

**BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
June 27, 2007**

I. The Meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Ms. Doreen Bobby, MSW, LCSW at 10:00 A.M.

II. The meeting of the State Board of Social Work Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, the 6th floor, on Wednesday, June 27, 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 Absent
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 Jodi C Krugman, and Board staff Theresa Brundage.

IV. Review of Minutes

The Public Session minutes of March 28, 2007 and April 25, 2007 were reviewed and both were unanimously approved with minor revisions.

V. Public Comment

Walter X. Kalman, MSW, LSW, Executive Director of the NASW New Jersey Chapter, reported on the recent success of the Chapters' well-attended educational conference. The Chapter is now offering coursework in substance abuse specifically geared to meet the requirements for "Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor" initial credentialing as well as for the renewal credit requirements.

VI. Executive Director's Report

-The substance of Mrs. McCormack's discussion involved internal administrative matters. Board members were reminded that the monthly meeting for July 2007 is scheduled for July 18th, the third Wednesday of the month.

VII. Review of Clinical Supervisors' Credentials

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis and 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. Ellis and seconded by Dr. Altamura 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.(Lists of those approved are attached)

IX. Continuing Education (CE)

A. A motion was made by Dr. Altamura and Ms. Ellis approving all CE presentations as recommended by Board member review. The vote was unanimous.

B. Problematic CE contents were reviewed. A motion was made by Ms. Bobby and Mr. Acosta to approve those determined by review to meet the regulatory standard. These programs will be reflected in the Board's monthly update of CE listings.

C. Correspondence

1. GSC Home Study, a Board approved source of CE courses, questioned whether the Board would accept the online-generated certificates of completion which are now available to NJ social workers to document completion of their coursework and testing protocol. These certificates are obtained by the participating social worker, through a secure process, directly from the internet. Following a discussion on current technology, the Board unanimously agreed to accept computer generated certificates of this description as documentation for biennial renewals requirements.

C. 2. The Board considered correspondence from Kathleen Sweeney, MSW, LCSW presenting the New Jersey Chapter of the Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups, Inc. The Association wishes to be considered an exempt category sponsor for social work CE presentations in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:44G-6.4(b) 3. The Board requests that the Association provide additional information for further review.

X. Compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.1(a)4-I/M/O clinical supervision coursework

The following clinical social workers appealed to the Board for an exemption from the requirement to complete 20 CE credits in clinical supervision coursework stating that they each had taken previous coursework which they hope the Board would credit toward the regulatory coursework requirement

-Joyce M. Grossbard, MSW, LCSW-the Post Graduate Center for Advanced Training Program in Supervision of the Therapeutic Process, 1979-1981 and Nancy D. Bristol, MSW, LCSW-Gestalt Center for Psychotherapy and Training, 1992

A motion to deny both requests is made by Dr. Altamura and Ms. Bobby. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Grossbard and Ms. Bristol are advised that their prior coursework does not meet the regulatory requirement.

XI. Correspondence

A. The Board considered a request from Alison P. Donoghue, MSW, LSW to extend the 3 year maximum allowance to obtain her 1,920 hours of direct clinical experience as cited in N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.1(a). Based on Ms. Donoghue's extenuating medical circumstance, the Board agrees to permit her up to an additional 12 months in which to complete her required direct clinical experience hours, which would then total 4 years from the onset of her clinical supervision. B. The Board considered a description of his previous clinical experience from Fred Levitan, NY LMSW as the basis for Mr. Levitan's eligibility for the New Jersey clinical license. As Mr. Levitan is able only to document his direct clinical experience between the years of 1973 and 1979, Mr. Levitan's request is denied. Mr. Levitan is encouraged to reinstate his NJ LSW, which expired on August 31, 1998, and proceed as an LSW under appropriate supervision.

XII. Notice of Public Filed Order(s)

I/M/O Adam Malek, MSW, LSW-a Consent Order was filed against Mr. Malek by this Board on June 7, 2007 based on Mr. Malek's plea of guilty to one count of 4th degree "Observing another's intimate parts or sexual contact without the other's consent." Mr. Malek's LSW license is suspended for a period of at least 30 months, the first 6 months being an active suspension with the remainder stayed and served as a period of probation. Mr. Malek may not resume the unrestricted practice of social work without further order of the Board upon completion of the period of probation and pursuant to the terms/requirements of the Order. Mr. Malek is prohibited from providing future social work services to anyone under the age of eighteen years. The terms of the

Order include weekly supervision with progress reports to the Board, continued personal psychotherapy during probation, and payment of a civil penalty and costs.

XIII. Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)

The Board reviewed as informational the proposed amendments and resolutions to the Association's Bylaws with the option to comment. The Board chose not to comment.

XIV. Regulations

The Board reviewed notice of amendments which propose the inclusion of required continuing education courses in cultural competency training to the current continuing education regulations of the Boards of Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, Licensed Professional Counselor Committee and Medical Examiners. After reviewing the text of each, the Board suggests clarifying the terminology, in the Summary portion and throughout the text, to emphasize the goal of achieving cultural competence in the provision of social work services to a socially and culturally diverse client population.

XV. The Public Session concluded at 11:30 A.M. whereupon the Board entered Executive Session.

XVI. The Board re-entered Public Session at 3:00 P.M. to adjourn the day's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay K. McCormack
Executive Director