

# NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

## PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 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)  
Carolyn Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC  
Elizabeth Bowman, MSS, LCSW

#### Absent:

Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC  
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.

#### Also attending:

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

### Announcement of Quorum

Chair Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar announced that quorum existed for the meeting at 9:36 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

*No minutes to review.*

### IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker informed the Board that the following Consent Orders have been signed and filed:

- 1.) Rachel Perreault (voluntary surrender)
- 2.) Mesulum Epstein (unlicensed practice)

3.) Monica McGoldrick (reprimand for breach of confidentiality). *Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the Board voted to approve the course entitled "Social Work Ethics and Responsibilities" offered through Rutgers University for five (5) ethics credits. The Board also voted not to approve the course entitled "Avoiding the Legal and Ethical Pitfalls of Social Work Interest" due to a conflict of interest. Voting in favor: all.*

## V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public in attendance:

- A. **Caroline Grossman, LCSW** - came before the Board to discuss the matter regarding what documents a social worker may release to insurance companies. She was informed that the Board has tabled further discussion on this matter pending discussion with social work professional organizations.
- B. **Karun Singh, Director MSW Rutgers Newark** - presented the Board with the list of "clinical courses" for Rutgers' MSW program for both past and present courses.

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

- A. **Mary Jean Weston, Assistant Executive Director, NASW-NJ, LCSW**
- B. **Elizabeth Beck, LCSW**

## VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

*Upon motion made by Dr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera, the Board voted to approve all supervisors with the exception of one who does not hold a LCSW license. Voting in favor: all.*

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

*Upon motion made by Ms. Bowman, seconded by Dr. Bradley, 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:

Janice Cho  
Jillian I. Clark  
Samantha Corvino

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Michael D'Amico  
Lisa Dolmatz  
Katherine Fearon  
Catherine Gravelle  
Marie Dauphin  
Elaine Galante  
Shaynna Hunter  
Richard Lill  
Colleen M. McKenna  
Emily M. Nealis  
Elizabeth M. Schmidt  
Amy Sterling-Bratt  
Meredith Strauss  
Lauren Thompson  
Angelina Valentin  
Marvin Meir Wikler

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Jodi L. Brodsky  
Jarrad Brown  
Stacy Cancelarich  
Kristy M. Case  
Lauren DeChiara  
Maris Doran  
Bonnie Freirich  
Jill I. Giordano  
Jessica J. Hodgskin  
Damien R. Hoffman  
Sandra Lutomski  
Janine Marsico  
Katelyn McAneny  
Carrie L. Miller  
Laurie S. Schwartzner  
Wendy S. Zagha

**LSW APPLICATIONS:**

*The approval of LSW applicants was tabled until the June 4, 2014 meeting.*

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**CSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Amatallah N. Ali  
Natalie E. Amalfitano  
Brittany M. Cosenza  
Samantha W. Goldstein  
Pamela L. Grey-Sheppard  
Alycia E. Johnson  
Dana D. Laboy  
Patricia Masserini  
Kimesha L. Simpson-Conrad  
Teresa Sulpizio

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Danielle E. Abhyankar  
Eutelyn M. Allen  
Melissa L. Alston  
Shawn L. Banks  
Grace Billgrace  
Inga A. Cameron  
Nicole A. Casiano  
Mick P. Daity  
Porsha M. Davis  
Michael J. DeVillers  
Amanda M. Hart  
Kristen N. Ingegnere  
Kellie N. Johnson  
Camillia Jones  
Caroline M. Levari  
Kelly M. Longo  
Elizabeth Lopez  
Nadine Love  
Meaghan C. McDowell  
Gladys E. Munoz  
Jacquelyn V. Olson  
Megan M. O'Neill  
Fadilah Parker  
Kristen M. Pederson  
Maxie L. Quinones  
Kelsey A. Robinson  
Rasheeda R. Roundtree  
Jamie L. Rudy  
Erin M. Small

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Christina M. Squillace

Lisa Y. Thomas

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Precious K. Wheaton-King

Aloha M. Wilkins

Ambria G. Willis

## VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION

### A. Continuing Education Review

*Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera seconded by Dr. Bradley, 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 ASWB's application to be an approved continuing education (CE) providing entity. *Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted to table this matter until its July 9, 2014 meeting. Voting in favor: all.*

**B. Rule 534 Mental Health Service Provider Patient Privilege** - The Board reviewed the Discussion Draft of Rule 534 Mental Health Service Provider Patient Privilege. *Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted to comment that it supports the idea of a uniformed privilege, but that it has no further comment on this draft. Voting in favor: all. Ms. Bowman and Dr. Apgar recused due to employment conflicts.*

**C. Margaret Weisser, LSW, Manager of Client Services from the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America** - The Board reviewed Ms. Weisser's letter regarding Psycho-Educational groups not included in the description of social work. *Upon motion by Ms. Bowman, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera, the Board voted to inform Ms. Weisser that this is not considered clinical work and may not be used towards the accruing of clinical hours. Voting in favor: all.*

**D. Gina King, Operations Officer, Bergen County, Department of Human Services** - The Board reviewed the letter from Ms. King regarding the denial of continuing education credit. *Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the Board voted to table this matter pending review of the originally submitted paper work. Voting in favor: all.*

**E. Report from Darlene Kane, Budget Officer, DCA**

Ms. Kane reported that for the '14-'16 renewal period licensees will be given a break of 70% credit due to the efficiencies of the Board and its heavy licensure base. The renewal rates will be as follows: \$50 for LCSW, \$36 for LSW, and \$20 for CSW. Ms. Kane stressed that this is a one time credit and not a change in the fee for future renewals.

**F. Luba Shagawat, Director Legislative Affairs** - The Board reviewed the letter from the New Jersey Society for Clinical Social work concerning their attendance to the open session Board meeting on March 12, 2014 to speak about proposed regulation changes. *Upon motion by Ms. Bowman, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera, the Board voted to accept this as informational. Voting in favor: all.*

**X. PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES**

The Board reviewed the proposed regulation to N.J.A.C 13:44G-6.3 and 6.4. *The Board tabled this matter pending further language revision.*

**XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2014**

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

June 4, 2014- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

July 9, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

August 13, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

September 10, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

October 8, 2014- Monmouth Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

November 12, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

December 10, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

*Public session closed at 11:51 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session upon motion by Ms. Bowman seconded by Dr. Bradley. The Board re-entered public session at 4:30 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.*

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Chair