

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2012**

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order with no quorum of the Board members at 10:20 a.m. 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
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq
Kathleen Ellis (Left at 2:10)

Absent:

Lorna Hines-Cunningham, MS, LCSW
Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW

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 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

Upon motion made by Ms. Bobby, seconded by Ms. Ellis, the Board, voted to approve the Minutes from March 28, 2012 meeting as presented.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker, reported that the Division of Consumer Affairs has a new Acting Director, Mr. Eric T. Kanefsky.

Dr. Walker also informed the Board that Regulatory Analyst Charles Manning will be attending the meeting around 10:30 for the discussion of the regulations concerning continuing education.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was attended by Mr. Walter Kalman, MSW, LSW, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, New Jersey Chapter (NASW-NJ); Ms. Mary Jean Weston, MSW, LCSW, Assistant Executive Director (NASW-NJ); Ms. Carolyn Bray, Analyst from NJAMHAA; Debra L. Wentz, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer from NJAMHAA; Diane Hess, Chief Social Worker from University Behavioural Healthcare; Jerry Gardover, Vice President from Elite Care; Susan Furrek from UMDNJ; Joseph Ribsam from DCF; Maritza Ganze-Hogue from Community Education Centres; Allison Blake, DCF Commissioner; Paula Sabreen Executive Director from Family Connections and AJ Sabath from NASW-NJ.

1. Commissioner Alison Blake, LSW, Ph.D. and Joseph Ribsam, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs of the Department of Children and Families ("DCF") presented information concerning the DCF Training Academy to be recognized as a provider in the regulations and that contracted agencies would be approved as providers. At the Board's request Commissioner Blake and Mr. Ribsam appeared before the Board to respond to questions and concerns. They explained the nature of the training provided by the Academy. They also explained the review process for contracted agencies. *Upon motion by Mr. St. Onge, seconded by Ms. Ellis, the Board voted to accept the modification to the regulation proposal presented by DCF.*
2. Debra Wentz, Ph.D. Chief Executive Officer, Carolyn Bray and Paula Sabreen, on behalf of the New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc. ("NJAMHAA") addressed concerns that NJAMHAA has to the regulation proposal. NJAMHAA had already submitted a timely response to the regulations, but subsequently presented substantial new information. *Upon motion by Dr. Apgar seconded by Ms. Ellis the Board voted to place the new information on a future agenda to determine if future regulatory action is necessary.*
3. Walter Kalman: Mr. Kalman commended the Board on protect the public in the actions concerning the proposed continuing education regulations and he expressed his appreciation to the Board.

VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

Upon motion made by Dr. Apgar, seconded by Mr. St. Onge, the Board voted to approve all of the supervisors' credentials applications submitted.

VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

A motion made by Ms. Bobby, seconded by Ms. Ellis, 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 of the motion: all.

LCSW APPLICATIONS:

COMPLETED CRIMINAL HISTORY:

Tara L. Brophy
Andrew J. Burch Jr.
Shanna M. Goldstein
Joseph M. Hagan III
Jennifer James
Nicole R. Penna
Angela M. Pepe-Lage
Stacey B. Shapiro
Honey Sterzer
Rebecca Stevenson
Laura Tracey

PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:

Kristine M. Aguilar-Aasted
Erin A. Blair
Kurt M. Bopp
Sheila C. Cahilig
Lauren S. Fafulas
Tanja K. Frade
Jennifer J. Gustavsen
Allyson B. Kloss
Nancy M. Martin
Michelle L. McAdam
Regina M. McKenna
Jill A. Pedersen
Hayden R. Smith
Birgitta R. Steinberg
Laura M. Stemmler

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Michele D. Vallone
Timothy D. Vermillion
Katherine M. York Desario
Lenora M. Ziegler

LSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Bersch, Kristine L.
Holz, Janet
Lester, Melanie R.
Mallon, Susannah E.
Moretti, Jilda A.
Simone, Danielle
Taylor, Robin D.
Thorburn, Krystal M.
Tiemens, Joyce Y.
Wolf, Rose

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Apel, Jessica L.
Appello, Nicole
Arango, Claudia C.
Berberich, Caitlin D.
Bishop, Andrew D.
Bitton, Yocheved
Boehler, Christine M.
Boniface, Sarah E.
Correa, Gloria M.
Crater, Susan W.
Cuccio, James J.
DeLos Santos, Erica
Desai, Ashish
Dickens, Rolanda
Duckery, Tabitha C.
Durgana, Belinda P.
Eibach, Sarah C
Fdyfil, Felicia M.
Feuerstein, Pamela J.
Foster, Judy L.
Gaitanis, Louis

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Gbaroye, Ebenezer
Goodstein, Christine M.
Gorsky, Jared S.
Guthrie, Taylor L.
Howard, Kaya E.
Jungels, Erica E.
Kane, Rebecca L.
Kaplan, Alyson M.
Keenan, Meghan M.
Koch, Karen G.
Kotnarowski, Jacquelyn M.
Larkins, Erin A.
Marshall, Jeanne M.
Martinez, Joy S.
McClain, Allison K.
McMahon, Darren P.
Mendez, Diana
Moriarty- Steinwagner, Megan
Mulkeen, Curren E.
Renn, Louisa H.
Riescher, Francine
Richardson, Mark W.
Rosa, Kathleen N.
Rusetskaya, Nataliya
Sconza, Kristin S.
Steltz, Margaret
Stolte, Colleen E.
Stull, Jennifer
Sullivan, Stephanie A.
Tagliareini, Heather M.
Taomino, Pamela K.
Taylor, Paula
Tollefsen, Regine
Toth, Sara N.
Tripsas, Pamela
Ugarte, Xenia
Walch, Kelly A.
Weinman, Shoshana H.
Zarra, Jessica
KimLian Chan-Baerman
Darryl Parraway
Orando Ramos
Lisa M. Medico

CSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Milagros D. Adamkovich
Marisol Knox
Sarah E. Markoski
Kaia O. Maynard
Nicole McCoy

Tracy L. Perriello
Erica J. Porter
Fatmata D. Savage
Carmen E. Scott

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Tanya J. Aschenbrand
Sarah M. Caputo
Angie L. Cortez
Gerard P. DePasquale
Jessica A. Gameron
Yuderquis Guzman-Caba
Brittany R. Harris
Joan G. Hernandez
Latoya L. Keyes
Shavon A. Loatman
Annette Matheney
Nancy Negri
Noel M. Peters
Jo-El M. Phillips
Andrea Pinto
Johnerick Rodriguez
Lisa M. Stockton
Nathaniel Thomspen
Danielle R. Walker
Christina R. Walton

VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upon motion made by Dr. Apgar, seconded by Ms. Bobby, the Board voted to accept the CE courses submitted to the Board disallowing courses that dealt exclusively with case

presentations. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Jennifer Ward, Program Coordinator for the Approved Continuing Education Program of the ASWB in reference to the proposed amendments of the Continuing Education to the Board's regulation. Ms. Ward asked for clarification in that it appears that organizations approved by the ASWB would no longer be allowed to offer courses for CE Credit, and if the ASWB ACE would have to be designated as an approval entity. The Board answered her questions in the affirmative because if the regulations are adopted, organizations will no longer be approved. Approval will only be granted for individual courses.
2. Letter from Debra L. Wentz, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer for NJAMHAA (The New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies). *The issue was addressed in public comment concerning the regulation proposals.*
3. Notice to All Professional Boards and Committees from the Deputy Director concerning new regulations concerning waivers. *The Board accepted this letter as informational.*

X. MEETING DATES FOR 2012

May 23, 2012- Hudson Conference room
June 27, 2012- Hudson Conference room
July 25, 2012- Hudson Conference room
August 22, 2012- Hudson Conference room
September 19, 2012- Monmouth Conference room (7th FL)
October 24, 2012- Hudson Conference room
November 28, 2012- Hudson Conference room
December 19, 2012- Hudson Conference room

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Public session closed at 12:40 p.m. and the Board moved to executive session. The Board re-entered public session at 3:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

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Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW
Chair