

# NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

## PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2013

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Chair Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### Present:

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW

Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW

Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. (Arrived at 10:14 a.m., left at 12:11 p.m.)

Elizabeth Bowman, MSS, LCSW

Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC

#### Also attending:

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director

Michela Ross, Government Rep

Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff

### Announcement of Quorum

Chair, Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar announced that quorum existed for the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

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 Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post.

### III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

#### A. August 14, 2013 Public Minutes

*Ms. Braun Scalera moved that the minutes of the August 14, 2013 meeting be approved as presented Ms. Borden seconded. Voting in favor: all.*

#### B. June 12, 2013 Public Minutes

*Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to amend the June 12, 2013 minutes to reflect that Carolyn Bray from NJAMHAA was present and participated in the discussion regarding N.J.A.C 13:44G - Continuing Education Requirements. Voting in favor: all.*

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director, J. Michael Walker informed the Board that on August 26, 2013, we were served following a notice of relief for N.J.S.A. A3371, the law banning sexual orientation change efforts for minors, which was signed by Governor Christie on August 19, 2013. Included in the notice were J. Governor Christie, Director Kanefsky, Milagros Collazo; Executive Director for the Board of Marriage and Family Examiners, Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee, and Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, and Paul Jordan; Former President of the NJ Board of Medical Examiners and himself. The suit was filed by Liberty Counsel.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public in attendance:

- A. Dr. Karun K. Singh, Director of MSW Rutgers Newark** - Dr. Singh came before the Board to update it on the status of providing Board staff with a list of courses that are clinical in nature for older transcripts when reviewing LCSW applications.
- B. Mary Jean Weston, Assistant Executive Director, NASW-NJ** - Ms. Weston reported to the Board that the Continuing Education Approval Collaborative ("The Collaborative") is up and running and appreciates the referrals that they have received.
- C. Dawn Ortiz, LCSW** - Ms. Ortiz came before the Board to answer any questions the Board may have regarding her pending matter. She was informed that such matters are always considered during executive sessions and that her matter was on the agenda for today.

**VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS**

*Upon motion made by Dr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to approve the clinical supervisors' credentials. Voting in favor: all.*

**VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE**

*Upon motion made by Ms. Bowman, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted 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 review in the cases of pending criminal history background checks. Voting in favor: all.*

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**LCSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Emily K. Austein  
Heather C. Bense  
Laura M. Cabral-Benitz  
William F. Coffey  
Michelle J. Cohen  
Michelle A. Dattada  
Linda S. Fasano  
Mariel E. Gordon-Mallin  
David K. Lubega  
Anna J. Owusu  
Sandra P. Serra  
Audrey M. Statelman  
Maria A. Toppi  
Florentina Totilca-Roman  
Laura Varriale  
Stephanie Waksmundski  
Lindsay B. Wheeler  
Anne G. Weinstein  
Pamela A. Zambrana

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Dorothy Buznitsky  
Cynthia J. Castner  
Margaret Davey  
Melissa A. Ferra  
Gillian B. McGrath  
Kaylin L. Morrissey  
Alexandra E. Salani  
Lesley San Filippo  
Harry Szachtel

**LSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

David Adegbola  
Lindsay S. Starita  
Jeffrey Aviles  
Marissa Bruno  
Ashley L. Fisher  
Alexandra L. Fodor  
Alice Greenberg-Sheedy

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Elizabeth Gruman  
Jonathon T. Mason  
Cassie A. Oleszkiewicz  
Srah E. Roffe  
Randall J. Roland  
Margaret V. Rosen  
Nicole Wondergem

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Assaf Amos  
Melissa Bada-Devers  
Tania Bailon  
Christopher Bertino  
Kevin Bonner  
Yardena H. Brickman  
Crystal Y. Brooks  
Ariel S. Cadet  
Anne E. Cafasso  
Alyssa Carbahug  
Antonia G. Carrao  
Rachel R. Carroll  
Elyse R. Cavadi  
Lindsey Chernick  
Ketherine Conyers  
Tiffany N. Cox  
Lauren Cruz  
Carolyn S. Davis-Cottle  
Alexandra DePinto  
Maria M. Diodonet  
Sherri P. Flacks  
Renee C. Frazier  
Aanielle L. Friday  
Sharon Friedman  
Gracie A. Galvan  
Melissa R. Ginnantonio  
William S. Glennon  
Aaron P. Goldwasser  
Sheatha L. Grandison  
Elliot Z. Halberstam  
Christopher T. Jarvis  
Meghan E. Jeffrey  
Melissa Kastner  
Sara A. Keith

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Rachel Koster  
Lihly Lam  
Elena M. Layton  
Emily M. Mathusek  
Krista McAdam  
Lisa McDermott  
Stephanie A. McGhee  
Agness O. McLean  
Maria V. Mendoza  
Erik K. Meseroll  
Christine Mischenko  
Jillian Monico  
Arnelda  
Monroe-Butler  
Eren Moore  
Alexandra Nagy  
Megan B. Nelson  
Caitlin A. O'Brien  
Jennifer Payano  
Caitlin M. Peterson  
Amanda E. Richardson  
Heather L. Rivet-Frame  
Diane N. Robustellini  
Joanna Rodriguez  
Melissa Rosvold  
Brenda Rowe  
Molly R. Salovitz  
Samantha Schreer  
Kathryn M. Sharpe  
Diane Singleton  
Joanna Slevin  
Miriam Sloane  
Kalisha Smith  
Mary C. Sumanski  
Jo-Ann May Tan  
Francesca M. Tatis  
Omar Torres  
Amelia Vastola  
Charlena Ware  
Melissa K. Warren  
Gabrielle Wasserman  
Emily W. Weber  
Wanetta V. Williams

**CSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Angie L. Cortez  
Yolanda Cortez  
Karlene S. Green  
Amie T. Lidke  
Dolores Miller  
Linda Paulino  
Gia A. Ruiz

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Sharon D. Anderson  
Jordan L. Bergman  
Daaimah T. Bernabela  
Octavious J. Brookes  
Samantha M. Buddle  
Lori D. Butler  
Jenna M. Casaletto  
David Clement  
Brandyn S. Conyers  
Mick Daity  
Clairecine E. Delne  
Erica L. Dmochowski  
Najwa S. Driggins  
Christina L. Evans  
Latasha M. Hurst  
Mary A. Jackey  
Alycia E. Johnson  
Amber L. Judkins  
Joan Kim  
Krystof Leszcynski  
Stephanie A. Okoye  
Theresa M. Scardone  
Ekta S. Shah  
Gewn N. Shenowski  
Carrie L. Tucker  
Aida Villanueva  
Leigh A. Williams  
Thomas A. Wohl

**VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**A. Vote on recommendation**

*Upon motion by Dr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to accept the presented CE courses: Adoption from the Heart: "Adoption Awareness Training #1, 2, and 3;" Catholic Charities of Trenton: "Partners in Excellence" and "Assessment and Intervention;" Gero Psych Nursing Associates: "Recognizing and Managing Depression in Older Adults;" Lakewood Community Service Corporation: "The Culture of Orthodox Jewish Families Similarities and Differences with the Culture of American Families;" Preferred Behavioral Health of New Jersey: "Youth Mental Health First Aid;" Zen Garland: "Transference, Countertransference, and Resistance." The following were not approved: VIP Community Services, Inc.: "Clinical Approach to Suicide Prevention;" and Zen Garland: "Inner Relationships."*

**B. Clarification of the Continuing Education review process**

*Mary Jean Weston, Assistant Executive Director of NASW- NJ stated that the Continuing Education Approval Collaborative ("the Collaborative") will review CE programs that will occur within 60 days instead of the 90 days notice they require through December 31, 2013. The Board will continue to review CE programs that will occur in less than 60 days. The Board will also continue to review any CE program reviews that are still pending through December 31, 2013.*

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

*None to report.*

**X. MEETING DATES FOR 2013**

*please note: all meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m.*

October 9, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

November 13, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

December 11, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Public session closed at 10:28 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session upon motion by Ms. Bowman, seconded by Dr. Bradley. The Board re-entered public session at 12:37 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.*

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Chair