

# **BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**November 7, 2005**

### **Open Session**

**The Open Session of the Board of Social Work was called to order at 9:00 A.M. on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.**

#### **Board members in attendance:**

- Diane Giarrusso**
- Maureen Egan**
- Daniel Wheelan**
- Mary Montminy-Dana**

#### **Board members not in attendance:**

- Robin Boyajian**
- Deborah Debare**

#### **Staff members in attendance:**

- Donna Dickerman**

**Others in attendance:**

- Michelle Freema**
- Elena Fernandez**
- Symbu N'Tow**

**The Open Minutes of the meeting held on September 12, 2005 were presented. On a motion by Maureen Egan and seconded by Diane Giarrusso, it was unanimously voted to accept them as presented.**

**The Board reviewed and approved the applications of the following individuals for licensure as independent clinical social workers, pending successful completion of the clinical level examination:**

- Kristine Dominique - Androniki Kokkai - Kelley O'Malley - Diane Passantino**
- Nancy Phillips - Jessica Rainey**

**The Board reviewed and approved the applications of the following individuals for licensure as independent clinical social workers by endorsement:**

- Maria Aguiar - Felicia Deutsch - Karen Robinson**

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**Three CSW applicants who failed to pass the national certification**

**exam on three attempts met with the Board as required:**

**Michelle Freeman informed the Board she does not take exams well. She scores low on one section of the exam. She has taken an exam preparation course at Brandeis University, developed a study group and has taken sample exams. Board suggestions: obtain a textbook with study guide in the area she demonstrates a weakness, take sample exams through the ASWB and auditing classes.**

**Elena Fernandez has taken the ESL version of the exam, which gives her two additional hours to complete the exam. She stated she is a slow reader and often changes her answers. She has taken to exam prep workshops, obtained a study guide text and studied with others. Board suggestions: enroll in an exam preparation seminar at RI College and refrain from changing her answers once made.**

**Symbu N'Tow stated she felt prepared for the exams. She used the ASWB study guide and has worked in clinical environments. She stated she often changes her exam answers. Board suggestions: enroll in an exam preparation seminar at RI College and refrain from changing her answers once made.**

### **Adjournment to Executive Session**

**Upon a motion by Daniel Wheelan, seconded by Maureen Diane Giarrusso, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the Open Session and move to Executive Session pursuant to the Sections 42-46-4 and**

**42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) of the RI General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees and proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Complaints 2005-01-SW, 2005-06-SW, 2005-07-SW and 2005-08-SW were addressed.**

**Upon completion of business in Executive Session, Daniel Wheelan entered a motion, seconded by Maureen. Egan, it was unanimously voted to return to Open Session in accordance with Section 42-46-4 of the Open Meetings Law to report its vote(s), to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed. Board's final action: 2005-06-SW – reaffirmed proposal to suspend license for six months; 2005-07-SW – proposed one year probation w/supervision and completion of remedial training/coursework.**

### **Adjournment**

**On a motion by Daniel Wheelan, and seconded by Diane Giarrusso, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 noon.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Donna Dickerman**

**Acting Board Administrator**

**Health Professionals Regulation**