

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2010**

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 Chair, Ms. Doreen Bobby, MSW, LCSW.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW, (Chair)
Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW
Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW
Lorna Hines-Cunningham, MS, LCSW
Kathleen Ellis
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq

Absent:

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW

Also attending:

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

Announcement of Quorum

The 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.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

No minutes was presented for Board approval.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker, informed the Board that with the new state budget allows Board members a total of \$100 payment per month including any reimbursement. Therefore, vouchers are no longer necessary. License renewal continues, however, those who have not completed the necessary requirements for the criminal history background check will no longer have time to complete it before the August 31, 2010 deadline. Therefore, they will have to pay the late fee.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was attended by representatives from New Jersey's Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, New Jersey Chapter (NASW-NJ) Mr. Walter Kalman, LSW, Executive Director; Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, Assistant Executive Director; and Mr. Joe Patane, LSW, Executive Director of Patane foundation.

- 1- Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, asked if the proposals concerning changes in continuing education regulations are approved. DAG Krugman informed her that the approval is in process.

Ms. Weston inquired as to the amount of the fee for late renewal and was informed that renewals received during the grace period from Sept. 1 through Sept. 30 require a \$100 late fee.

She indicated that the Association will be holding informational meetings with students concerning the application process.

- 2- Joe Patane, LSW- Mr. Patane asked about his licensing process. DAG Krugman informed him that this is an executive session issue.

VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

Upon motion made by Ms. Kathleen Ellis, seconded by Ms. Maxine Lisboa, the Board voted to approve all supervisors' credentials.

VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

A motion made by Ms. Lorna Hines-Cunningham and seconded by Ms. Maxine Lisboa, to approve the following candidates as qualified in their category based on 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 voted in favor of the motion.

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LCSW APPLICATIONS:

COMPLETED CRIMINAL HISTORY:

Tracie R. Meyers
Melissa A. Moore
Dolly R. Sacristan

PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:

Kelly B. Baldinger
Sarah A. Brennessel
Teri A. Cheresnick
Katherine A. Dunn
Lisa M. Eible
Shannon L. Evans
Bailey F. Frumen
Jessica Hollander
Amanda M. Mathisen
Emily R. McGrath
Tara McSorley
Jennifer Mellor
Kerri L. Russo
Robyn N. Shores Foster
Rachel D. Smith
Patricia A. Valdivia
Shannon T. White
Dawn E. Lomangino-Dimauro

LSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Dorothy Alexander
Margarita M. Bossa
Anna S. Gomah
Claire Grainger-Valvano
Apryl Hasselberger
Kelly A. Heller
Bibi S. Kalicharan

Christine Kirkbride

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Allison B. Marcilla
Kaylin L. Morrissey
Johanna Nash
Diane Pennacchio
Sherry L. Polhemus
Donna L. Ray
Jennifer Sadowsky
Ellen Schwartz
Terasa E. Sgroi
Evelina Skoblinski
Rose Testa
Debora B. Valatkavage
Jessica Wavro

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Javier Arencibia
Daphne Ball
Heather A. Barto
Lynn E. Benson
Laura Cabral-Benitez
Gema G. Castaneda-Martinez
Jennifer L. Cella
Lauren Cook
Terry L. Danzig
Jennifer Deane
Doris A. DeJesus Ortega
Victor I. Eguaibor
Ryan Engelstad
Molly W. Fagan
Amy Fernandes
Patricia Lissade
Joanne M. Gaydos
Sara M. Goultier
Jennifer Gordon
Kelsey A. Gorman
Robin L. Green-Gilman
Erin L. Gruberman
Erin M. Haber
Marc B. Horowitz

Dana Jarvis

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Linda C. Jonsson
Caitlin M. Karosen
Basya Katz
Donna Kennedy
Marianne Koriakos
JeeNa I. Krzastek
Crystal D. Leach
Kathleen M. Lowy
Nicole E. Malick
Shamila Malik
Ryan E. Marsh
Elizabeth M. McGovern
Patricia McLaughlin
Aviva R. Mouldovan
Mutio E. Ndeto
Michelle M. Newhouse
Jamie M. Pallies
Sheila E. Peri
Andrea R. Peyser
Clinton N. Popo
Michelle J. Porcaro
Pamela J. Reinhard
Dana M. Reinsdorf
Beth Sciortino
Ayala Steinfeld Kochan
Lauren Thompson
Idamis Toro
Meghann Trombetta
Lorrett W. Waiters
Stephanie Waksmundzky
Kathleen Whitfield
Kristen Woodbury

CSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Nighat H. Afzal
Kofi A. Asante
Priscilla S. Bauer
Diane L. D'Agostino

Allison F. Decky
Lori A. English

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Catherine M. Frascella
Sarah A. Garrod
Jade C. King
Kristen Holly
Doris E. Mendoza
Marian C. Mitchell
Kristin L. Normile
Stephanie Rivera
Catherine J. Scapicio
Janice M. Scasserra-Veglis
Lisa Sirisky
Esther L. Skinner

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Cheryl W. Akins
Samantha P. Barriteau
Valerie M. Bethke
Alyssa J. Biedermann
Shannon R. Brooks
Emily G. Buchenhorst
Valerie J. Cherry
Rosana M. Conti
Erin R. Cooney
Marcella L. Dressler-Gassert
Tammy A. Egas
Junette C. Europe
Amany S. Gabrah
Robert E. Green
Laura M. Grieco
Carlos F. Guerrero
Patricia A. Hayes
Dale C. Holmes
Caitlin M. Hull
Hayley M. Hyde
Lisa Kozlowski
Kim C. Lopez
Sean A. Macon
Helena R. Matava

Kristen A. Miller
Jill H. Myers
Abby D. Papa

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Jessica L. Pellicano
Rodney Q. Pierce
Clinton Popo
Lydia G. Rogers
Ian Scheer
Victoria A. Schmidt
Shaheen D. Shabazz
Maristela Silveria
Jenna Wendolowski
Melissa M. Zduniak
Hamilton M. Zinnah

VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upon motion made by Maxine Lisboa, seconded by Dr. Altamura, the Board voted to accept all CE course applications submitted to the Board.

A. Problematic CEU's

No Further discussion about Problematic CEU's

B. Vote on Recommendation.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

1- Letter from Walter Kalman LSW, about managed care companies. The Board moved to executive session at 10:40 a.m. in order to receive legal advise regarding this matter. At 11:20 the Board returned to open session. The Board had several questions regarding the letter.

- A. What treatments are covered?
- B. Is a request for additional information triggered by additional treatment beyond what is normally covered?
- C. What additional information is usually asked for and does that include progress notes?

Mr. Kalman responded that insurance companies usually ask for progress notes for these cases. Mr. Kalman indicated that the Association is also addressing this issue through discussions with legislators and with the Department of Banking and Insurance.

- 2- Letter from Connie Mitchell from the NY State Education Department and copy an order issued by New York against Jill G. Jones-Soderman suspending her New York license for 5 years, the last three stayed and served as a period of probation. The Board accepted this as informational.

- 4- Kathleen Lawless Schmidt, LCSW- copy of a Consent Order from the Office of the Insurance Fraud Prosecutor. Ms. Lawless Schmidt consented to a \$40,000 penalty for making misleading statements to insurance companies and for collecting for services rendered while unlicensed. The Board accepted this as informational.

X. MEETING DATES FOR 2010

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Public session concluded at 11:45 am by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Dr. Altamura, to move to executive session. The Board re-entered public session at 4:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW
Chair

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