

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2009  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order with a quorum of the Board members at 10:15 am in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by the Board's Vice-Chair, Mr. Henry Acosta, MSW, LSW.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Louise A. Murray, Ph.D., LSW,  
Henry Acosta, MSW, LSW, (Vice-Chair)  
Kathleen Ellis  
Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW  
Wanetta Williams, BSW, CSW  
Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW  
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.

Absent:

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW, (Chair)  
Lorna Hines-Cunningham, MS, LCSW

Also attending:

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director  
Jodi C. Krugman, Deputy Attorney General  
Larry DeMarzo, Deputy Director  
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff  
Lucy Chalet, Administrative Staff

Announcement of Quorum

The Vice-Chair announced that a quorum was present.

The Vice-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.

Mr. DeMarzo, introduced Dr. J. Michael Walker as the newly appointed Executive Director of the Board due to the resignation of Ms. Kay McCormack, the previous Executive Director.

**III. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

No public session minutes were presented at this meeting.

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

J. Michael Walker introduced himself to the Board, he explained to the members about his position as Executive Director to other Boards also. All welcomed him. Dr. Walker informed the Board that the Social Work Board's 3 different applications for licensure may be posted on-line soon so candidates will have

access to them.

1- Review of State of New Jersey 213th Legislature, Assembly #4026 was accepted as informational.

2- Memo from DAG Jodi Krugman about the question as to whether LSW's accepting "independent contractor" positions would constitute the independent clinical practice of social work. DAG Krugman explained under the job descriptions presented by applicants indicated that they would be working at an agency under supervision provided by the agency. The clients and the records belong to the agencies and that work under those circumstances would not be the independent practice of clinical social work. The Board specifically advised the applicants that its opinions were confined to the Social Work Licensing Act and regulations and specifically did not address any other issues of compliance with any other law including the Internal Revenue Code. It was proposed to place appropriate information on the website. Motion made by Dr. Leonard to accept the proposal, seconded by Mr. St. Onge. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

#### V. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

Jamie M. Hakim, MSW, LCSW- the required clinical experience. Motion made by Dr. Murray, seconded by Ms. Ellis to move this subject to executive session. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

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

A motion was made by Dr. Altamura and seconded by Mr. Acosta to approve the following candidates as qualified in their category based on a review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations and subject to renew in the cases of pending criminal history background checks. All in favor of the motion.

#### LCSW APPLICATIONS:

#### COMPLETED CRIMINAL HISTORY:

Lisa J. Castrianni  
Wendy C. Donnelly  
Elizabeth M. Dunlea  
Caroline J. Faraone  
Jamie L. Grimes  
Cristina L. Hollmann  
Tracie L. Kritch  
Leah Kuperman  
Kristin M. Morrissey  
Robyn F. Novick  
Linda Opperman  
Stephanie M. Puerta  
Angela A. Pusey  
Deborah P. Ramos  
Christine M. Rappa  
Elyse F. Reilly

#### PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:

Kathleen Andrews  
Donyale P. Baker  
Lesli J. Chaskelberg  
Aimee E. Ennis  
Jeannine M. Fenlon

Amy M. Hill  
Debra L. Kessler-Westgate  
Giovanna M. Macrina  
Lorin A. McKane  
JoAnn M. Purdy  
Shlomo D. Silverstone  
Catherine M. Willets  
Simira L. Wilson  
Brianna J. Zirpolo

LSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Kristen E. Ackley  
Rebecca N. Alcaide  
Elyse S. Amedeo  
Samantha M. Ames  
Abby G. Bartolotta  
Charles Beardsley  
Sarah J. Beck  
Kathryn M. Billon  
Kathryl, L. Brucia  
Sheila C. Cahilig  
Avigayl Cansino  
Megan Casper  
Alison M. Cevasco  
Janna Beth Cobb  
Marie C. DauPhin  
Katherine M. Desario  
Tiffany N. Donaldson  
Dana M. Epstein  
Jeffrey P. Hanna  
Maria C. Hoppas  
Jill M. Jerome  
Elisabeth K. La Forgia  
Laura A. Ledoux  
Stacey A. Lovejoy  
Myrna E. Ludwig  
Esther B. Maldonado  
Susan D. Matty  
Stacie D. Max  
Sarah R. Mazer  
Sheyla Mejias  
Evelyn Modzelewska  
Benjamin S. Morris  
Liora Moshe  
Christopher G. Nackos  
Emily M. Nealis  
Amanda V. Nieliwocki  
Dorothy E. O'Keefe-Diana  
Danielle Perri-Gasperini  
Dipal Patel  
Ann B. Peters

Michelle A. Pinheiro  
Yajaira A. Ramirez  
Jared Randiek  
Regina M. Reilly  
Bethany R. Reynolds  
David Roussell  
Alyssa B. Sher  
Shirley M. Thompson  
Jaclyn M. Trojanowski  
Alba J. Vizcaino  
Ewa Wojciechowska  
Jennifer R. Wolpert  
Sabrina K. Wong  
Sharon B. Zwickler

#### CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Ruth D. Abrams  
Alexis Adamczyk  
Caitlin E. Barry  
Charles B. Beardsley  
Theresa A. Bivaletz  
Sarah Cho  
Dorothy Coffey  
Edward G. Conklin  
Marianne M. Cook  
Melissa R. Crew  
Jesselly De La Cruz  
Clare D. DeLoskey  
Lauren S. Fafulas  
Amanda C. Furman  
Jocelyn S. Gray  
Michele M. Igielski  
Sarah E. Lamm  
Stephanie A. Love  
Kathleen A. Lowenfels  
Monica A. Mangual  
George Mathew  
Keesha D. McClean  
Athena Milonas  
Timothy D. Moore  
Lauren C. Myler  
Claudia M. Offray  
Maleita M. Olson  
Lauren Pardo  
Lida M. Pascual  
Lisa L. Poles  
Adina Rauer  
William Rodriguez, Jr.  
Rebecca Rosenau  
Sharon A. Sarno  
Shana J. Schwartz  
Rocco Sherman  
Rebecca L. Shoyer

Robin Siegel  
Stella Sigalus  
Serena R. Thompson  
Denise R. Tucker  
Linda Timmins-Tuckerman  
Wihelmina P. Vargas  
Lori S. Kayne  
Sloan R. Falihee  
Natalia Mrsic

CSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Joyce Ackah  
Kelly M. Bradshaw  
Gema Casteneda-Martinez  
Jenniifer A. Cave  
Regina C. De Rosa  
Vanessa L. English  
Iantha F. Gardner  
Diana Gordillo  
Jennifer-Lyn Gwaley  
Whitney M. Holman  
Erica L. Husta  
Yostina Matta  
Pamela M. Ragges  
Melissa H. Robinson  
Aimee K. Roesch  
Gurpreet K. Singh  
Alexander C. Smith  
Teresita A. Trocino  
Megan L. Williams

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Marlene B. Aqua  
Maria E. Chiiari-Pace  
Karen Freeman  
Shawntel L. Gray  
Mary F. Harper  
Rebecca A. Larsen  
Nicole Larsen-Kleinman  
La Dean L. Mitchell  
Kimberly C. Morague-Artis  
Thomas Murikan  
Teresa M. Peschl  
Tiquan Ross  
Patricia H. Severino  
Joyce y. Tiemens  
Tiffany M. Summersett X

VII. CONTINUING EDUCATION

A. Paula C. Ochs, MSW, LCSW- Master Class in Brief, Experiential Psychotherapy course work submitted to establish compliance with N.J.A.C.13:44G-8.1(a)4. Motion made by Dr. Murray, seconded by Ms. Williams to accept the credits that Ms. Ochs submitted. Dr. Almura opposed, all others voted in favor.

B. Kimberly Veith, MSW, LCSW- Ocean Mental Health Services- Clinical Supervision of Social Workers course work submitted to establish compliance with N.J.A.C.13:44G-8.1(a)4. Motion made by Dr. Altamura, seconded by Mr. Acosta to approve Ms. Veith's credit. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

C. Carol Kahn, MSW, LCSW- Drexel University- Legal Ethical Implications course work submitted to establish compliance with N.J.A.C.13:44G-8.1(a)4. Motion made by Dr. Altamura, seconded by Mr. Acosta to approve Ms. Kahn's credits. Voting in favor: all.

D. Michelle Desiree Stefanelli, MSW, LCSW- assorted course work submitted to establish compliance with N.J.A.C.13:44G-8.1(a). Tabled

E. Gail Britt, MSW, LCSW- GSC- Ethics and Values in Clinical Supervision (3 credits) submitted to establish compliance with N.J.A.C.13:44G-8.1(a). However, if approving this course, there will be still 2 more remaining credits to complete the required 20- hour clinical supervision course. Decision to defer until all material is received. Voting in favor: all.

F. Joan F. Maynard, MSW- (LCSW expired 8/31/08)- a request of extension to obtain past due CEUs and a letter from her treating physician. This request was moved to executive session.

G. Patricia Dore, MSW, LCSW- NASW- course work submitted to establish compliance with N.J.A.C.13:44G-8.1(a). Motion made by Mr. Acosta, seconded by Ms. Williams to approve Ms. Dore's credits. Voting in favor: all.

#### VIII. MEETING DATES FOR 2009

08/26/2009- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
09/23/2009- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
10/28/2009- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
11/18/2009- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
12/16/2009- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

#### IX. MEETING DATES FOR 2010

01/27/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
02/24/2010- Essex Conference Room, 7th FL  
03/24/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
04/28/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
05/26/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
06/23/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
07/28/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
08/25/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
09/22/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
10/27/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
11/17/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
12/15/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

#### X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Today's session was attended by representatives from New Jersey's Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Executive Director Walter X. Kalman, Jr., MSW, LSW, Assistant Executive Director Mary Jean Weston, MSW, LCSW and Leah Jones also from (NASW). Also attending Ms. Wendy

Donnelly, Ms. Jamie M. Hakim, Mr. Edward Weikert, Ms. Maureen Braun Scalera from Family International Services, Ms. Donna Wardell from Rutgers School of Social Work, Ms. Sarah J. Beck and Ms. Judith Kuskin. Walter Kalman welcomed Dr. Walker as Executive Director and thanked DAG Krugman for her explanation on the CE credits and different subjects in the meeting. He stated the Association's desire to work with the Board to ensure that the work of the Board a smooth transition of administrative leadership. Ms. Mary Jean Weston thanked the Board for their hard work and welcome Dr. Walker to the Board. Ms. Maureen Scalera also was very happy to hear that on-line applications soon would be available to consumers.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

Public session concluded at 11:35 am. The Board re-entered public session at 4:25 to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_ Henry Acosta, MSW, LSW  
Vice-Chair