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NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2010

Attendance: Lynn Jones, Tom Miller, Joe Fortin, Randy Thornton, Cheryl Gentile, Wrenn Rivenbark, Lidia Bly-Herman, Nora Noel, Flay Lee, Danny Graves, Bert Bennett, David Turpin, Jessica Holton, Clyde Ebron, Joe Fortin, Helen Wolstenholme, Mark Crabtree, Dale Willetts, Dottie Saxon-Greene, Adrian McCoy, Lynn Inman, Lidia Bly-Herman.

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

Danny Graves, President, opened meeting and called for approval of June 2010 Board meeting minutes.

Motion: Approve June 201 Board meeting minutes with amendment that rule .0209 will be reviewed by the Standards Committee and will come before the full Board for their consideration.

Motion made by Lynn Inman/Seconded by Clyde Ebron.

Motion carried.

Ann Christian reminded the Board members that our statute reads that we, as a Board, must follow the guidelines set by the IC&RC.

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

Danny introduced guest speaker Flo Stein. Flo is Chief of the Community Policy Management Section of the NC Division of MH/DD/SAS. She is also the current President of the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) and serves as an advisor to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Danny introduced Flo as "a friend in the field" instead of "a friend of the field".

After each Board member present introduced him/herself to Flo, she explained that the field is in a period of huge transition. The State Association of Addiction Studies is seeking advocacy as there are not enough letters on SA issues and parity going to Congress. On August 20th, there will be a meeting in downtown Greensboro sponsored by Southeast ATTC and SAMHSA. Flo hopes to have 100 of NC's SA counselors present.

Flo went through her PowerPoint presentation entitled "Advancing the Conversation". The Practice Board needs to take the lead in disseminating information concerning the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 to the field so that they can prepare. The need for a universal credential has never been greater.

Danny said that the IC&RC has delegates that attend Congressional meetings. The IC&RC has asked for full compliance from its member boards that universal credential acronyms will be used within the next three years.

President's Report by Danny Graves:

He thanked the NC Foundation for Alcohol and Drug Studies (NCFADS) for allowing the Board to meet in conjunction with the Summer School and for providing lunch in the cafeteria following the Board meeting. This is a two-fold advantage: the attendees get to see the Board members and those who do the work of the Board (the Board office) and the Board members and staff can hear concerns of those in the field. He thanked Jessica Holton, Dottie Saxon Greene, Joe Fortin, Tom Miller and Mark Crabtree for presenting the Board's track yesterday.

Executive Director's Report by Anna Misenheimer:

Anna thanked Danny Graves and Mark Crabtree for their presentation at the Summer Addictions Institute. A little over 50 counselors attended the training and both received very high marks on the evaluations that were returned.

She reminded Board members to complete and submit their Statement of Economic Interest form to the State Ethics Commission. An email was sent out last week with a link to this paperwork. There are three forms: the long form, short form and no-change form. Ethics education is also required by the State Ethics Commission. One must attend the refresher course at least every two years after attending the initial training. She can tell you if you are overdue to attend this course.

The September exam will be administered at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill instead of the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. The exam will return to the McKimmon Center in December. Beginning in 2011, the Board will only offer computerized testing.

Executive Committee's Report by Flay Lee:

The Committee did host the four conference calls as promised at the beginning of the year. Flay still believes a Board retreat should be planned, especially in light of the information Flo Stein shared. The Board needs a one year plan, a three year plan, etc. Flay will seek the President's blessing to move forward with this. In September, Flay would like for each Committee Chair to present an evaluation of what has happened in his/her committee over the past year.

Ethics Committee's Report by Bert Bennett:

Since the June Board meeting, the Committee has received a number of complaints. The Committee met yesterday and reviewed the rules following Ann Christian's meeting with the Rules Review attorney. Bert would like to meet one more time between now and the September meeting to review Prevention rules. After this meeting, the Committee should be finished reviewing the rules.

Nominations and Elections Committee's Report by Anna Misenheimer (in Worth Bolton's absence):

Anna discussed the 2010 Annual Training Event. It will be held at the Sheraton Imperial in RTP on Wednesday and Thursday, December 8th and 9th, in advance of the December Board meeting. Cheryl Gentile asked the Board office to seek ceu credit for this training event. Cheryl also recommended that the Board office produce a video of how to pursue the credentialing process for upload on the Board's website.

Business and Operations Committee's Report by Tom Miller:

The Committee hopes to distribute a Customer Satisfaction Survey sometime between the September and December Board meetings.

Legislative Update Report by Randolph Cloud:

\$.75 on every dollar is spent on behavioral health care issues. It might be a good idea to ask the Insurance Commissioner to come and present on the upcoming changes resulting from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 and other changes that will impact the profession.

Seating of Officers:

Danny reported that he will serve as President for the next two years while Jessica Holton will serve as Secretary.

Motion: Adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Mark Crabtree/Seconded by Clyde Ebron.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Anna Misenheimer.