I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Chair)
Patricia McKernan, DSW, LSW (Vice-Chair)
James McCreath, Ph.D., LCSW
Lisa Cox, Ph.D., LCSW
Philip McCabe, CSW, CAS, CDVC, DRCC arrived at 10:06 a.m./left at 1:58 p.m.

Excused:
Deanna Sperling, MS, RN
Elisa Neira, MSW
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.

Also in Attendance:
Indira A. Núñez, Acting Executive Director
Jodi C. Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff
Christina Singletary, Administrative Staff

Announcement of Quorum
Maureen Braun Scalera, Board Chair, announced a lack of a quorum. Quorum was present at 10:06 a.m. upon the arrival of Mr. McCabe. Ms Braun Scalera read the below statement:

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.
III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

1. July 10, 2019

Upon motion made by Dr. McKernan, seconded by Dr. Cox, the Board, acting as a committee, recommended the July 10, 2019 be approved as presented. Upon the arrival of Mr. McCabe, the Board motioned to approve the minutes, first: Dr. McKernan, second: Dr. Cox. Voting in favor: All.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Indira Núñez, Acting Executive Director, informed the Board that as of August 13, 2019 there are 10,568 active LCSWs, 7,926 active LSWs, and 2,626 active CSWs. The number of pending LCSWs, LSWs, and CSWs are 2,903, 6,694, and 406 respectively. The number of pending applications reflect those who are currently applying for licensure as well as those who have abandoned the process.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons attended the public session:

- Christina Mina, National Association of Social Workers, New Jersey Chapter (NASW-NJ), Director of Member Services
- Annie Siegel, NASW-NJ, Membership Coordinator
- Ashley Smith-Rehberg, LSW

Ms. Smith-Rehberg, LSW commented that she attended the meeting because her application for licensure as an LCSW was being reviewed in the executive session.

VI. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/ LICENSURE

CSW APPROVAL LIST

Upon motion made by Dr. McCreath, seconded by Mr. McCabe, the Board approved all of the following candidates as qualified for CSW based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations. Voting in favor: All.

Chance, Tammy
Hathaway, Melissa
Hayes-Curry, Quashaya
Kelly, Kathryn

Mitchell, Diane
Schiess, Kori
Shemeley, Kristy
Vera, Tiffany

LSW APPROVAL LIST

Upon motion made by Dr. McKernan, and seconded by Dr. McCreath, the Board approved all of the following candidates as qualified for LSW based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations. Ms. Braun Scalera was recused from voting on Dawn Koppel, Dr. McKernan ratified Ms. Koppel’s application.

Alviz, Ausirys
Annarelli, Leah M.
Antes, Lisa C.
Assraf, Courtney E.
Barkho, Grace

Gerety, Kevin C.
Gilbert, Sarah
Govlick, Dawn M.
Graga, Amanda M.
Hamlett, Gloria I.

Milano, Adam B.
Miller, Sarah F.
Mityukova, Liubov
Mok, Catherine
Monetti, Krystina M.
Baron, Michelle H. Hendricks, Amy Montoya, Gabriela P.
Berman, Rachel Herman, Sara E. Moore, Adrianna L.
Bernstein, Amanda Hirst, Maike S. Motta, Angel A.
Blankenship, Amy A. Hoffman, Laine R. Muller Cassandra L.
Borras, Diannis E. Hortsch, Diana E. Munoz Valerie
Bowers, Aisha N. Huesing, Chelse M. Myers Jaleesa J.
Bracher, Nikkia A. Husband, Kerrie Nass, Julianna
Brennan, Julianne M. Jagd, Romy M. Nichols, Dawn A.
Brinster, Kayla Jean, Valerie Ort, Denise F.
Britvan, Taylor M. Jeffers, Megan R. Otten Shannon T.
Browne, Kadeedra C. Kays, Kathryn L. Potter-Gill, Jonae
Burchardt, Kevin L. Keiner, Alexander M. Ragonesi, Cheryl
Cabush, Carrie G. Keller, Kristen Riche, Lily A.
Carbone, Kendra Kelly, Anna K. Rosen, Kelly K.
Carter-Egede, Marcia R. Kenyon, Jessica Seaton, Gabriela E.
Clark, Rebecca E. Khalil, Christine V. Serantes, Lauren N.
Clienti, Nicole C. King, Catherine T. Simon, Michael J.
Costantino, Amanda V. Kirchenbaum, Melissa D. Smith, Kaneisha L.
Cranmer, Danielle Kley, Molly L. Snyder, Karl
Cunningham, Lonnie Knorr, Tiffany M. Soluri, Cassandra C.
D'Auria, Rachel E. Kohn, Jane Sopher, Lauren L.
Deshields, Wanda T. Konrady, Dawn Sousa, Catarina A.
Dieuiuste, Falinda Koppel, Carly A. Speights-Benton, Nadia A.
Estevez, Veronica Kowalenko, Rachel Troxler, Jessica E.
Eutsey, Taylor A. Krausman, Jaclyn M. VanPevenage, Kristen
Falk, Wendi L. Kuzma, Breanna M. Venuti, Jacqueline R.
Feldman, Sara W. Labella, Julianq N. Vetter, Rachel A.
Fernandez, Araceli Lahoz, Ediza Villarroel, Daniel
Ferreira, Krystle LeDrew, Meghan Wayntruab, Kayla
Fleece, Meredith Magyar, Robert G. Weiner, Emily K.
Fuheman, Susanne R. Manansala, Erica L. Wheatley, Erin
Gani, Sara B. Marcus, Molly White, Tinay L.
Ganung, Meghan Martin, Justine P. Widmann, Alexandra
Gautier, Emily Martinez, Ashley M. Williams, Bahiyah H.
Geider, Katherine Martinez, Justine P. Wong, Bobbie-Angela B.
George, Kerry T. Mcinnes, Rachael N. Young Kristin M.
Mignano, Malena E.

**LCSW APPROVAL LIST**

Upon motion made by Dr. Cox, seconded by Dr. McCreath, the Board approved all of the following candidates as qualified for LCSW based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations. Voting in favor: All.

Leticia Almeida   Cylcia Binns   Dayna D’Amico
Mia Aubrey        Marjorie Brown  Jennifer DiTrapani
Christie Babilonia Tiffany Brown  Michelle Dsurney
Alanna Ben-David  Englide Cajuste  Maureen Fitzpatrick
Rachael Benjamin  Krystle Cespedes  Christabel Foster
Sarah Betz        Lyndsey Corkum  Schaune Gamble

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VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Board reviewed the email from ASWB in response to Acting Executive Director Núñez regarding their examination policy.

Upon motion made by Dr. McKernan, seconded by Dr. McCreath the Board determined that effective January 1, 2021 candidates will be required to have completed their supervisory hours as required in N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.1 et seq. prior to being approved to sit for the clinical examination offered by the ASWB. Until then, the Board will continue to approve candidates upon confirmation of a passing masters’ examination and LSW licensure.

2. The Board reviewed a letter from Lisa Stewart Albright, Esq., member of Archer Law firm concerning the utilization of the Columbia – Suicide Severity Rating Scale (“CSSRS”) by LSWs.

The Board determined to inform Ms. Albright that utilization of the CSSRS does not constitute clinical social work services as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:44G-1.2, and as such, an LSW may use it as part of a medical team.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board reviewed the latest draft of the Proposed Plan of Supervision.

Upon motion made by Dr. McKernan, seconded by Dr. Cox, the Board voted to approve the latest draft of the Proposed Plan of Supervision to undergo the review and approval process within the Division. Voting in favor: All.

IX. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

Upon motion made by Dr. McKernan, seconded by Mr. McCabe, the Board voted to approve all the below recommendations. Voting in favor: All.
1. The Board reviewed Assembly #5650, which expands the list of health care professionals authorized to provide certain services and supports in Connection with Stillbirth. 
   *The Board voted to support the bill as presented. Voting in favor: All.*

2. The Board reviewed Assembly #5646, which establishes circumstances under which court may order physical or psychological examination of sexual assault victim. 
   *The Board accepted this as informational.*

3. The Board reviewed Assembly #5643, which establishes circumstances when court may order physical or psychological examination of sexual assault victim in civil action for damages from sexual assault. 
   *The Board accepted this as informational.*

4. The Board reviewed Assembly #5676, which creates Mental Illness Diversion Program to divert eligible persons away from criminal justice system and into appropriate case management and mental health services. 
   *The Board voted to support the bill with an amendment to remove restitution obligations and direct the court system to look into alternatives for financial obligations available under the law.*

5. The Board reviewed Senate #4021, which prohibits certain substance use disorder treatment facilities from paying fees, commissions, or rebates to any person to refer patients to facility. 
   *The Board voted to support as presented.*

6. The Board reviewed Senate #3997, which allows Follow up calls from operators of NJ suicide hotline to minors at risk of committing suicide. 
   *The Board voted to support as presented.*

7. The Board reviewed the proposed changes to N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.1 and addition of N.J.A.C. 13:44G-8.2 to include Plan of Supervision. 
   *The Board recommended changes and determined to revisit this matter at its September meeting.*

8. Proposed addition of N.J.A.C. 13:44G-4.7 to allow applications to be deemed abandoned under certain circumstances. 
   *The Board recommended changes and determined to revisit this matter at its September meeting.*

**X. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

1. The Board reviewed a copy of Consent Order against Michael Gurock, LSW signed and filed with the Board on July 10, 2019. 
   *The Board accepted this as informational.*

2. The Board reviewed a copy of Consent Order against Amanda Davis, LCSW, LCADC signed and filed with the Board on July 11, 2019. 
   *The Board accepted this as informational.*
XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2019

September 11, 2019- Hudson Conference Room
October 4, 2019- Hudson Conference Room
November 13, 2019- Hudson Conference Room
December 11, 2019- Hudson Conference Room

Proposed Meeting dates for 2020

January 8, 2020
February 12, 2020
March 11, 2020
April 8, 2020
May 13, 2020
June 10, 2020
July 8, 2020
August 12, 2020
September 9, 2020
October 14, 2020
November 11, 2020
December 9, 2020

XII. MOVE TO EXECUTIVE

Upon motion made by Dr. McKernan, seconded by Dr. Cox, the Board voted to move to the executive session at 11:05 a.m. for investigations, deliberations, and advice of counsel. Voting in favor: All.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Dr. McCreath, seconded by Dr. McKernan, the meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m. Voting in favor: All.