

**BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
July 20, 2005**

Call to Order

The Meeting of the Board of Social Work Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Wednesday, July 18, 2005. Doreen Bobby, Board Chair, convened the meeting, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act at 2:20 P.M. The following attendance was recorded for these minutes:

Roll Call

Henry Acosta, MSW, LSW	Professional Member	Present
Doreen J. Bobby, Board Chair, MSW, LCSW	Professional Member	Present
Kathleen Ellis	Public Member	Absent
Louise A. Murray, Board Vice-Chair, DSW, LSW	Professional Member	Present
Terri Wilson, MSW, LCSW	Government Member	Present

Also present were Executive Director Kay K. McCormack, D.A.G. Jodi Krugman, and Board staff member, Cathalina Serrano. A review of the Public Session minutes from June 20, 2005 is postponed.

Public Comment

Representatives of the National Association of Social Workers, (NASW) NJ Chapter attended the meeting to expand on a document that was submitted for review on this agenda. The Association requested that the Board clarify its July 7, 2003 revision to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.1 (a) and (a)4 as related to N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-5.b. and h. NASW's concern, and that of NJAMHA's (the New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies) is the burden evidently expressed by non-profit agencies and LSWs to comply with the requirement to provide qualified LCSW supervisors to staff LSWs and MSW interns. The Board heard NASW's position and determined that legal advice was needed. The Board agreed to reagendaize the matter to Executive Session for August 17, 2005 for the receipt of legal advice. The outcome will then be discussed in Public Session, and result in a written response as requested by the NASW.

Executive Director's Report

Kay K. McCormack confirmed that Acting Governor Richard J. Codey appointed two professionals and one public member on July 12, 2005 to serve on the Board. Leonard Altamura, Ph.D., LCSW, Wanetta V. Williams, BSW, CSW and Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. will be welcomed with agenda packets for the meeting on August 17, 2005. Efforts have begun to reschedule the monthly Board meetings from the 3rd Wednesday of each month to the fourth Wednesdays. This schedule will likely commence in January 2006 for the calendar year. Board member vacation plans were discussed for 2005 in terms of future meeting quorums.

Review of Supervisors' Credentials

Dr. Murray reviewed the credentials of individuals seeking approval as clinical supervisors. The Board unanimously agreed to find the following individuals acceptable as clinical supervisors based on a review of their curricula vita.

SUPERVISOR

Elaine Leader, Ph.D., LCSW-CA
Judy Salken, CSW-R-NY
Erin Reilly, LSW-PA
Joan Dornhoefer, LCSW-NY
Barbara Carey, LCSW-NY

Review of Related BA Degree(s) in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.3(a)3.ii There were no degrees in this category submitted for Board review.

IX. Vote on the Candidates Proposed for Licensure and Certification

A motion was made by Dr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve those candidates who have been evaluated as eligible for licensure or certification based on a review of their applications and supporting documentation accordance the requirements noted in the Statute and Regulations. The vote was unanimous.

Continuing Education

Vote on Recommendations

A motion was made by Dr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve CE programs according to Board members' recommendations 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 monthly update of CE offerings for July 2005.

Discussion of Problematic CEs

The discussion of problematic CEs is postponed to August 17, 2005

CE Correspondence

There was no correspondence relating to CE concerns that was received for Board review.

The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)

Dr. Louise Murray reinforced the Board's collective desire to implement a substitute source of CE sponsor approvals to provide sources for New Jersey's biennial renewal credit requirements. To this end, the Board will consider the Approved Continuing Education (ACE) review process conducted by the ASWB for CE sponsor qualifications. The regulatory analyst is working with the Board to revise the regulations in order to reflect the Board's decision.

The Board reviewed the Association's request that clinical exam candidates be pre-qualified by the Board staff as is currently done for exam candidates at the master's level. After considering the Association's position, the Board agreed unanimously to approve this request.

The Board reviewed, as informational, the Association's decision to facilitate the purchase of the Association-sponsored clinical supervision CE coursework to individuals/organizations that plan to use the curriculum for in-service staff training in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.1(a)4. The Association outlined the protocol required of the agencies and its involvement to verify the participants' attendance in the program and evaluative testing and determine outcomes. Certificates of completion will be distributed by the ASWB.

The Board will postpone a discussion to August 17, 2005 of the New York State Board's proposal to have the Association amend its current policy to allow distribution of annual national exam results between jurisdictions. A motion was made by Dr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Acosta to nominate Board Chair, Doreen Bobby, MSW, LCSW for the Association's annual Sunny Andrews award. This award honors members of the profession's regulatory boards for their contributions and service to their individual boards. Ms. Bobby has demonstrated

many leadership and professional qualities during her tenure on the Board which support the Board's unanimously agreement to endorse her nomination for this award. Doreen Bobby accepted the Board's nomination.

National Association of Social Work Boards (NASW), New Jersey Chapter

The Board addressed this concern in section V – Public Comment

Regulations – Danielle Swenson, Regulatory Analyst

The Board completed its review of the proposed regulation – Custody/Parenting Time Evaluations. A final draft will be prepared by Ms. Swenson for August 17, 2005 along with the draft revisions for N.J.A.C 13:44G-Subchapters 3, 6,12 and 13.

The Board reviewed and agreed with the public comment response which is being proposed by the Certified Psychoanalyst Advisory Committee. The draft response clarifies that licensees of other health professions may offer psychoanalysis to their clients within their respective scopes pursuant to an exemption in the psychoanalysts' Act.

Correspondence

A discussion of Christopher Parks' request for ADA accommodations of the national masters level licensing exam is reagendaized to Executive Session.

B.-C.-D. The Board granted license approval to the following applicants having considered their requests to accept their national exam scores at a level beyond what is required for their licensure level.

-Harmon Meldrin, Ph.D., LMSW-Ohio- was approved for LSW licensure

-Amy C. Barr - was approved for LSW licensure

-Alla Golburt- was approved for LSW licensure

E. The Board considered a request from Diana Van Pelt to reinstate her LSW license which expired on August 31, 1996. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-7.1, 7.2 and N.J.A.C. 13:44G-7.3, the Board voted unanimously to advise Ms. Van Pelt that she is required to retake the ASWB national licensing exam in order to reinstate her license.

F. The Board granted Ilana Shashar-Toib's request to have an ESL (English as a Second Language) accommodation for the masters level licensing exam.

XV. Adjournment

Public Session concluded at 4:00 P.M. and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay K. McCormack
Executive Director