NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2009  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order with a quorum of the Board members at 10:10 am in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by the Board’s Chair, Ms. Doreen Bobby, MSW, LCSW.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW, (Chair)
Louise A. Murray, Ph.D., LSW,
Henry Acosta, MSW, LSW (Vice-Chair)
Lorna Hines-Cunningham, MS, LCSW
Maxine Lisboa, MSW, LSW
Wanetta Williams, BSW, CSW
Leonard Altamura, DSW, LCSW

Absent:

Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.
Kathleen Ellis

Also attending:

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Jodi C. Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
Theresa Brundage, Administrative Staff
Lucy Chalet, Administrative Staff
Amy Bernstein, Intern

Announcement of Quorum

The Chair announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair also announced that 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

Review of June 24 Minutes The minutes were accepted as corrected.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Executive Director introduced Amy Bernstein, intern in the Social Work office and her role in filing complaints and writing letters. She has been extremely helpful in dealing with the backlog. All welcomed Amy to the Board and thanked her for her effort. Dr. Walker informed the Board that minutes from previous months are not ready yet to be reviewed as the Director’s office still working on them. He also reiterated the employee shortage and informed the Board that the employment of temporary workers will be terminated in the near future, as well.
V. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS’ CREDENTIALS

VI. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

A motion was made by Mr. Acosta and seconded by Dr. Murray to approve the following candidates as qualified in their category based on a review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations and subject to renew in the cases of pending criminal history background checks. All in favor of the motion.

LCSW APPLICATIONS:

COMPLETED CRIMINAL HISTORY:

Marlon R. Aguilar
Kathleen Andrews
Laura C. Booker
Leah C. Donato
Kimberly D. Finnie
Jason S. Kurtz
Emily Masciandaro
Eileen Mullarkey
Alyson B. Schroeder
Patricia A. Smith
Bethany C. Snell
Kathleen S. Tierney
Barbara L. Titus
Rita A. Varano

PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:

Sean A. Frankino
Allison Granite
Yvette D. Ison
Stephanie M. Koncicki
Carolyn E. Kramer
Christian E. Losch
Diane H. McCarthy
Rebekah L. Shackney
Judeth Wesley

LSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Sharon Bale-Pena
Diane M. Barnes
Lori N. Barnett
Laura L. Brooks
Nancy J. Cimino
Saba Daneshyar
Marisa S. DeVito
David Espinosa
Jennifer T. Fuchs
CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Gina Abbondante
Tamra N. Ackerman
Brenda L. Almodovar
Beth A. Aymar
Nicole M. Banas
Kelly M. Beaudry
Laurel B. Bohm
Cathleen Callahan
Alaina M. Cara
Ligia S. Carvalho
Jessica L. Cofone
Devin L. Cunliffe
Kelly M. Deegan
Lori Donner
Kim Dove
Martha C. Eisner
Gloria M. Farfan
Marissa Gibbons
Melissa M. Harvey
Ricardo Janvier
Maryanna Kanda
Laurie C. Kleid
Allison R. Kusnetz
Jaclyn L. Marscovetra
Leah I. Mass
Kristen B. McGuire
Heidi M. Melita
Tova D. Messer
Laura K. Moffett
Maria Munoz-Condis
ADDITIONS:

Alicia M. Ayvas
Tara L. Brophy
Danielle DeVincenzo
Carolyn C. Frank
Lourdes Gonzales
Phillip A. Hickey
Marlena McLean

Eucaris Montanez

Liora Moshe
Erin Pitsch

CSW APPLICATIONS:

CRIMINAL HISTORY COMPLETED

Maria E. Chaiiari-Pace
Sabina Easmin
Karen Freeman
Nicole Larsen-Kleinman
Rebecca A. Larsen
Dwayne A. Lumbsden  
La Dean L. Mitchell  
Teresa M. Peschl  
Joyce Y. Tiemens  
Tiquan Ross  

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING  

Cassandra L. D’urso  
Shawntel L. Gray  
Sara B. Jenkins  
Lori A. Kelly  
Veronica M. Klapmuts  
Rose M. Lewis  
Erin K. Mangan  
Kimberly C. Morague-Artis  
Raven S. Rudolph  
Patricia H. Severino  
Lisa N. Smith  
Suzanne S. Steele  
Tiffany M. Summersett  
Maurice J. Tobin  
Veronica Velez  
Jenna Wendolowski  

VII. CONTINUING EDUCATION  

A. Discussion of Problematic CE’s  

1- Carolyn Snyder, LCSW Applicant/Michelle Desiree Stefanelli, MSW, LCSW- Assorted course work submitted to establish compliance with N.J.A.C.13:44G-8.1(a). This item was tabled until the next meeting as more information was needed.  

B. Vote on Recommendation.  

VIII. SIGNED CONSENT ORDER  

Consent Order offered to Michael G. Ippolito, Ph.D., LCSW has been signed. The Board accepted this as informational.  

IX MEETING DATES FOR 2009  

09/23/2009- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
10/28/2009- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
11/18/2009- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
12/16/2009- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  

X. MEETING DATES FOR 2010  

The scheduled meeting dates for 2010 were accepted by all Board members.  

01/27/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
02/24/2010- Essex Conference Room, 7th FL  
03/24/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL  
04/28/2010- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Today’s session was attended by representatives from New Jersey’s Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Executive Director Walter X. Kalman, Jr., MSW, LSW, Ms. Maureen Braun Scalera from Family International Services and Dawn Hall Apgar, representative from NASW-NJ. Walter Kalman, Jr., MSW, LSW, Executive Director of the New Jersey’s Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) spoke about difficulties social workers are having with Magellan. This insurance provider continues to demand more information from client records than social workers are allowed to share. He stated that the Association is working on ways to resolve the issue. Ms. Maureen Scalera spoke about her agency and raised their concern about speeding up the licensing process and the possibility of allowing students in their last semester of course work to be able to apply. The Executive Director stated that ways are being explored to streamline the process.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Public session concluded at 10:50 am. The Board re-entered public session at 1:45 to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

__________________________ Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LCSW
Chair