

**BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
November 16, 2005**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. The Meeting was initially opened in Public Session at 10:15 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 Absent  
Doreen J. Bobby, Board Chair, MSW, LCSW Professional Member Present  
Kathleen Ellis Public Member Absent  
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.

**IV. A motion was made by Dr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Wilson to go into Executive Session at 10:25 A.M. for advise of counsel I/M/O the Public Hearing scheduled to hear the license action proposed against Richard Mieliwocki, MSW, LSW.**

By unanimous consent the Board re-entered Public Session at 10:55 A.M. to make public the license action approved I/M/O Richard Mieliwocki. The minutes reflect the attendance of the following public Katie Wang, Star Ledger, Walter Kalman, NASW, NJ and Dawn Hall Apgar, NASW, NJ.

DAG Jodi Krugman explained the events leading to Richard Mieliwocki's signature on an Interim Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of his LSW license without prejudice in compliance with the terms of the Order and until further order of the Board. Richard Mieliwocki agreed to immediately cease and desist from the practice of social work and immediately surrender his license to practice social work in New Jersey.

The Board filed an Order to Show Cause and a Verified Complaint seeking the temporary suspension of Mr. Mieliwocki's license based on indictments involving four adolescent males. The Indictment alleged three counts of endangering the welfare of a child and three counts of criminal sexual contact. Mr. Mieliwocki is required to file an answer to the Verified Complaint within 30 days of the filing of this Order on November 16, 2005. He shall also inform the Board in writing within 20 days after the resolution of the pending criminal charges, of the manner in which those charges were concluded.

Following a lengthy discussion of the terms of the Order a motion was made by Ms. Bobby and seconded by Mr. St. Onge to accept the terms of the Order as proposed. The vote was unanimous. Doreen Bobby, Board Chair, will sign the Order and a copy of the filed Order will be sent to Mr. Mieliwocki's attorney, Thomas C. Pluciennick, Esq. A press release of the preceding events will be released by the Division of Consumer Affairs.

**V. A review of the Public Session minutes of October 19, 2005 is postponed to the December 21, 2005 meeting.**

**VI. Public Comment**

There was no comment offered by members of the public.

## **VII. Executive Director's Report**

There were no matters reflected in this category.

## **VIII. Review of Supervisors' Credentials**

Dr. Murray reviewed the credentials of individuals seeking approval as clinical supervisors. A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Murray to approve the following individuals as clinical supervisors based on a review of their curricula vita. The vote was unanimous.

### **APPROVED SUPERVISORS**

Annette Raddock, LCSW-R-NY  
Sona Euster, CSW-NY  
Robert Marx, LICSW-OH  
Sonja Evens, LCSW-IL  
Robert Segal, Psy.D- CA  
Robert Sherbow, LCSW-CA  
Lynn Berry, LCSW-CA  
Kenneth Meyer, Ph.D.-NY Licensed Psychologist  
Sheldon M. Rice, LCSW-NY

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

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Acosta and seconded by Dr. Murray 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.

## **XI. Continuing Education**

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

A motion was made by Mr. Acosta and seconded by Ms. Wilson 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 November 2005.

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

1. A motion was made by Mr. Acosta and seconded by Ms. Bobby requiring the Human Services Institute to resubmit detailed content information to clarify the specific learning objectives, with examples; the direct relevance to social work practice and, the updated license status of each of their presenters. The vote was unanimous.
2. Ms. Bobby led the Board in discussion on the following two CE contents. Based on the Board's review of the content information supplied by each sponsor, the following actions of the Board were recorded. I/M/O United Methodist Homes – unanimous decision to deny the program(s) submitted as it failed to support a relevance to social work practice. I/M/O Family Interventions Specialist- unanimous decision to approve the program(s) submitted. The approved program(s) will be reflected on the Board's monthly update of CE offering for

November 2005.

### C. CE Correspondence

There was no CE-related correspondence received for Board review this month.

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

The two resolutions proposed by the New York State Board for Social Work to the Association's current policy on distribution of exam statistics were defeated by the ASWB Delegate Assembly during the 2005 Annual meeting in Dearborn, Michigan, during November 4-6, 2005. The resolutions proposed the Association's release of exam results, by level and pass rates, to all member jurisdictions and, the sharing of pass rate-statistics with all member boards. That data would contain information on the performance of candidates by individual schools and specific exam content areas.

### **XIII. Correspondence**

A motion was made by Dr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Wilson approving ESL accommodations on the national ASWB licensing exam for each of the following candidates, based on their requests and expressed situations.

1. Benoise Turnier, MSW, LSW – LCSW candidate
2. Lisandra Gonzalez, MSW – LSW candidate

### **XIV. Adjournment**

Public Session concluded at 11:40 A.M. whereupon the Board re-entered Executive Session to complete the agenda

### **. XIV. The Board re-entered Public Session at 2:10 P.M. to adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Kay K. McCormack  
Executive Director