

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2010

Attendance: Flay Lee, Mark Crabtree, Tom Miller, Jessica Holton, Dottie Greene, Tony Beatty, Dale Willetts, Wrenn Rivenbark, Lynn Jones, Adrian McCoy, Cheryl Gentile, Nora Noel, Worth Bolton, Lynn Inman, Clyde Ebron, Lidia Bly-Herman, Joe Fortin, David Turpin.

Guests in Attendance: Steve Millett and Joe Jordan.

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

After calling the Board meeting to order, Danny Graves introduced Mr. Joe Jordan and Mr. Steve Millette to the Board members. Joe and Steve serve on the Impaired Professionals Action Committee (IMPAC). Dewayne Book initially announced the inception of this group. Current members of the Committee include JoAnn Hummers, Jessica Holton, Tamela Gilmore, Tony Simeone and Dorsey Ward. A presentation of the Committee's work was given. The IMPAC foresees two avenues to pursue its work: 1) remain a stand-alone entity and work with professional associations, such as NCSAPPB, on a contractual basis; or 2) join forces with another impaired professional group, such as the Caring Dental Professionals.

After thanking Steve and Joe for their work and thoughtful presentation, the first order of business was approval of the September 2010 Board meeting minutes.

Motion: Approve the September 10, 2010 Board meeting minutes.

Motion made by Lynn Inman/Seconded by Flay Lee.

The motion carried.

Ann read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement. No one indicated any conflicts.

Legal Update by Ann Christian:

Per the Governor's Executive Order #70, a statement of regulatory principles was issued. The Board's latest rules revisions have been published in the NC Registrar. We are now within the 60 day public comment period, which is part of the adoption process. The Rules Review Commission has veto power of any and all rules. Finally, Ann discussed *The News and Observer* article which described the Governor's call to review all rules for redundancy and repetitiveness. Ann said that competing forces are at play.

Legislative Update by Randolph Cloud:

The issue of privatizing the ABC Board is being reviewed again. This could generate approximately \$5 million in revenues to the state. Under the current system, a certain portion of dollars go towards funding treatment programs across the state and these dollars might evaporate if the ABC Board is privatized. Randolph has been in contact with the Commissioner of Insurance. He is still unsure how health care exchanges are going to operate. The upcoming year's legislative session begins on January 26th. This is a new and different legislature than the one we have been dealing with. The composition of legislative committees can change. The process for budgeting will also be different now that there is a new majority in control. We are not sure if the sales tax will remain or how the budget will be balanced, if the taxes are repealed. The state has a \$3.7 billion deficit. Almost every element of state

government will be impacted by this deficient. Approximately \$500-\$600 million could be raised per year if video gambling is legalized.

Governor Beverly Perdue has talked about reorganizing state government for a period of time. Norris Tolson has suggested a freeze on hiring, the consolidation of agencies, privatization of some services, particularly in human services, etc. Approx 400 Boards and Commissions, wants to reduce to 150. Review is still underway. Incumbent on all entities why they are needed to stay in business. Human Resources Board and Commissions would house all licensure boards. This could go a lot of different ways. The field ought to be aware of this. Randolph will keep everyone aware of this issue. Get someone who represents from the ABC Board to maybe speak and let us know how we might be able to be involved. It would have to be an effort on behalf of individual Board members instead of efforts by the Board as a whole.

President's Report by Danny Graves:

The Board's annual training took place over the past couple of days. It was an excellent event and Danny thanked all the trainers and the office staff for coordinating this event. Approximately 200 counselors were present at each day's events. Danny reiterated the importance of Board member attendance at quarterly Board meetings. Per the Bylaws, two consecutive unexcused absences warrant termination from the Board. Participation in committee meetings and on conference calls is a critical responsibility of all Board members.

The Board's latest set of rule revisions have been published and the public comment period is now open. Public comment period ends on January 3rd. Anna was instructed to distribute information about how to submit comments on the Board Buzz.

Executive Director's Report by Anna Misenheimer:

Anna felt that Wednesday and Thursday's training went well overall. She did caution the Board members that the Board might receive some complaints in that a few counselors were turned away from Wednesday's training because they were late. The staff was originally instructed to do this, but then, told that only giving partial credit was acceptable. These types of issues will need to be discussed and agreed upon prior to any future Board trainings. Anna congratulated Turp on his successful bid for ICRC Secretary. A picture of Turp during his acceptance speech graces the front page of the Board's most recent newsletter. Additionally, Danny is now serving as Chair of the ICRC's CCS Committee. She said that NC's presence within ICRC leadership is indicative of how NCSAPPB is a leader in the field, especially when compared to other ICRC Boards.

Deemed Status Reports

Wrenn Rivenbark reported that APNC has entered into discussions with its membership regarding NAADAC.

Jessica Holton said that NASW held its Fall Conference in Asheville. There were 410 participants. Their New Legislative Advocate Lobby Day is scheduled for March 30th. She asked that all Deemed Status advocates be included in all communication between the Board and their Deemed Status organizations. Jessica feels this would be helpful as she has been recently assisting with the Board's communication with NASW regarding their Deemed Status standing.

Cheryl Gentile stated their remain only 12 CRCC-MACs in NC. The National Association is hosting their annual conference in March.

Jane Peck was in attendance with Adrian McCoy to represent ANCB. Adrian announced that, due to personal reasons, he will be submitting an official resignation letter to the Board office. ANCB has already contacted Anna and identified Jane to be Adrian's replacement. The Board members thanked Adrian for his six years of service to the Board.

Nora Noel reported that NCPA's Spring Conference is scheduled for April.

Executive Committee Report by Flay Lee:

Three people ran for ICRC Secretary. As Anna stated, David Turpin won the election. Flay and Danny did a lot of campaigning on behalf of Turp. At the Fall ICRC meeting, it was reported that the White House refers to the substance abuse field as a "distressed profession unable to meet demands in the coming years". It is for this reason that it has become imperative for ICRC and all to consider adopting a national credential. By 2014, 40% of field will be retired or deceased. The ICRC administered 6369 exams in 2009. The next ICRC conference is scheduled for the week of April 26th, 2011. New Subject Matter Experts (SME) are being identified to help with language barriers that exist within ICRC.

A schedule of 2011 Executive Committee calls has been set. Anna will distribute these dates. A review of the training over the past two days as well as information concerning conference etiquette should be addressed in an article in the next Board newsletter. Flay will work with Anna to draft this article. Work continues on the New Board Member orientation tape. Flay is working on his piece as EC chair. He will then send the tape to Ann Christian for her review and inclusion of information as Board Attorney.

Treasurer's Report by David Turpin:

Turp presented the month-end report for the months of July, August and September. He also shared the audit findings for FY 2008-2009.

Motion: Approve the first quarter financial statements and FY 2008-2009 audit findings.

Motion made by Lynn Inman/Seconded by Tony Betty.

The motion passed.

Ethics Committee Report by Ann Christian:

10 formal complaints have been received since the September Board meeting. 9 cases have been closed. The Committee continues to work on revising rules, including the drafting of fundamental definitions.

Nominations and Elections Report by Worth Bolton:

There are 10 Board members whose terms expire in 2011. There was a question on the Customer Satisfaction Survey that was distributed during the training that asked how often one votes in Board elections. It will be interesting to review the responses received.

QA Committee Report by Mark Crabtree:

The Committee met last night. The meeting involved the usual, routine work of evaluating master's degree programs for eligibility for LCAS application.

Standards Committee Report by Lidia Bly-Herman:

The reciprocity rule is being drafted by Ann Christian and will be submitted to the Rules Review Commission during the next filing. The Standards Committee has also asked Ann to draft a rule that a clinical supervisor must inform the Board office within 30 days when supervision changes. The Committee is still awaiting a response from NASW concerning their Deemed Status standing.

Lynn Inman asked Anna to include the data regarding the pass/fail rate of the September exam when she sends out the Board meeting minutes. Tom Miller also asked that the Buzz include this information.

Wrenn Rivenbark asked the Board about its next step concerning the presentation made by IMPAC.

Motion: This issue should be referred to the Executive Committee and that an update be given at the next Board meeting.

Motion made by Worth Bolton/Seconded by Tom Miller.

The motion passed after it was amended that a conference call be held by the end of January to discuss this issue.

With no further business, a motion was made for the meeting to adjourn.

Motion made by Worth Bolton/Seconded by Lynn Inman.

The motion carried and the meeting ended.