

**BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
May 24, 2006**

Call to Order by Board Chair, Doreen Bobby at 10:00 A.M. Following an unannounced fire drill, Public Session resumed at 11:00 A.M. The Meeting of the Board of Social Work Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The following attendance was recorded for these minutes:

Roll Call

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

Also present were Executive Director Kay K. McCormack, DAG Jodi C. Krugman, and Board staff members, Nermin Messiha and, Celeste Sweeper of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners.

The Public session minutes of April 26, 2006 were reviewed and a motion was made by Kathleen Ellis and Henry Acosta to approve as the minutes as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

There was no formal comment offered by the only public attendee, Dr. Dawn Hall-Apgar, NASW, NJ chapter liason to the Board.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. McCormack discussed several incidentals regarding office management with Board members including their summer vacation schedules with regard to a quoram.

Review of Clinical Supervisors' Credentials

A motion was made by Doreen Bobby and Henry Acosta to approve all clinical supervisors listed as recommended. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED SUPERVISORS

Paul D. Smetko, Ph.D  
Licensed Psychologist-NY

Gerald Epstein, M.D.  
Licensed Psychiatrist-NY

Jeffery V. Hill, M.D.  
Licensed in Hawaii/Certified in Psychiatry/Neurology

Dawn M. White, M.D.

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

A motion was offered by Doreen Bobby and Kathleen Ellis denying George H. Kuykendall's eligibility for certification. The decision was based on the review of his BA transcript which confirmed a degree in Teaching, with a minor in Bible Studies, from Davidson College in North Carolina. The vote was unanimous

#### IX. Vote on the Candidates Proposed for Licensure and Certification

A motion by Louise A. Murray and Doreen Bobby recommended approval of all candidates listed. The Board then unanimously approved those candidates who have been evaluated as eligible for licensure or certification based on a review of their applications and supporting documentation in accordance with the requirements in the Statute and Regulations.

#### X. Continuing Education

Vote on Recommendations-unanimously approved as recommended

A motion was made by Dr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Acosta to approve CE programs according to Board members' recommendations and 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 updated reference of CE offerings for May 2006.

#### Discussion of Problematic CEs

Problematic applications were discussed and those programs approved will be reflected on the referenced listing of approved CE coursework.

CE Correspondence-There was no correspondence received for review in this category.

#### NON AGENDA ITEM-

The Board was addressed by Darlene Kane, Budget Officer for the Division of Consumer Affairs, regarding the issuance of a "credit" or reduction of this cycle's renewal fees at each of the three credential levels. A fee reduction of \$40.00 is recommended by the Budget office at the LCSW level, \$30.00 at the LSW level and \$20.00 at the CSW and will be identified on both options at the renewal application. The issuance of these fee credits has been made possible due to administration efficiencies. Ms. Kane reviewed the past, current and projected Board expenditures and revenue after which the Board then concurred with the proposed renewal fee credit amounts.

#### Regulations – Danielle Swenson, DCA Regulatory Analyst

The discussion by Committee representative, Doreen Bobby, regarding issues discussed by the Allied Mental Health Boards Committee, is postponed to June 28, 2006. The Board discussed the current regulations with the intent to prioritize future proposed revisions.

-The first priority proposes the following revision to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-6.4.-Sources of continuing education credits and credit hour calculations. Effective September 1, 2006, the Board will discontinue its current policy of reviewing documents confirming attendance at CE programs which were submitted on an individual basis for review by N.J. social workers. N.J. professionals will instead be encouraged to obtain their required numbers of CE credits through those approved sources identified in N.J.A.C. 13:44G-6.4. A motion offered by Henry Acosta and Paul St. Onge to this effect was unanimously approved.

-The Board's second priority proposes revisions of N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.1-Clinical Supervision. Committees of the Board will be scheduled through the summer to develop this revision.

The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)

The Board reviewed as informational minutes of the 2006 Spring Education Meeting-The Administrators Forum held on April 27, 2006 in Portland, Oregon. The Board also reviewed as informational notice of Elections for the Board of Directors and the 2007 Nominating Committee.

There were no Public Orders signed with the Board since the previous meeting.

Correspondence

Elizabeth F. Lipshutz, MSW, LCSW requested the Board's authorization to conduct specialized psychological testing with the clients for whom she prepares child custody evaluations. Ms. Lipshutz identified the specific tests and submitted information on her education and professional background. Based on the information she provided, the Board advised Ms. Lipshutz that the testing she proposes does not appear to conflict with her scope as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

Public Session concluded at 1:15 P.M. whereupon the Board unanimously agreed to enter Executive Session. The Board re-entered Public Session at 4:00 P.M. to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kay K. McCormack  
Executive Director