

BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 10, 2006

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Social Work was called to order at 9:00 am 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

Daniel Wheelan

Mary Montminy-Danna

Marie-Anne Murphy Leinhaas

Sheila Perkins

Board members not in attendance:

Maureen Egan

Sandra Munroe Wunschel

Staff members in attendance:

Donna Dickerman

Business

The minutes of the Open Meeting held on March 13, 2006 were presented. On motion of Ms. Murphy Leinhaas, seconded by Ms. Perkins, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Pursuant to Section 5.3.2 of the licensing rules and regulations, Milagro Cruz met with the Board. Ms. Cruz informed the board she felt personal issues affected her studying and test performances. Spanish is her primary language, and she stated she often has problems understanding phrases and the meaning of questions on the exam. Due to this problem, she finds she barely has time to finish the exam. She has taken practice tests, but feels she is more successful with at practicing at home w/the use of a Spanish dictionary. Ms. Cruz requested an ESL accommodation for the next exam of additional time and the use of translation dictionaries, which the Board approved.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Ms. Montminy-Dana, seconded by Mr. Wheelan, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and

investigative cases will be discussed.

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Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 11:15 am.

On motion of Ms. Giarrusso, seconded by Ms. Perkins, it was unanimously voted 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. Final action reported: Complaint #2006-03-SW, a finding of unprofessional conduct, proposed three (3) years probation; substance abuse evaluation, substance abuse therapy, random urine screenings and course work.

Business

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

examination:

- Rebecca Miller - Stacie Souza - Susan Mandel

Adjournment

On motion of Ms. Montminy-Dana, seconded by Ms. Murphy Leinhaas, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Acting Board Administrator

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