

**MINUTES**  
**NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2011**

Attendance: Tony Beatty, Bert Bennett, Jessica Holton, Worth Bolton, Lidia Bly-Herman, Mark Crabtree, Clyde Ebron, Joe Fortin, Danny Graves, Dottie Saxon Greene, Al Greene, Jessica Holton, Lynn Inman, Flay Lee, Mary Jane McGill, Phil Mooring, Nora Noel, Jane Peck, Wrenn Rivenbark, David Turpin, Dale Willetts, Helen Wolstenholme.

Board Members Absent: Cheryl Gentile, Lynn Jones, Bert Wood.

Board Staff Present: Ann Christian, Randolph Cloud, Barden Culbreth, Anna Misenheimer, Matt Musselwhite.

Guests Present: Kathy Boyd.

Danny Graves called the Board meeting to order. He welcomed Kathy Boyd, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers – North Carolina Chapter, to the meeting.

Ann Christian read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement. Hearing no conflicts, Ann swore in new Board member Mary Jane McGill. She is serving as the new NAADAC Deemed Status representative.

The first order of business was to approve the September 2011 Board meeting minutes.

**Motion: Approve the September 9, 2011 meeting minutes.**

**Motion made by Clyde Ebron/ Seconded by Wrenn Rivenbark.**

**The motion carried.**

**President's Report by Danny Graves:**

Danny reported that the Board's Annual Training Event went well. Dr. Gerch presented the Nicotine track in Cheryl Gentile's absence. Past Board member Dr. Geri Miller presented a training entitled "Spirituality, Self-Care, and Counseling". Danny and the other Board members wish to express their gratitude to all of this year's presenters.

**Finance Ad-Hoc Committee Report by Flay Lee:**

Flay has drafted a list of responsibilities for this committee. Flay hopes to have this document in its final version by the March 2012 meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

Barden Culbreth said that Nicotine Dependence training, which is now a requirement for credentialing and recredentialing, was presented at the Board's Annual Training event this week. Approximately 250 folks attended the training each day. Beginning in March, all exams for credentialing will be composed of 150 questions. ICRC is looking to move from test study guides to text books.

**Treasurer's Report by David Turpin:**

The reports for this fiscal year's first quarter were distributed via email as well as the audit for FY 2009-2010.

**Motion: Approve the Financial Reports for the months of July, August and September and the audit for FY 2009-2010.**

**Motion made by Al Greene/Seconded by Dottie Saxon-Greene.**

### ***Deemed Status Organization Reports***

Jessica Holton (**NASW**) stated that the Annual Fall Conference occurred and was sold out before the early bird special even ended. A Board Meeting occurred on December 3rd. The next ethics conference is scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Joe Fortin (**NBCC**) reported that a legislative directive was signed expanding the counselor practice rights within the army authorizing the employment of licensed counselors and establishing credentialing and privileging standards including holding state licensure and passing the National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Examination. Additionally, with the encouragement of Dr. Clark at SAMHSA, there continues to be discussion between various national and international credentialing boards about the establishment of uniform national standards for a masters-level licensed substance abuse and mental health counselor in preparation for the possibility of significant healthcare reform in the coming years.

Cheryl Gentile (**CRC-MAC**) is absent as her husband is having open-heart surgery this week. In the same vein, Bert Wood is having rotator cuff surgery this week. Becky spoke to Bert yesterday and he is doing well.

Jane Peck (**ANCB**) was absent at the last Board meeting because she was attending a conference. This is a quiet time for the ANCB Board.

Nora Noel (**APA**) said that the NC Psychological Association is having a conference with a national speaker on June 9<sup>th</sup>. There is also a conference scheduled for February in which Rick Fogle will be speaking. The Addictions Specialty credential is no longer an option for APA members. Nora spoke to Sally Cameron from NCPA and the reason they are no longer accepting new applications is because the cost to maintain the exam was too much. This is a temporary situation. They will continue to maintain the credential of those who already possess it, but will not be offering any new ones. Nora read the letter from Ms. Jane Ciuccio, Assistant Executive Director for Administration of APA. The letter states that they are "no longer accepting new applications for the Certificate of Proficiency in the Treatment of Alcohol and Other Psychoactive Substance Use Disorders".

### **Executive Committee Report by Flay Lee:**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) no longer wishes to recognize provisionally licensed professionals for reimbursement. Since this Board wants LCAS-P's to continue to be able to seek reimbursement, language needs to be agreed upon to replace the use of "provisional" in our statute. CMS will be working in concert with DHHS to sponsor a bill that will make modifications to each individual practice act to amend the title of these practitioners. The Executive Committee recommends that the term "associate" replace all references to "provisional" in our statute.

**Motion: The Board adopts the position that the term "provisional" in the LCAS title be deleted and an appropriate term substituted, such as "associate".**

**Motion made by Al Greene/Seconded by Worth Bolton.**

The Bylaw Revisions Ad Hoc Committee has met once and is continuing its work on the bylaw revisions.

### **ICRC Update by Flay Lee:**

As David is now an officer, Flay will begin making this report as a Delegate. The ICRC's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated at their October meeting. Jessica Hayes was elected to serve as the new ICRC Treasurer while Phyllis Gardner is now the President. The Director of SAMHSA was the keynote speaker. Hong Kong and Nicaragua are two new Member Boards. This year's Presidential Award was awarded to Julie Stevens from Texas. She works hard as Chair of the Prevention Committee. Computer based test takers scored higher than those that took the paper exam. Flay had available the minutes from the Advisory Committee meeting. The first ICRC training was conducted the days immediately following the fall meeting. About 150 folks attended this training. Flay is currently serving as Chair of Professional Services while Danny Graves is the Chair of the Clinical Supervision Committee.

David Turpin stated that North Carolina has always been viewed as a leader internationally. There has been North Carolina representation on ICRC's Executive Committee consistently over the past 10 years. David reported that a Peer Recovery Support Specialist credential is going to be endorsed by ICRC. This will not be a "stepping stone" credential for the ADC, however. More information on this credential will be forth-coming. Flay said that ICRC is looking to host a semi-annual meeting in NC, perhaps in 2013.

### **Ethics Committee Report by Bert Bennett:**

Bert reported that there are currently 31 open cases. 6 cases have been opened since June while 12 have been closed. Over half of the cases deal with legal and moral standards and competence is the second leading issue that results in the opening of an ethics case and investigation.

### **Standards Committee Report by Lidia Bly-Herman:**

Lidia said that the Committee has been working to review the curricula of LCAS Criteria C schools. UNCW has submitted their information. A letter from the Board will be mailed to ECU and ASU in the next couple of weeks. The Committee continues to review and revise rules. The Committee has decided that all LCAS applicants should attend at least six (6) hours of clinical supervision specific hours and Ann Christian is drafting a rule to this effect.

### **Nominations and Elections Committee Report by Worth Bolton:**

As there was only one applicant for the McLeod Institute scholarship, this person will be awarded the scholarship.

### **Quality Assurance Committee Report by Mark Crabtree:**

A conference call was recently held. Rule .0214 UNIVERSITY SUBSTANCE ABUSE SPECIALTY CURRICULA was the main topic of this call. Previously, the Board had discussed allowing an individual to seek the LCAS via Criteria C even if his/her school did not have Board approval. Mark said that the Committee believes it will be too difficult for an individual to gather all of this information from a college or university. Therefore, he is referring this discussion to the Standards Committee for consideration. Mark believes that this topic would be a good item for the next quarterly newsletter.

### **Legislative Update Given by Randolph Cloud:**

Medicaid is looking to make budget cuts and the Department of Health and Human Services has been asked to help find savings. DHHS is passing this issue onto the Governor. Disability Rights is contesting cuts to their services.

### **New Business**

Lynn Inman discussed the need for the Board and the field to recognize nicotine and its use and abuse on individuals and the need for eligible trainers on this topic. Lynn believes that this field is 10-40 years behind the medical field on this issue.

**Motion: The Board meeting is to adjourn.**

**Motion made by Worth Bolton/Seconded by Mark Crabtree.**