

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
September 23, 2008

The Meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by Board Chair, Doreen Bobby, MSW, LCSW.

The meeting of the State Board of Social Work Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street in the Hudson Room, on the 6th floor, Tuesday, September 23, 2008 in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act

. Roll Call

Henry Acosta, MSW, LSW, Vice-Chair Professional Member Absent

Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW Professional Member Absent

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW, Chair Professional Member Present

Kathleen Ellis Public Member Present

Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW Professional Member Present

Louise A. Murray, DSW, LSW Professional Member Present

Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. Public Member Present

Wanetta V. Williams, BSW, CSW Professional Member Absent

Lorna Hines-Cunningham, MS, LCSW Government Member Present

Also present were Executive Director Kay K. McCormack, DAG Jodi Krugman and Board staff Theresa Brundage.

The minutes from the Public Session of August 27, 2008 are delayed.

Public Comment-There was no formal comment offered by any one of the representatives in attendance from the New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). Executive Director's Report

Kay K. McCormack addressed administrative matters with members.

Review of Clinical Supervisors' Credentials

Based on the recommendation to approve all out-of-state supervisors based on a review of their credentials, the motion to accept all candidates reviewed was moved by unanimous consent. The names of the LCSW license candidates who were supervised by the approved clinicians will be added to the list of clinical licensees approved for this month.

Supervisors

Robin L. Strauss, LCSW-NY

Virginia M. Miller, LICSW-RI

Susan B. Bliss, Ph.D., LCSW-CT

Anu-Liisa Lukk, LCSW-MD

Lee R. Kramer, LCSW-NY

Anne Rosen Noran, Ph.D., LCSW-NY

Barbara G. Weinberg, LCSW-NY
Christine Low, LCSW-NY
Joseph A. Santiago, L.M.H.P-NY
Ursula L. Chock-Harris, LCSW-CT
Christine Dauser, Psy.D. Licensed Psychologist-CT

Related BA degree(s) submitted in consideration of N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.3 The Board reviewed the Bachelor's transcript in Business Administration submitted by Darlene Clements as a qualifying degree for the certification credential. Based on the coursework and Ms. Clements' documented social work experience obtained in compliance with the Amendment, a motion was made by Ms. Bobby and seconded by Dr. Murray to approve Ms. Clements for social work certification. The vote was unanimous.

Vote on Candidates Proposed for Licensure and Certification

A motion was made by Dr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Ellis approving those candidates listed (attached) as qualified in their category based on a review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations. The vote was unanimous.

Regulations (non-agenda topic)

A discussion was led by Regulatory Analyst Charles Manning and DAG Jodi Krugman as to whether the Board should proceed with the proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-6.2,-6.4,-6.5,-7.2,-7.3,-8.1 and-14.1, along with the proposed deletion of -6.7. or, to temporarily hold the proposals pending the planned evaluation of future CE approving entities.

Following a discussion, a motion was offered by Ms. Ellis and seconded by Ms. Bobby to temporarily delay the proposed amendments. The vote was unanimous. Interested parties, ie New Jersey's CSWE-approved schools of Social Work and the State Chapter of the NASW will be invited to attend a future Public Session Agenda meeting, where each will have submitted a proposal in advance detailing their CE sponsor and/or content criteria review standards which the Board will then review for efficacy and adherence to New Jersey CE standards.

Continuing Education

Vote on recommendations-The Board voted unanimously to approve all programs as recommended by content review. These presentations will be reflected in the monthly update of Board-approved CEs which is available at the Board's website and by hardcopy from the Board office. The vote was unanimous.

Problematics-There were no problematic CE presentations suggested for discussion. CE correspondence

1.Two original professional articles were submitted as CE credit for the September 2008 license renewal by Dr. William W. Reynolds, Ph.D., LCSW. Based on Dr. Murray's evaluation of the articles' content and the fact that both were published in acknowledged professional, peer-reviewed journals, the Board agreed to grant Dr. Reynolds 9 CE credits per article, for a total of 18 credits toward his renewal requirement, including the 5-credit Ethics requirement. Dr. Reynolds will, however, be advised that CE credit is not granted for his dissertation nor the related reference sites.

2.Two social work doctoral courses developed and taught in the previous cycle by faculty member Dr. Kathleen Pottick, Ph.D., LCSW for the Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work are automatically approved for 15 credits each toward Dr. Pottick's clinical license renewal, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-6.4(c)2.

Notice of Filed Consent Orders

A Consent Order was filed by the Board on September 12, 2008 against Samuel S. Samsel, III, MSW, LSW

for his unlicensed practice of clinical social work. Mr. Samsel has since been granted the LSW license. As the department director and supervisor for Mr. Samsel, Michael Smeltzer, MSW, LSW was also issued a Consent Order for aiding and abetting Mr. Samsel's provision of unlicensed clinical services. This Order was also filed on September 12, 2008.

The Board acknowledged as informational notice of the bi-annual meeting of the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) in Rhode Island, November 7-9, 2008. Members will consult their calendars for availability should anyone wish to attend as the representative from this Board.

Public session concluded at 10:50 A.M. whereupon the Board unanimously agreed to enter Executive session, following the lunch break, to address scheduled agenda topics. The Board re-entered Public Session at 3:25 P.M. and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting for the day.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay K. McCormack
Executive Director