

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:41 a.m. in the Hudson 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 (Chair)
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Vice-Chair)
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.
Elizabeth Bowman, MSS, LCSW (left at 1:00 p.m.)
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC
Deanna Sperling, MS, RN (left at 1:35 p.m.)
Patricia McKernan, MSW, LSW
Philip McCabe, CSW, CAS, CDVC, DRCC
Lisa Eileen Cox, Ph.D., LCSW

Absent:

Philip McCabe, CSW, CAS, CDVC, DRCC
Carolyn Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff

Also attending:

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Michela Ross, Government Rep

Announcement of Quorum

Chair Dr. Apgar announced the presence of a quorum at 9:42 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 Record and The Courier Post.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

No minutes to review

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director J. Michael Walker informed the Board that there would be a conference call with Raffaele Vitelli of the National Association of Social Work Boards at 10:00 a.m. regarding its application to be a continuing education approval entity.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Walter Kalman, LSW, Executive Director, NASW-NJ- Mr. Kalman presented the Board with information regarding the licensure changes that are being implemented in different states. *DAG Krugman informed Mr. Kalman that language for new legislation regarding reciprocity is currently being worked on which might address most of the issues in which Mr. Kalman brought before the Board.*

B. Karun Singh, Ph.D., Director MSW Rutgers Newark - Dr. Singh presented the Board with a question from his colleague Brian Coleman, Ph.D., Assistant Director of Student Affairs. Dr. Coleman inquired if he may apply for his LSW with his Doctorate in Social Work. *DAG Krugman informed Dr. Singh that Dr. Coleman may apply with the LSW application posted on the website and submit his Doctorate of Social Work transcript.*

The following members of the Public were in attendance, but did not comment:

A. Mary Jean Weston, LCSW, Assistant Executive Director, NASW-NJ

B. Brandon Green, Student Intern, NASW-NJ

C. Theresa Sharin, Student Intern, NASW-NJ

VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

Upon motion by Ms. Bowman, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera, the Board voted to approve the supervisors as presented and move one to Executive Session. Voting in favor: all.

VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

Upon motion made by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Dr. Cox, 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. Ms. Borden is recused on Gertrude Lissy because of an employment conflict.

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Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Michael Bodtmann
Samantha E. Breslin
Lisa A. Curcio
Jennifer A. Decker
Julia C. DelBalzo
Moshe Fund
Nancy M. Gaddis
Tina Henderson
Nina Kaweblum
Martin H. Kuner
Dawn M. Nash
Darryl Parraway
Keith H. Perrott
Daniela Rego
Judith A. Weinberg-Rosenbaum

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Violet Adams
Carla Alvarez-Gould
Jennifer L. Blake
Kristina Cofone
Krystiane M. Cooper
Hollis A. Evans
Deborah Galletta
Maritza A. Garza-Hogue
Andrea A. Greene
Elizabeth A. Gromosaik
Lisa A. Lucas
Kris McDevitt
Kathleen M. Perez-Garrity
Nicole Rafoles
Anastasia M. Romano
Laura M. Shaffner
Donna St. Hill
Kim H. Zaub

LSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Robert Baker
Kimberly Gagnon
Gertrude Lissy

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Shazaan Napoleon
Ijeoma Opara
Satyam Soni
Selena Washington

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Cathia Abrantes
Rachel Alvarez
Samuel Badillo
Lisa Borchardt
Luara Buckley
Steven Carraccio
Shavaughn Chism
Bianca Cordero
Julie DeSimone
Sharaon Dirig
Melissa Dobzinski
Hannah Goor
Laura Hillel
Sheva Jacobs
Myoshi Jones-Acevedo
Kimberly Kepich
Donna Lam
Schlomit Levy
Jeannine Marchone
Marvin Miles
Kaitlin Nicols
Susan Padovano
Tara Palmer
Carol Parker
Laurie Parrotti
Ramsaran Ramoutar
Nicholas Repice
Amy Richter
Jillian Reidel
Veronica Shanoski
Shamyra Shaw
Stephanie Souza
Taylor Stephens
Joshua White

CSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Patricia B. Duverne
Stefanie A. Ferreria
Stephanie Galucci
Mary L. Hamberger
Jenna J. Maffei
Gina R. Murray
Jaclyn L. Rosenberg
Amy T. Schwartz
Angelica Soto
Cyd E. Williams

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Onika A. Burrowes
Veronica R. Fogg
Sheri L. Forker
Jonathon H. Harmon
Catherine M. Hartman
Chalyn N. Hickson
Sofia A. Karaman
Joanne E. Kucsma
Carmen G. Letren
Megan M. O'Neill
Emily Perez
Christina L. Ramirez
Lindberg K. Simpsons

VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION

A. Continuing Education (CE's) Review

None to review.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. NASW approval entity application- The Board reviewed the NASW-National Chapter's application to be a continuing education approving entity through conference call. *Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Mr. St. Onge, the Board voted to table this matter pending the receipt of the requested information. The Board voted to continue its review of the matter. Voting in favor: all.*

- B. Cheryl Nastasio, MSW, LCSW-** The Board reviewed Ms. Nastasio's letter regarding an article written about the current state of affairs for social workers dealing with the insurance companies and trying to give effective treatment to clients. *Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the Board accepted this as informational. Voting in favor: all.*
- C. Gregory Potter, MSW-** The Board reviewed the credentials of Mr. Potter's proposed supervisor, Ms. Donna Gapas, LCSW. *Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to move this to Executive Session. Voting in favor: all.*

XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2015

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

January 14, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
February 11, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
March 11, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
April 8, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
May 13, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
June 10, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
July 8, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
August 12, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
September 9, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
October 14, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
November 18, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
December 9, 2015 - Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Public session closed at 10:33 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session upon motion by Ms. Bowman, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera The Board re-entered public session at 4:00 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW
Chair