

# **BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**July 10, 2006**

**Open Session**

**The Open Session of the Board of Social Work was called to order at 8:30 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-Dana**

**Sandra Munroe Wunschel**

**Marie-Anne Murphy Leinhaas**

**Board members not in attendance:**

**Sheila Perkins**

**Maureen Egan**

**Staff members in attendance:**

**Donna Dickerman**

**The minutes of the Open Meeting held on June 19, 2006 were presented. On motion of Daniel Wheelan, seconded by Mary Montminy-Dana, the board unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.**

### **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:**

- Crystal Rodriguez**
- Karen Rokitsky**
- Kristen Sorrell**

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

- Kelly Almieda**
- Lyn Gamwell**

### **Social Work Minutes**

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**Members discussed a request from the Department of Psychiatry, Rhode Island Hospital, asking if a licensed social worker may conduct therapy over the internet, via emails, etc. Members expressed concern with the inability to identify the therapist or patient during internet communication. On a motion by Marie-Ann Murphy Leinhass, seconded by Diane Giarrusso, the Board unanimously voted it cannot take a position on internet therapy until the problem of guaranteed identification of communicants is resolved.**

**Members reviewed a request from David Dalby, a licensee in Missouri, re: his eligibility to supervise Rhode Island LCSW candidates. Mr. Dalby is not eligible to supervise Rhode Island candidates as he does not meet licensing requirements, specifically, education and national certification (no MSW and no national exam).**

### **Adjournment to Executive Session**

**On motion of Mary Montminy-Dana, seconded by Daniel 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.**

### **Return to Open Session**

**The Open Session was called back to order.**

**On motion of Diane Giarrusso, seconded by Daniel Wheelan, 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.**

**Adjournment**

**On motion of Mary Montminy-Dana, seconded by Diane Giarrusso, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:00 am.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Donna Dickerman**

**Board Administrator**

**Health Professionals Regulation**