

**BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
October 19, 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 Act. 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 Present  
Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW Professional Member Present  
Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW, Board Chair Professional Member Present  
Kathleen Ellis Public Member Present  
Louise A. Murray, DSW, LSW, Board Vice-Chair Professional Member Present  
Paul St. Onge, Esq. Public Member Present  
Wanetta V. Williams, BSW, CSW Professional Member Present  
Terri Wilson, MSW, LCSW Government Member Absent

Also present were Executive Director Kay K. McCormack, D.A.G. Jodi Krugman, and Board staff member, Cathalina Serrano.

**IV. A review of the Public Session minutes from September 21, 2005 is delayed to the following meeting.**

**V. Public Comment**

The minutes reflect the attendance of Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW, liaison to the Board from the New Jersey chapter of NASW(National Association of Social Workers), Dr. Apgar declined to comment.

**VI. Executive Director's Report**

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

- A schedule of Board meetings for the remaining calendar year 2005 was distributed,
- The slate of Board candidates for the ASWB's (Association of Social Work Boards) Fall 2005 elections was distributed FYI
- The ASWB's annual meeting is scheduled for November 4-6, 2005 in Dearborn, Michigan
- A copy of the Board's formal response to the NASW, NJ Chapter's request for clarification on specific regulations was distributed FYI
- FYI-an article from the October 5, 2005 edition of the Star Ledger citing Acting Governor Codey's formation of a Gang Land Security Task Force was distributed. It is noted that included among the 14 appointed member are social workers.
- The question of "Reparative Therapy" recently circulated through the ASWB in order to explore any knowledge/experience with this technique which proposes, a treatment or therapy to alter one's sexual orientation. The Board makes no comment regarding this claim or the protocol.

**VII. Review of Supervisors' Credentials**

Dr. Murray reviewed the credentials of individuals seeking approval as clinical supervisors. A motion was made by Dr. Altamura and seconded by Mr. Acosta 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**

Valerie Jablonski, LCSW- NY  
Mary O. Butler, LCSW- VA  
Adelay Wilson, LCSW-VA  
Frances Coyle Bennan, CSW-R-NY  
Alexandra LaMond, CSW-NY

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

There were no degrees presented for Board review in this category.

### **IX. Vote on the Candidates Proposed for Licensure and Certification**

A motion was made by Ms. Ellis and seconded by Dr. Altamura 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 (CE)**

#### **A. Vote on Recommendations**

A motion was made by Ms. Bobby and seconded by Mr. St. Onge to approve CE programs according to Board members' recommendations and 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 October 2005.

#### **B. Discussion of Problematic CEs**

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

#### **C. CE Correspondence**

Deborah Fox, MSW, LCSW – The Board evaluated the clinical coursework which was resubmitted by Ms. Fox to obtain clinical compliance pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.1(a)4. Ms. Fox is now asked to provide evidence that the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) has designated this CE sponsor as an approved provider of clinical coursework in compliance with the regulation.

### **XI. The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)**

A. FYI – the discussion topic of Reparative Therapy was addressed in section VI of these minutes.

### **XII. Correspondence**

A. The Board unanimously agreed to approve Monica Boor's request for the New Jersey LSW level license based on the National ASWB "advanced" level exam she passed to obtain her Ohio social work license.

B. The Board unanimously agreed to approve Pamela Zombrana's request for an ESL (English as a Second Language) accommodation on the ASWB National master's level exam.

**XIII. Public Session concluded at 11:10 A.M.**

**XIV. Adjournment**

The Board re-entered Public session at 4:30 P.M. in order to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kay K. McCormack  
Executive Director