

Also present were Executive Director Kay K. McCormack, DAG Susan Berger, and Board staff Theresa Brundage.

**IV. Review of Minutes**

The Public Session minutes of March 28, 2007 were unanimously approved as presented in a motion made by Ms. Ellis and seconded by Mr. Acosta.

**V. Public Comment**

-Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D, LSW representing the New Jersey Chapter of the NASW, announced that the State's annual conference, held in Atlantic City, is scheduled for the weekend of May 5-6, 2007 and is expected to attract more than 1,000 social workers.

**VI. Executive Director's Report**

-Kay McCormack discussed her concern with the simultaneous departures of three Board staff members, though one of the absences is planned for a 3-month maternity leave only. This drastic reduction in staffing which occurs in June leaving 4 remaining staff, coincides with graduations and the predictable influx of certification and licensing applications at both the bachelors and masters levels. With the current hiring limitations, staff reassignments will be prioritized.

-Based on several Board member's calendar conflicts, the option to reschedule the May 23, 2007 meeting will be explored.

-Board member vacation schedules were discussed and, with that in mind, the Board will also consider canceling one of the summer meetings.

**VII. Review of Clinical Supervisors' Credentials**

-A motion was made by Dr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Bobby to approve those clinical supervisors recommended as qualified by review. The vote was unanimous.

**VIII. Vote on Candidates Proposed for Licensure and Certification**

A motion was offered by Ms. Bobby and seconded by Ms. Williams to approve those candidates listed as qualified in their category based on a review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations. The vote was unanimous.

## **IX. Continuing Education (CE)**

A. Discussion on problematic CE coursework ensued with approvals reflected in the Board's monthly update of CE listings.

B. Vote on CE recommendations

A motion was made and seconded by Dr. Altamura and Ms. Bobby to approve all CE presentations as recommended. The vote was unanimous. The minutes reflect the recusal of Public Member Paul St. Onge, Esq. from the vote on CE recommendations as Mr. St. Onge's employer, the law firm of Gibbons P.C., represents the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Central Jersey whose CEO is Chair of the Monmouth County Advisory Council and one of the CE sponsors listed today.

## **X. Correspondence**

A. Joseph A. Miller, MSW, Ph.D., LCSW-

The Board considered Dr. Miller's April 3, 2007 correspondence describing five LSW members of his current social work staff, in the Behavioral Health Services at Jersey Shore University Medical Center and Riverview Medical Center, who have apparently received direct clinical supervision, of varying months' duration, from a staff LCSW who was later found not to be compliant with the established criteria for clinical supervisors according to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.1. This employee was later discharged. The Board unanimously agreed to deny credit for any portion of the hours/months these LSWs spent in clinical supervision and providing direct clinical services under the supervision of the LCSW.

The Board cites as the basis for its decision the adoption date of the amendment to this Regulation as July 7, 2003, taking effect on July 7, 2004. It is, therefore, the responsibility of both an LSW and an LCSW, when contemplating a supervisory arrangement, to establish compliance with this Regulation prior to the commencement of supervision. The following matters from this April 25, 2007 Public Session agenda are postponed for discussion to May 2007.

B. Nancy D. Bristol, MSW, LCSW

C. Joyce M. Grossbard, MSW, LCSW

## **XI. Filed Orders-FYI**

Ricky M. Loma, CSW

-Public Session

Public Session concluded at 11:30 AM whereupon the Board unanimously agreed to enter Executive Session in order to prepare with DAG Susan Berger for a scheduled Inquiry.

## **XII. Regulations**

A. Review of draft revisions to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-7.2/7.3 and 8.1

B. Review for Public Comment proposed regulations by to the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners.

### **XIII. Legislation**

Review for Public Comment-

A. S2489/A3517-Provides for religious accommodation regarding admission procedures at licensed health care facilities.

B. FYI-Periodic Report on Status of Pending Legislation

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Respectfully submitted,

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Kay K. McCormack  
Executive Director