

**BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
September 21, 2005**

I. Call to Order

II. The Meeting was initially opened in Public Session at 10:10 A.M. in compliance with the Open Public Meetings. The meeting was held in the Sussex room on the 6th floor of the State offices at 124 Halsey Street. The following attendance was recorded for these minutes:

III. Roll Call

Henry Acosta, MSW, LSW Professional Member Absent
Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW Professional Member Present
Doreen J. Bobby, Board Chair, MSW, LCSW Professional Member Present
Kathleen Ellis Public Member Present
Louise A. Murray, Board Vice-Chair, DSW, LSW Professional Member Present
Paul 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, D.A.G. Jodi Krugman, and Board staff member, Cathalina Serrano.

The Board welcomes professional member Dr. Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW and public member Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. to their first Board meeting as Acting Governor Codey's newest appointees. Their professional backgrounds and varied expertise were acknowledged as strong complements to the Board, together with new professional member Wanetta V. Williams, BSW, CSW, who attended her first meeting on August 17, 2005.

Meeting dates for the remainder of Calendar Year 2005 were reiterated with Public Session returning to 10:00 A.M. beginning in October 2005. The Board affirmed its decision to move to the fourth Wednesday of each month for its regularly scheduled business meetings beginning in January 2006.

- At 10:20 A.M. the Board moved into Executive Session by unanimous consent.
- At 2:25 P.M. the Board re-entered Public Session by order of Doreen Bobby, Board Chair.

IV. The Public Session minutes of August 17, 2005 were reviewed and unanimously accepted as presented pending revisions by DAG Krugman.

V. Public Comment

Members of the public in attendance were Walter X. Kalman, MSW, LSW–Executive Director of (National Association of Social Workers) NASW, NJ chapter, and Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW, the New Jersey chapter's, liaison to the Board. Mr. Kalman shared the following Association news with Board members:

1. In order to create a uniform documents for the profession, the NASW together with the ASWB (Association of Social Work Boards) have implemented a Task Force to develop Standards for Technology and Social Work Practice,
2. The Association's Legal Issue of the Month examines practice and title protection acts and state trends regarding changes to social work licensing laws,
3. NASW Legal Defence Fund – Legal issue of the Month for September 2005 highlights Social Workers and Disaster Relief Services, the legal and ethical issues for social workers who provide services in volunteer disaster

relief efforts in Louisiana and Mississippi and,

4. A section titled "Law Notes" is published on various professional related topics.

VI. Executive Director's Report

Kay K. McCormack updated the Board on the following items of interest:

- ASWB has been inundated with calls from recently displaced social workers suffering from Katrina's fury. They've lost their homes and jobs and will be considering licensure in other states. New Jersey's Division of Consumer Affairs is making every effort to expedite the application process for these hurricane victims. To date, the Board office has been contacted by two social workers from Louisiana.
- The scheduling of full Board investigative inquiries will continue for the next few months in order to expose new Board members to the process. Thereafter, inquiries will be scheduled by Committee as well, in order to expedite the pending inquiries.

VII. Review of Supervisors' Credentials

Dr. Murray reviewed the credentials of individuals seeking approval as clinical supervisors. A motion was made by Dr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Bobby to approve the following individuals as clinical supervisors based on a review of their curricula vita. The vote was unanimous. The Board agreed that Jennifer Jones' supervisor should submit evidence of additional clinical experience.

APPROVED SUPERVISORS

Peter L. Cambel, MD, Licensed Psychiatrist – DC, VA, MA
Judith A. Homer, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist – AZ
Joann Del-Colle, MSW, LCSW- AZ
Randall D. Martin, Ph.D. Licensed Psychologist – NY, CT
Caren Levensohn, LCSW-R-NY
Delmina E. Henry, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist – PA
Suzanne Eikenberry, CSW-NY
Paul M. Berger-Gross, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist-NY
Nancy Robhins Ashbaugh, LCSW-MA
Charles S. Cole, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist-MA

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

Based on the review of their BA coursework in a related field, a motion was made by Ms. Bobby and seconded by Mr. St. Onge approving the following candidates for social work certification. The vote was unanimous.

- Patricia B. Marbey with a BA in Health Education from the University of the District of Columbia
- Leslie D. Eaddy with a BA in Political Science from Rutgers University, NJ.

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 in accordance with the requirements in the Statute and Regulations. The vote was unanimous.

X. Continuing Education

A. Vote on Recommendations

A motion was made by Dr. Altamura and seconded by Dr. Murray 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.

B. Discussion of Problematic CEs

Problematic applications were discussed and those approved will be reflected on the reference listing of approved CE coursework.

C. CE Correspondence

The clinical supervision coursework submitted by the following LCSWs was reviewed in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.1(a)4. A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Altamura to approve the following LCSWs as clinical supervisors compliant with the regulatory requirements.

-Farrah L. Walker
- Denise Imundo

XI. The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)

A./B./D. The Board read and discussed as informational notice of four proposed bylaws amendments and two proposed resolutions which are to be voted on at the, Association's 2005 Annual Meeting in Dearborn, Michigan, November 4-6. While the Board authorized the attendance of one Board member or the Executive Director, when calendars were consulted, it appears that New Jersey will not be represented at the meeting. We are advised that a vote on the bylaws will only be accepted from a member board in attendance at the meeting. The minutes reflect that the Board unanimously agreed not to support either of New York State's resolutions proposing to share exam pass rate information among member boards and, to share and sell data on test performance, by content area and sorted by educational program attended. The minutes also reflect that the Board unanimously agreed to endorse the qualifications proposed for eligibility to serve as a member of the Association Board of Directors and/or as a member of the Nominating Committee. The Board acknowledged as acceptable the remaining two proposals, the Delegate Assembly's authority as provided by the Association's Mission and Goals and the requirement for the Association to maintain accurate and complete books/records of accounting. A statement by New York State Board's Executive Director, Daniel Hamilton, Ph.D., LMSW describes the basis for New York State's two proposed resolutions. New York differs from other jurisdictions, including New Jersey, in that the New York Board of Regents (part of the New York Board Social Work) bears the responsibility to approve educational programs, including professional license undergraduate/graduate programs. For this reason, New York believes this information is vital for public protection and fulfills its responsibility to license only qualified applicants.

C. ASWB News articles

The Board reviewed, as informational, published articles from the Association News: Threats to Exam Integrity; ASWB.com vs. ASWB.org and, University of Alaska at Anchorage is sued for denying admission to its graduate social work program to a man convicted for murder.

XII. Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2005 Division of Law Billing report is moved to Executive Session agenda for discussion.

XIII. Regulations – Danielle Swenson, Division Regulatory Analyst

The Board acknowledged the readoption notice of N.J.A.C. 13:45C: Duty to Cooperate as supportive for all regulatory boards.

XIV. Public Orders

The Board acknowledges the following public order(s) filed since the previous meeting.

- Milton Deutch, MSW – Consent Order for Voluntary License (LCSW& LMFT) Surrender based on allegations of inappropriate client contact.

XV. Correspondence

Felice Ockun, MSW, LSW (LCSW applicant) Ms. Ockun wrote to Acting Governor Richard J. Codey relating her distress in learning that her “clinical” supervisor was not, in fact, a Licensed Professional Counselor as the supervisor claimed to be. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.1, Ms. Ockun is ineligible for clinical licensure and seeks relief from the Board. While the board will not waive the Supervision requirement, it will credit Ms. Ockun’s 334 hours of past supervised experience toward her clinical license. Because of the circumstances presented, the Board agreed to waive the requirement in N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.1 to obtain the total of 1,920 hours within any three consecutive year span.

XVIII. Adjournment

Public Session concluded at 3:50 P.M. whereupon the Board re-entered Executive Session to complete the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay K. McCormack
Executive Director