

## MINUTES

### NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2008

Attendance: Carol-Ann Tucker, President, Flay Lee, Bert Bennett, David Turpin, Danny Graves, Mark Crabtree, Tom Miller, Lynn Jones, Cheryl Gentile, Lidia Bly-Herman, Randy Thornton, Worth Bolton, Jessica Holton, Clyde Ebron, Joe Fortin.

Board Staff: Ann Christian, Barden Culbreth, Anna Misenheimer, Paola Ribadeneira.

Guests: Kim Anthony-Byng, Dottie Saxon Greene, Helen Wolstenholme.

Carol-Ann called the meeting to order. She is glad to see everyone this morning and thanked everyone who attended the dinner banquet last night.

**Motion: Approve the June 2008 Board meeting minutes.  
Motion made by Worth Bolton/Seconded by Clyde Ebron.**

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

#### President's Report

Carol-Ann stated that she is going to alter the meeting agenda slightly. The Committee Chairs will give their reports before we hear from the guest speaker. She recognized Dottie Saxon-Greene and Helen Wolstenholme as newly-elected Board members and thanked them for attending the dinner last night.

#### Executive Director's Report

Anna Misenheimer reported that legislation passed last week that will eliminate the oral exams from the Board's statute. The Governor signed the bill into law on Monday night! Anna thanked everyone who assisted with the passage of the bill. She stated that the Board office has been very busy as counselors learn about the bill and call/email with questions. She thanked Barden Culbreth and Paola Ribadeneira for their hard work in the office answering these questions.

Anna then thanked Carol-Ann and Kevin for their service on the Board. She stated that Wrenn Rivenbark, Dottie Saxon Greene and Helen Wolstenholme will be sworn into office as Board members at the September meeting. Randy Thornton and Bert Bennett have agreed to serve another term as Board members.

Finally, she thanked Mark Crabtree, Tom Miller, Lynn Inman and Danny Graves for presenting the Board's track yesterday.

Kim Anthony-Byng was recognized for her attendance.

#### Executive Committee Report

Flay Lee said that he continues to encourage committees to meet in between the Board meetings via teleconference calls. One substantive change that has occurred this past year was that Tom Miller replaced Tommy Smith as Chair of the Business and Operations Committee. He asked the committees to continue to work on their Policy and Procedures Manuals. A draft of each committee's procedures should be presented to the Executive Committee at the September Board meeting. Flay thanked everyone who serves on the Board as this is a working group.

#### Business and Operations Committee Report

Tom Miller has met with David Turpin and Anna and all have agreed to meet prior to September's meeting to work on the policies and procedures.

#### Treasurer's Report

David Turpin said that the Board is receiving royalties from ReadyToTest for advertising and selling their study guides. He announced that Flay Lee is running for Vice President of the IC&RC to serve another term.

Barden Culbreth stated that he has contacted RBC and inquired about online payment. Barden stated that RBC's fee for providing online payment is \$30 per month plus an additional fee of approximately \$2.15 per debit card transaction.

#### Ethics Committee Report

Bert Bennett said that the Board has had 95 Ethics cases to date; 18 of these are active. Two hearings are scheduled for the afternoon of September 11<sup>th</sup>. The Prevention Specific Code of Ethics should be complete and will be given to Anna this week. The Ethics Committee's policies and procedures draft was completed at yesterday's meeting.

Bert said that he contacted Tara Lawson with the Division of Medical Assistance and told her that legislation was enacted that established a provisional status for those seeking the LCAS. This is important in that LCAS Provisions can be added to the "Incident to" policy which will allow them to bill under Medicaid when they are contracted with a certified physician by an agency, including a substance abuse treatment agency.

#### Nominations Committee Report

Danny Graves reported that information concerning the Board's scholarships has started to be posted on the Board's Buzz. The application dates for the NC Winter School was posted in July's Board Buzz. The office will continue to provide this information through this medium.

### Quality Assurance Committee Report

Al Greene was unable to attend the meeting. Anna said that Al has reviewed correspondence with requests for renewal extensions. Al granted several renewal extensions.

### Standards Committee Report

Michael Herring stated that he will work with Anna to draft policies and procedures for the committee. Danny Graves asked Michael when he expects the committee to complete their revision of the administrative rules. Michael stated that he hopes the revision will be completed by the end of the year.

### General Comments

Worth Bolton thanked the Board on behalf of his wife, Flo Stein, for the Board's sympathy, cards and flowers that resulted from her father's passing.

Flay Lee recommended that a separate subcommittee be formed to address any written exam issues.

Tom Miller suggested that the Board consider the possibility of sponsoring a continuing education event this winter in lieu of the oral exams, which have been eliminated from the Board's statute. Anna stated that the new President will probably make that one of his first tasks as President.

Carol-Ann then introduced Martha Early to the Board members.

Martha Early welcomed everyone to the Summer School. Martha stated that more credentialed counselors are attending the school this year and the students are more educated with a large pool of young professionals in attendance. Licensure appears to have been a positive change for the field. Martha said that a new track will be included in next year's track for non-allied professionals. The school wishes to broaden its scope with their inclusion. Martha asked the Board members for suggestions. Danny said that the school needs to amend the title of the Board's track. He also suggested that the school look at what populations are being served in NC and cater tracks to address these specific populations.

Martha said that treatment for addiction is changing due to discoveries made with research. Research is a new trend in the field and it plays an important role. Martha introduced Dr. Frank Fornari with Dominion Diagnostics to the Board members.

Dr. Frank Fornari said that information should be available for access about the genetic/molecular/ scientific aspect of addiction. He suggested making this information mandatory via continuing education requirements. Dominion Diagnostics is currently developing online training courses that should be available in the near future.

Mary Hauser, Director of Addiction Services with Dominion Diagnostics, then spoke. Mary is a clinician and she was involved with the initial development of the Twelve Core

Functions. Mary said that Martha Early is now partnering with Dominion Diagnostics to assist with disseminating information about research findings to the field.

Ann Christian said that the information shared during this presentation is amazing and will affect drug court findings, outcomes, etc. Ann said that she also works with the Ethics Committee of the Board. How does the Committee work to find the definitive drug tests to have confidence that one is no longer using drugs? Dr. Fornari said that Dominion can help the Board with recognizing test that should be used to detect drug usage.

Anna asked Martha to continue her communication with her at the Board office about the online courses as they are developed.

Carol-Ann thanked the guest speakers for their presentation.

#### New Business

Ann Christian stated that the seating of the President and Secretary will take place today. Ann then asked Lidia, as candidate to serve another term as Secretary, to introduce herself, and Danny, as candidate for President, to introduce himself. Lidia said that this is her fourth year on the Board and she has worked to take minutes for the Standards Committee as rules were developed, amended, etc. Danny then introduced himself. Danny spoke about his work on the Board and stated that he has worked as a counselor tech and a clinician.

Ann then officially seated Danny as President and Lidia as Secretary. Carol-Ann struck the gavel, symbolizing the official change in officers.

**Motion: The meeting be adjourned.**

**Made by David Turpin/Motion seconded by Lidia Bly-Herman.**

The meeting was adjourned.