

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2007

Attendance: Carol-Ann Tucker, President, Flay Lee, Tim Hall, Joe Fortin, Dewayne Book, Lidia Bly-Herman, Mark Crabtree, Iris Shafer, Cheryl Gentile, Danny Graves, Deborah Bryan, Tony Porrett, Worth Bolton, Bert Bennett, Clyde Ebron, Nora Noel, Kevin Connolley, Randy Thornton, David Turpin, Kim Anthony-Byng, Helen Wolstenholme (Thursday and Executive Committee meeting only, Michael Herring (Thursday only).

Absent: Richard Henderson, Tommy Smith, Al Greene, Adrian McCoy.

Staff: Randolph Cloud, Ann Christian, Paola Ribadeneira, Anna Misenheimer.

Guests: Michael Furey, Wrenn Rivenbark, Jane Albers.

The meeting was called to order by Carol-Ann Tucker, President. Carol-Ann welcomed the Board members and recognized Mark Crabtree as a newly appointed Board member to serve Margaret Grave's unexpired term. Carol-Ann also welcomed the staff and guests to the meeting. Carol-Ann said that she had corresponded with Jim Scarborough and he is doing well in Washington, D.C.

Ann Christian then welcomed Mark Crabtree to the Board and administered oath to Mark. Once Mark was sworn in, the Board applauded and officially welcomed Mark to the Board.

The next order of business was approval of the December Board meeting minutes. Tim Hall made a motion to approve the December 8th minutes as prepared by Jim Scarborough and Danny seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Then, Ann Christian, Board attorney, read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement. No Board member indicated any conflict of interest with matters to come before the Board today.

Carol-Ann asked the Board to pay particular interest to the bylaws that have been distributed. Carol-Ann thanked Deborah Bryan for allowing the Board to use her office to host Jim Scarborough's going-away party. The Board did give Jim a going-away present which was a black box with which Jim could carry his valued possessions to Washington, D.C. with him.

Carol-Ann stated that Anna Misenheimer has taken on Jim's role as Executive Director and that business is continuing as usual. Carol-Ann stated that three members of

the Executive Committee had a face-to-face meeting with Randolph Cloud in February to discuss the future of the administrative office. The Executive Committee also conducted two conference calls in February, in which Anna participated. Carol-Ann confirmed that the office's operations are proceeding as normal.

Anna Misenheimer then briefly introduced herself to the Board. Anna stated that the office has been working hard to make the transition seamless.

Randolph told the Board that he appreciates the opportunity to work with the Board, and he appreciates the support that he has gotten from the Board members during this transition period. Randolph stated that new staff, Barden Culbreth, has been hired and has been working in the administrative office for two weeks. Randolph extended his thanks to Ann Christian as well for her assistance during this period of flux.

Carol-Ann stated that Randolph does more than run a business; he is familiar with the legislative process and keeps the Board posted on what is happening in the legislature. Randolph then introduced a draft of a bill that is a product of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services. Randolph stated that this bill would give Local Management Entities (LMEs) more discretion in the provision of substance abuse services in the state. The way in which services are provided and funded in the state could be drastically changed by June or July of this year. Randolph stated that this legislation creates a tension between the NC General Assembly and the Division of MH/DD/SAS as the Division's role in overseeing the delivery of substance abuse services could be diminished. This legislation would also empower the Area Health Education Centers. Randolph stated that this bill should be watched closely and Randolph encouraged the Board to get involved in the discussion and play an active role in this debate. Randolph said that Anna will keep the Board members posted on the progress of the draft of this bill.

After more discussion of this draft legislation between Randolph and Board members, Randolph stated that he has another piece of legislation to share. Senate Bill 387 would establish the Ayden Collard Festival as the official collard festival of North Carolina. Randolph jokingly asked the Board to consider this legislation and recommended that Carol-Ann be crowned the first collard festival queen. Carol-Ann thanked Randolph for his legislative update.

Anna then gave a brief Executive Director's report. Anna stated that she submitted the contract to Jo Yarborough this week and will work with her to get the contract approved. Anna said that she has also gotten Carol-Ann and David Turpin's signatures for the new signature cards for the Board's checking account and CDs at RBC Centura.

Tony Porrett, Chair of the CPM Committee, gave a report on yesterday's oral exams. Tony told the Board that Jim Scarborough had instructed him and Anna on how to develop the schedule for the oral exams. Tony said that when he arrived to the hotel

on Thursday, Anna had the paperwork, tape recorders and timers organized for the oral exams. Tony stated that 24 counselors tested yesterday: 1 did not complete the test, 11 of the 12 CSAC applicants passed and 7 of the 11 LCAS applicants passed the CPM. Tony said that the testing went well and he thanked Danny Graves for his help. Tony said that Amy Shroyer, a proctor coordinator, did not show yesterday, resulting in Donald Little having to coordinate with the proctors. It was the first time that Donald functioned in this role. Tony and Anna are going to discuss setting a meeting time on the next date of the oral exam prior to the testing to ensure that all the proctors and coordinators have a clear understanding of their roles during the exam.

Carol-Ann stated that the next topic of discussion was the Advisory Council. Carol-Ann said that the Board expressed the desire to create a group or committee to utilize the Board members' expertise and knowledge, expressly for retaining this knowledge once Board members rotate off of the Board. Carol-Ann stated that Jane Albers and Michael Furey distributed a survey in December for the use in the formation of the Council and that Jane and Michael's work in establishing this Council has been extensive. The Executive Committee reviewed the proposed Mission Statement and goals of the Advisory Council at this morning's meeting, and Carol-Ann believes there were some items included in the proposal which should not be the task of this Council, such as developing the Strategic Plan. A motion came out of the Executive Committee to engage an Executive Committee Board member to become a part of this working group. The Executive Committee made a motion that Deborah Bryan serve as the Board liaison to help get this Council off the ground. Deborah Bryan stated that we should first look at our bylaws before proceeding with developing the Advisory Council. Carol-Ann believes that the Advisory Council should include some present Board members so that communication that is disseminated to the community is accurate and up-to-date. Jane Albers and Michael Furey then briefly spoke on behalf of their proposal and the Board applauded their efforts.

The next agenda item was Bylaw revision. David Turpin said that Tommy Smith is the Chair of the Business Operations Committee and he was unable to attend the Board meeting as he accepted a new job. David Turpin stated that a report on the revision will be coming before the Board at the Board's next meeting. Ann Christian said that the Advisory Committee should consult with the Business Operations Committee before they start their work.

Carol-Ann then asked for a report from each Deemed Status organization. Kim Anthony-Byng stated that Sharon Freeman is the new President of NAADAC.

Worth Bolton, representing the National Association of Social Workers, said that Kathy Boyd would be contacting Anna shortly to discuss NASW's recommendation for the Board appointment. Worth said that he discussed the Board's appointment with Kathy Boyd, and NASW will be recommending Jessica Holtman for this position. Worth stated that there is some resentment from LCSWs towards LCASs due to billing issues.

Joe Fortin stated that he has nothing to report on behalf of the National Board of Certified Counselors.

Cheryl Gentile did not have a report from the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification.

Nora Noel did not have a report to share with the Board on behalf of the American Psychological Association.

Flay Lee then gave the Executive Committee report. Flay said that the Committee has met three times since the last Board meeting via conference call. Flay said that the Committee chairs can contact Anna if they would like to schedule a conference call in between the Board meetings. The next Executive Committee conference call is scheduled for April 4th at 11:00 am.

Flay said that the next IC&RC meeting will be in Orlando, Florida in April. Carol-Ann Tucker, David Turpin, Anna Misenheimer and Flay Lee will be attending this meeting. Flay stated that merger discussions are continuing between IC&RC and NAADAC and that the IC&RC is in a much better position to negotiate than they were last year. The IC&RC is also looking at some International issues with Europe, China and Russia. Finally, Flay reported that the IC&RC purchased the co-occurring disorders credential from the Pennsylvania Board and will probably be looking to adopt this credential in the near future.

David Turpin then gave the Treasurer's report. David presented the compilation from Tony Armento, the Board's auditor, for the year. David said that there is nothing unordinary in the report. David did say that the Business Operations Committee needs some additional Board members to serve on the committee as Tommy Smith is the only member at the present time. David told the Board members that it is good experience to serve on more than one Board committee. Carol-Ann said that if any Board member has an interest in switching the committee on which they serve, that can be arranged.

Worth Bolton moved and Danny Graves seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Bert Bennett then gave the Ethics Committee report in Helen Wolstenholme's absence. Bert said that the Committee reviewed two complaints last night. The Committee will be meeting again on May 20th.

Danny Graves reported for the Nominating and Elections Committee. Danny said that Mark Crabtree was nominated to serve Margaret Graves' unexpired term. Danny stated that the Nominating and Election Committee is going to change the scholarship application period to better coincide with conference dates. Currently, the application deadlines are set too close to the actual dates of conferences and applicants and scholarship grantees are informed too late of the Board's decision to be able to register

for the tracks in which they are interested in attending. Danny said that no one made application for the McLeod Institute which is taking place in March.

No one was present to report on behalf of the Quality Assurance Committee.

Lidia Bly-Herman gave the Standards Committee report in Michael Herring's absence. Lidia spoke about schools submitting approval requests for their various substance abuse programs. Lidia stated that the Committee made a recommendation to the Executive Committee for an applicant to be granted registration status despite his criminal background and the Board's established waiting periods. The Standards Committee has asked that all applications be reviewed by the Committee with criminal backgrounds that fall within the Board's waiting periods. The Standards Committee also made a recommendation to the Executive Committee, which the Executive Committee reviewed at this morning's meeting. The Executive Committee is making a recommendation to the full Board to accept this decision.

Mark Crabtree then introduced himself and talked about his involvement in the substance abuse field. Wrenn Rivenbark announced the APNC conference date, which is April 25th-27th. Wrenn stated that APNC is closely following legislation involving a monitoring device called SCRAMM. This piece of legislation would use SCRAMM as an alternative to sentencing. APNC is looking to merge a treatment component into this legislation.

Under general announcements, Randy Thornton told the Board that the ADDICTIONS television program will begin airing on March 15th.

Deborah Bryan thanked and commended Anna on her successful completion of her first NCSAPPB Board meeting serving as Executive Director.

David Turpin stated that Lattie Baker was in a car accident this week. Lattie is getting released from the hospital today.

With no further business, Tim Hall made a motion to adjourn. David Turpin seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna S. Misenheimer
Executive Director