NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 9:31 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)
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq. (present by phone. Left at 10:15 a.m.)
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Vice-Chair)
Carolyn Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC

Absent:
Elizabeth Bowman, MSS, LCSW

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 9:32 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
None to review.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Executive Director, Walker informed the Board that the Executive Directors have met with the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs, Steve Lee to acquaint him with the processes of their respective Boards. Dr. Walker also informed the Board that from the date of the hiring freeze in 2005 to the present there has been a 198% increase in licenses
issued for the mental health boards and yet staff has been reduced by 30%. In 2013, there was a significant jump in LSW applicants and this cycle happens with the LCSW two years later.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Election of Board Chair
Executive Director, J. Michael Walker opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair. Ms. Braun Scalera moved to nominate Dr. Apgar for the position of Board Chair, Dr. Bradley seconded. Mr. St. Onge moved to close nominations and re-elect Dr. Apgar as Board Chair, Ms. Braun Scalera seconded the motion. Voting in favor: all. Dr. Apgar was re-elected Board Chair.

B. Election of Board Vice-Chair
Executive Director, J. Michael Walker opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice-Chair. Mr. St. Onge moved to nominate Ms. Braun Scalera for the position of Board Vice-Chair, Dr. Apgar seconded. Dr. Bradley moved to close nominations and re-elect Ms. Braun Scalera as Board Vice-Chair. Ms. Borden seconded the motion. Voting in favor: all. Ms. Braun Scalera is re-elected Board Vice-Chair.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public in attendance:

A. Kendra Hayes, LSW, Director of Continuing Education, NASW-NJ - stated that she is aware that national chapter submitted an application to be a CE approving entity and that it was filled out incorrectly. Ms. Hayes informed the Board that the NJ chapter of NASW will be working with the national chapter to have them make changes to their processes to be in compliance with NJ laws & regulations.

VII. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS’ CREDENTIALS

Upon motion by Dr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to approve all the supervisors presented with the exception of those that do not hold a clinical license.

VIII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

Upon motion made by Ms. Braun Scalera, 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: all. Ms. Borden recused herself from the vote on Elizabeth Voegtlin and Denise K. Geffke because they are on her staff. Upon motion made by Ms. Braun Scalera,
seconded by Dr. Bradley, Elizabeth Voegtlin and Denise K. Geffke are both approved for LCSW licensure. Voting in favor: all.

**LCSW APPLICATIONS:**

**Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:**
Christopher M. Anrig  
Patricia L. Ayers  
Engin Bahce  
Andrew Bishop  
Kathleen E. Burnham  
Kreshet Y. Burt-Hedrick  
Volvic Chaperon  
Aidaliz Cuevas  
Christina M. Cullen  
Tia Davis  
Doris De Jesus Ortega  
Tara L. Dick  
Andrea Lee  
Brian Lehrer  
Maureen McFadden  
David Morgado  
Liam A. Mulligan Gilberto Pilarte  
Kristen Rainya  
Mallory M. Reichert  
Jediedjah Rodrigues Pereira  
LaTesha E. Sampson  
Meyer L. Seeve  
Larissa Seymour  
Misty Shores  
Erica Stuppler  
Stephanie Testa  
Elizabeth Voegtlin

**Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:**
Tania Ades  
Elizabeth Almoguero  
Valerie M. Betgke  
Jennifer L.K. Boiler  
Beth A. Burynski  
Karen Cooper  
Ashish B. Desai  
Heather Foley
LSW APPLICATIONS:
Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Nana Agyemang
Tialla Alexander-Schaab
Jamie Anastasio
Linda Andino
Ryan Appleby
Allison Arnold
Joyce Baldinucci
Brittney Barat
Carlos Barbosa
Cynthia Bernstein
Rebecca Buchwald
Meredith Cann
Ashley Chookazian
Katelyn Ciarelli
Gabrielle Cincotta
Karen Colon
Glenis Contreras
Lisa Cratch
Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:
Melanie Aberthathy
Keri Adamson
Marilyn Albrecht
Lucinda Anderson
Charise Atiba
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Suqi Reem
Melissa Regan
Marcia Reyes
Dana Ribeiro
Sara Richman
Maria Richman
Barbara Rodriguez
Evelyn Rubio
Brittany Shrophire
Nadine Slavitt
Angelica Spiroppulus
Jasmine Teague
Angela Teri
Eathelda Turner
Melanie Uhse
Orlando Velez
Aryeh Wadler
Andrea Walsmundzki
Ilana Weinberger
Charles Whittington
Pamela Wiley
Alexandra Williams
Nicole Williamson-Trip

CSW APPLICATIONS:
Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:
Danielle E, Abhyankar
Melissa L. Alston
Derby BiennestinGrace Billgrace
Chelsea E. Ganssle
Amanda M. Hart
Deborah S. Kivelevitz
Caroline M. Levari
Nadine Love
Kristen M. Pederson
Wanda Rodriguez
Ambria Willis

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:
Kimberly A. Ambrose
Shawn L. Banks
Lashonda F. Buckner
IX. CONTINUING EDUCATION

A. Continuing Education (CE’s) Review

Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden, the Board voted to approve the continuing education courses as presented. Voting in favor: all. Dr. Apgar recused herself from the vote on the CEU’s presented by Trinitas because of an employment conflict.
X. CORRESPONDENCE

A. National Association of Social Worker (NASW) - New Jersey - The Board reviewed NASW-NJ’s Continuing Education Collaborative’s renewal application to be a continuing education approving entity. Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted to continue its approval of NASW-NJ as a continuing education approving entity. Voting in favor: all.

B. Meshulem Epstein, MSW - The Board reviewed Mr. Mayer Zuckerman’s June 30, 2014 letter and resume. Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted not to approve Mr. Zuckerman as Mr. Epstein’s supervisor. The Board informs Mr. Epstein that he should contact a social work professional organization in order to find a supervisor with more clinical experience. Mr. Zuckerman received his LCSW in April 2010. Voting in favor: all.

C. Debra Haverson, MSW, LCSW - The Board reviewed Ms. Haverson’s July 8, 2014 letter inquiring if providing counselling services via group conference calls is outside the scope of practice of her LCSW license. Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted to inform Ms. Haverson that based on the materials submitted, the Board found that this is beyond the scope of practice of an LCSW. Voting in favor: all.

D. Monica McGoldrick, LCSW - The Board review the August 1, 2014 letter from Ms. McGoldrick’s attorney, Mr. David Barry and certificates of continuing education completion. Upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted to indicate that these courses have satisfied the ethics requirement pursuant to Ms. McGoldrick’s filed Consent Order. Voting in favor: all.

E. Zachary P. Battipaglia, LSW - The Board reviewed the interim Consent Order for a Voluntary Surrender of his license. Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted to ratify this Consent Order. The Board also voted to request the curriculum vitae for Laurie Engel, LCSW, LCADC. Voting in favor: all.

F. National Association of Social Worker (NASW) - National Chapter - The Board reviewed NASW’s application to be a continuing education approving entity. Upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Ms. Braun Scalera, the Board voted to advise NASW to withdraw this application and resubmit when they are in compliance with NJ Board of Social Work regulations. Voting in favor: all.
XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2014

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

September 10, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
October 8, 2014- Monmouth Conference Room, 6th FL
November 12, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL
December 10, 2014- Hudson Conference Room, 6th FL

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Public session closed at 10:56 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session upon motion by Ms. Braun Scalera, seconded by Ms. Borden. The Board re-entered public session at 3:10 p.m. to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW
Chair