

# NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

## PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:12a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by the Executive Director, J. Michael Walker.

### II. ROLL CALL

#### Present:

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW  
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC  
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.  
Caroline Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC

#### Absent:

Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW  
Elizabeth Bowman, MSS, LCSW

#### Also attending:

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

### Announcement of Quorum

Executive Director J. Michael Walker announced that quorum existed for the meeting at 10:12 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 Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and The Courier Post

### **Election of Chair:**

Ms. Scalera nominated Dr. Apgar, with Ms. Borden seconding. There being no further nominations, a motion to close nominations was made by Dr. Bradley, with Mr. St. Onge seconding. *Voting in favor: all, thereby electing Dr. Dawn Hall Apgar as Chair.*

**Election of Vice-Chair:**

Dr. Apgar nominated Ms. Scalera, with Ms. Borden seconding. There being no further nominations, a motion to close nominations was made by Mr. St. Onge, with Dr. Bradley seconding. *Voting in favor: all, thereby electing Maureen Braun Scalera as Vice-Chair.*

**Dr. Walker turned the meeting over to Board Chair, Dr. Apgar at 10:15am**

**III. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

*Ms. Scalera moved that the minutes of the October 10, 2012 meeting be approved as amended. Mr. St. Onge seconded. Voting in favor: all*

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*Executive Director, J. Michael Walker, reported 970 social workers did not renew their licenses during the last renewal period.*

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public in attendance:

**A. Caroline Bray, from NJAMHAA** - The New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies (NJAMHAA) requested that the Board approve them as a pre-approved provider of continuing education (CE) credits.

*The Board responded that they will explore this issue at their January 9, 2013 meeting*

**B. Walter Kalman, Executive Director, NASW** - stated he does not believe NJAMHAA should be one of the Board's pre-approved CE providers because they are not specific to the field of social work. Mr. Kalman inquired when the new regulations would be taking effect, specifically the regulation regarding application approvals.

*The Board responded that this issue will be placed on the January 9, 2013 agenda.*

**C. Mary Jean Weston, Assistant Executive Director, NASW** - Ms. Weston is in the process of compiling a list of FAQs she will present to the Board concerning the new regulations?

**D. Karun K. Singh, Director of MSW Rutgers Newark** - Mr. Singh posed the question,

do supervisors of students doing clinical work need to have a clinical license.  
*The Board responded this issue will be placed on the January 9, 2013 agenda.*

**VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS**

*None*

**VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE**

*A motion made by Dr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Borden, 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 of the motion: all.*

**LCSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Courtney Akسدal  
Dawn M. Cerruto  
Jessica E. Cichalski  
Sean J. O'Brien  
Melissa M. Gonzalez  
Christina Papasso  
Jennifer L. Sadowsky  
Jennifer L. Yawger

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Rea L. Allarey  
Yvonne Caraballo  
Heather A. Chelton  
Breanne Donnelly  
Dayanira Hernandez DeRemling  
Shirley J. Lozano-Nelson  
Erica B. Sheflin  
Roberta I. Sloan  
James L. Somers  
Jessica L. Taylor-Bashshar  
Eileen F. Tucci

**LSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

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Peter J. Alderuccio  
Joseph J. Amakil  
Francis J. Barszcz Jr.  
Susan J. Batcha  
Kristen N. Cardona-Coccia  
Gina L. Davis-Lane  
Kendall B. Depew  
Margaret E. Dronne  
Jennifer A. Dyer  
Stephanie L. Farrell  
Orly Gal  
Ebenzezer Gbaroye  
Anna Goldstein  
Steven M. Gutterman  
Paul Harris  
Kristen B. Hattalla  
Tamar Hauptman  
Lauren M. Jessell  
Toni L. Kigner  
Deena Lefkovits  
Debra Levovitz  
Jeffrey M. Levin  
Chaya S. Lievendag  
Gina Louise  
Sobeyda Monterrosa  
Kimberly Rhock  
Ysaura V. Rivera  
Chana L. Shindler  
Sandy R. Shumar  
Jonna D. Signall  
Sarai R. Southrey  
Heather L. Thompson  
Julie A. Wagner  
Keva White  
Diana M. Wilkins  
Kimberly Wisniewski  
Olivia Yi

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Sherry L. Adams  
Jada D. Andrews

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Terr-Ann Anfang  
Tracie D. Bass  
Melanie L. Bennett  
Charise Breeden-Balaam  
Carolyn R. Brink  
Jacqueline A. Bryan  
Alfred Burnett  
Noel Calvo  
Marissa E. Ciullo  
Jane Cruz  
Diane E. Dougherty  
Sarah E. Ellis  
Elizabeth M. Faughnan  
Samantha N. Fields  
Megan E. Flanagan  
Amanda D. Franklin  
Susan D. Fraser  
Gladys Garcia  
Nathalie A. Gaudier  
Malka Gestetner  
Elizabeth Horrigan  
Maureen A. Johnson  
Amanda Kayman  
Rachael F. Kurtis  
Alisha Ann Laws  
Alexi M. Levine  
Allison N. Lieber  
Lisa B. Ludwig  
Darlington Ocansey  
Hearns Paul  
Stamo Pieratos Graham  
Shandra M. Plumey  
Jajaira Quezada  
Neil B. Rindlaub  
Rebecca L. Rogers  
Jacqeline A. Roletter  
Miriam Rotberg  
Lori A. Russo  
Mary A. Santiago  
Priscilla L. Swalm  
Lai Thomas  
Tiara A. Thomas  
Tanairi Vinales

**CSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**

Brett M. Ashton  
Majorie E. Baker  
Danielle R Cardoso  
Kimberly A. Carhart-Eiken  
April T DiPietro  
Megan E. Hemmann  
Melanie D. Krutzel  
Evelyn E. Lopez  
Rosemary K. Mbluh  
Karisa M. Pascall  
Camille Quinones  
Judy Reese  
Jacvqueline E. Rivera  
Marilyn B. Riveros  
Elise C. Rutherford  
Djenane Sauls  
Christopher M. Scarduzio

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**

Vincentina Ardizzone  
Shannen C. Barros  
Magdalena Berries  
Stevie F. Campbell  
Srah M. Caputo  
Omani Chan  
Christopher R. Cioffi  
Rita D. Conway  
Lisa A. Cordasco  
Rey F. Diaz-Rivera  
Terry S. Doan  
Shontel M. Dowell  
Norine Earl  
Suzanne M. Engelke  
Christina Evans  
Jessica L. Hoffman  
Olga M. Lopez  
Kathryn E. Marks  
Ashley L. Martin  
Amanda L. Murray  
Jessica R. Pearson  
Reymell A. Price

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Veronica A. Rizzuto  
Jeanette Rodriguez  
Christina J. Rogers  
Alysia L. Sawyer  
Theodore F. Seemuller  
Sonia Singh  
Marci J. Stankiewicz  
Lauren M. Swain  
Marcus Taylor  
Nathaniel Thompson  
Carrie L. Tucker  
Christina R. Walton  
Sharyn B. Zisa

## **VIII. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

### **A. Discussion of Problematic CE's**

#### **i. Leadership Seminars**

They requested 6.0 hours, however only have 5.5 hours

*Ms. Borden moved to accept 6 clock hours if they conduct a three hour block of classes before lunch and a three hour block after lunch with lunch being taken at 12:10pm. Ms. Scalera seconded this motion. Voting in favor:all.*

### **B. Vote on recommendation**

*Upon a motion by Mr. St. Onge , seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to accept all CE courses submitted to the Board. Voting in favor: all*

## **IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Assembly #3371** - State of NJ 215<sup>th</sup> Legislature sponsored by Assemblyman Timothy J. Eustace that “ Protects minors by prohibiting attempts to change sexual orientation.”

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

**B. Lynda Beacken Hopkins, MSW, LCSW** - The Board reviewed Ms. Hopkins's October 19, 2012 letter inquiring if the Board approves the use of EMDR by an LCSW practitioner to treat trauma, after having taken an approved class in EMDR.

*Upon a motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Ms. Scalera, the Board voted to*

*inform Ms. Hopkins, there is nothing in the regulations that precludes an LCSW from practising EMDR but advises her she needs to be competent in her modalities of her practice. The Board is also concerned that such a limited exposure to EMDR would not meet the accepted standards for proficiency in the treatment modality. Voting in favor: all.*

**C. Legislative Affairs report to the Social Work Examiners Board -**

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

**D. Mireille St-Laurent, LSW -** The Board reviewed Ms. St-Laurent's October 8, 2012 letter in response to a letter she received from the Board concerning her off site supervisor.

*Upon a motion by Ms. Scalera, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board determined Ms. St-Laurent is doing clinical work. The Board also determined her supervisor works for the same company and thus does not need to obtain written consent from her clients. Voting in favor: all.*

**E. Enoch Utuk -** The Board reviewed Mr. Utuk's November 25, 2012 letter regarding a refund of his renewal fee because he subsequently decided he did not want to renew.

*Upon a motion by Ms. Scalera, seconded by Dr. Apgar, the Board determined not to refund Mr. Utuk's renewal because he did submit his renewal, even though he failed to complete most of it. Voting in favor: all.*

**F. Rivka Greenspan -** The Board reviewed Ms. Greenspan's November 9, 2012 letter regarding reinstating her Social Work license as well as her licensing file.

*Upon a motion by Dr. Apgar, seconded by Ms. Scalera, the Board voted to deny Ms. Greenspan's request for a waiver of her reinstatement fee. Voting in favor: all.*

**G. Mary Jean Weston, LCSW -** The Board viewed Ms. Weston's November 16, 2012 letter requesting clarification on some questions the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) have regarding the new regulations.

*The Board will place this on the January 9, 2013 agenda.*

- H. Sandra Howell** - The Board reviewed Ms. Howell's November 19, 2012 email regarding the requirement to report all diagnoses of autism.

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

- I. Debra L. Wentz, CEO of NJAMHAA** - The Board reviewed Ms. Wentz's November 13, 2012 letter regarding the Proposed Continuing Education Requirements and NJAMHAA requesting inclusion as one of the Board's pre-approved providers of continuing education (CE) credits.

*Upon a motion by Ms. Scalera, with Ms. Borden seconding, the Board voted to consider this after the Board decides how to implement the recently adopted regulations. Voting in favor: all*

- J. Dwight J. Hyman, LCSW Deputy Executive Director from ASWB** - The Board reviewed Mr. Hyman's November 19, 2012 letter regarding the newly published book, *Contemporary Clinical Social Work Supervision: A Monitoring Model*

*The Board requested a copy of this book/manual.*

- K. New rule Adoptions for the Social Work Board of Adopted Repeal and new Rule: N.J.A.C 13:44G-6.7** about credit- hour requirements; sources of continuing education credits and credit-hour calculations, documentation of continuing education credit, responsibilities of continuing education sponsors, approved continuing education sponsors, approval of continuing education sponsors, clinical supervision, and fees

*The Board accepted this as informational and it will be put on the January 9, 2012 agenda for further discussion. Also at the January meeting, the Board requests hard copies of these new regulations for their review.*

- L. Tanya Hunter, LSW** - The Board reviewed Ms. Hunter's November 27, 2012 email requesting explanation for a Social Worker who is working for a Medicaid HMO to discuss medications with a member and reinforce what a doctor or nurse

has instructed him or her to do with medication.

*Upon a motion by Ms. Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to send Ms. Hunter a letter explaining she may provide support to the patient regarding the medication regime that has been prescribed to them as well as report and document the names and dosages of medication being taken but she cannot give her opinion on specific medications and dosages. Voting in favor: all.*

**X. MEETING DATES FOR 2013**

January 9, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

February 13, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

March 13, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

April 10, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

May 8, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

June 12, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

July 10, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

August 14, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

September 11, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

October 9, 2013- Sussex Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

November 13, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

December 11, 2013- Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> FL

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Public session closed at 12:37am and the Board moved to executive session in a motion by Ms. Scalera, with Mr. St. Onge seconding. The Board re-entered public session at 4:47pm to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW  
Chair