

**BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
August 23, 2006**

Call to Order

The meeting of the State Board of Social Work Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, the 6th floor, on Wednesday, August 23, 2006. Doreen Bobby, Board Chair, convened the meeting at 10:00 A.M. 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 Present

Also present were Executive Director Kay K. McCormack, DAG Jodi C. Krugman, Board staff Theresa Brundage and Celeste Sweeper, Staff of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners. The Public Session minutes of June 28, 2006 were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes with revisions was made by Ms. Bobby and Ms. Ellis. The vote was unanimous. The Public Session minutes from July 26, 2006 are postponed for review to September 27, 2006.

Public Comment

In attendance were Walter Kalman, MSW, LSW Executive Director and Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW, and liason to the Board from NASW, N.J. Dr. Apgar questioned the process by which the DCA is furnishing New Jersey's regulated Social Work professionals with decorative wall certificates which proclaim their professional credentials. Though committed to the ongoing process, the vast numbers of certificates scheduled for computer-generated printing make it impossible for the DCA to predict an accurate schedule for completion in each professional area.

Executive Director's Report

Mrs. McCormack reviewed the following topics with Board members:

-The recent appointment of Kimberly Ricketts, currently the Director of the DCA since May 2005, to replace Thomas J.O'Reilly as the Administrator for the office of the Attorney General. Although Ms. Ricketts will assume this position in September, her last day at the DCA was August 2, 2006. Stephen Nolan, of the Director's office, was appointed Acting Director of the DCA. -The end-of-renewal-cycle process via online, mail-in and walk-in options was reviewed, FYI. -Relevant information was regarding these renewal processes, as well as notice that, starting with this cycle, the Board is discontinuing its review of CE coursework submitted for individual New Jersey social workers, this information was relayed via the Board's Home Page, and by NASW, N.J. and NJAMHA. As of September 1, 2006, New Jersey social workers are encouraged to obtain their required CE credit hours from any one of the approved CE sources noted in N.J.A.C. 13:44G-6.4(b), including from the listing of Board approved CE sponsors made available through the Board office at 973-504-6495 and via the Board's website at www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/social/socialce.pdf

-As of August 11, 2006 slightly more than 50% of New Jersey's regulated social work professionals have renewed to an '08 expiration.

Review of Clinical Supervisors' Credentials

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis and Ms. Williams to approve all clinical supervisors listed as recommended. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVED SUPERVISORS

James Feldman, LCSW-PA

Maria C. Argentina, LCSW-NY

Linda Lowenstein, LCSW-NY

Lynn Rosenfield, LCSW-CA

Rose Marie Johnson, LCSW-CA

Patricia Sandler, LMFT-CA

Jacquelyn Zerafa, LCSW-MA

Anne Martin, LCSW-NY

Judith B. Lippa, LCSW-MA

Judy Salken, LCSW-NY

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

A motion was made by Dr. Murray and Ms. Williams approving Linda L. McManus for certification based on a review of the coursework evident in her dual BA degree, in English and Education. The vote was unanimous.

Vote on Candidates Proposed for Licensure and Certification

The Board unanimously agreed to approve 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-These discussions are postponed to September 27, 2006

The vote on CE course/content recommended for approval

The discussion of problematic CE coursework

CE Correspondence

1. The Board's review of Ph.D. coursework in Counseling Psychology submitted by Violet Barrett Baid Paterson, MSW,LSW in compliance with her CE credit requirement is postponed to September 27, 2006

Regulations

There were neither adopted nor proposed regulations included for Board review

Filed Consent Orders

The Board acknowledged as informational a filed Consent Order with permanent restraints signed by Judith Page Yorio d/b/a Roberta Medi-Spa. This action was taken by several licensing boards under New Jersey's DCA with a previous action taken in 1997 against Ms. Page Yorio by the Board of Social Work Examiners, for unlicensed practice. The initial Order was filed by the Board of Social Work with the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Div., Somerset County, permanently enjoining Ms. Page Yorio from offering social work services and/or psychotherapeutic counseling. To date, Ms. Page Yorio has not applied for licensure with the Board of Social Work Examiners. In the current instance, Ms. Page Yorio admitted engaging in the unlicensed practice of psychology and general mental health counseling and represented herself as a psychologist, clinical psychologist and a doctor.

General Correspondence

Dr. Beth Ann Rosica, Ph. D. of Vision Quest asked the Board to clarify whether LCSWs, LSWs and/or CSWs could issue orders for personal restraints, as defined by the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, in JCAHO. After careful consideration the Board advised that, while the New Jersey Social Workers' Licensing Act is silent on this matter, the issuance of such an order would require a clinical judgement and, therefore, excludes the CSW from this task in all settings. According to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-3.3, the certified social worker is prohibited from engaging in clinical social work services. For licensed social workers and licensed clinical social workers in these settings, the guidelines developed by the individual facility, in addition to the State regulations for the Department of Human Services and the JCAHO, would control the provision of services.

Public Session concluded at 11:15 A.M.

The Board re-entered Public session at 3:30 P.M. and, by unanimous consent, agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay K. McCormack
Executive Director