

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2007

Attendance: Carol-Ann Tucker, President, Flay J. Lee, Tim Hall, Joe Fortin, Dewayne Book, Tommy Smith, Danny Graves, Mark Crabtree, Al Greene, Cheryl Gentile, Adrian McCoy, Lidia Bly-Herman, Tony Porrett, L. Worth Bolton, Randy Thornton, Nora Noel, E. Clyde Ebron, Bert Bennett, Helen Wolstenholme, Kim Anthony-Byng, Deborah Bryan, Michael Herring, David Turpin.

Absent: Kevin Connolley, Richard Henderson.

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

The meeting was called to order by Carol-Ann Tucker, President. Carol-Ann thanked everyone for being present for the State Commission's Ethics training that morning. Carol-Ann stated that Board members not present for the training will need to be informed that they must attend this training by June 30th.

After welcoming the Board members, Tim Hall made a motion to approve the March 2007 Board meeting minutes as written. Danny Graves seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ann Christian, Board attorney, then read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement. No Board member noted any conflict of interest with today's agenda.

Carol-Ann gave the President's Report. Carol-Ann shared her thoughts about the Spring IC&RC meeting she attended in April. Carol-Ann stated that North Carolina appears to be ahead and in a better position than many member boards. There is still no resolution to the IC&RC/NAADAC merger. Carol-Ann was impressed with the IC&RC's Strategic Plan which included annual objectives, marketing, Board development and study guide development and marketing. General correspondence was distributed to the Board for review.

Anna then gave the Executive Director's report. Anna reported that the Board has time in which to make a presentation at the NC Summer School. Flay said that he is glad to help with the Board presentation with the assistance of Lidia Bly-Herman and Danny Graves. The Annual Board meeting will be held in conjunction with the Summer School. A dinner and awards banquet will be held at the home of Jane Albers on Tuesday, July 31st and the Board will meet the morning

of August 1st. Anna circulated a sign-up sheet for room reservations at the Hilton on the Riverside.

Anna then reported that the DMV training and retraining dates have been scheduled for September 15th and December 15th. The CPM retraining will also be held in December. Anna said that the office is putting together a special mailing for those CPM Evaluators who must attend the retraining in order to remain on the list as active CPM Evaluators.

The IC&RC completed the Role Delineation Study for the Prevention examination and the new Prevention exam was first administered in March 2007. The passage rate rose from 33% at the December administration to 73% at the March administration. Anna stated that study guides are now available for the new exam at a cost of \$79.

Finally, Anna reported that the state approved the Board's contract for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Tony Porrett then made a report on Thursday's Case Presentation Methods. Thirty (30) counselors took the oral examination. There were 14 CSAC applicants, 10 passed and 4 failed. 16 counselors took the LCAS oral exam, of which 8 passed and 8 failed. Tony said that the day went well and Danny stated that it was a very smooth operation. Danny served as Proctor Coordinator. John Vaughn, who served as assistant Proctor Coordinator, will serve as the Proctor Coordinator next time.

Tommy Smith then reported on the Bylaws revisions. Tommy said that he, David Turpin and Jim Scarborough met last November about the bylaws. Tommy said that the bylaw revisions need to be approved at this meeting. Any concerns about the bylaws can be brought forward at the Annual Board meeting in August. Al made a motion to approve the amended bylaws and Helen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Carol-Ann said that she would like the Committee reports to come before the Deemed Status Reports for this particular meeting.

Flay J. Lee then gave the Executive Committee report. Flay stated that a request has been made by the Division of Medical Assistance that the Board "sunset" all master's level CSACs with the CCS credential to Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist. The DMA has requested this due to the newly proposed changes in regards to who can bill under the CPT code for services. The Executive Committee voted to endorse this particular situation. Helen interjected that Medicaid approved all LCASs and CSACs with the CCS credential to bill CPT codes. This was noteworthy as it recognizes our credentials and our counselors' professionalism. There are 42 CSAC's with the CCS, but 16 of these do not have a master's degree. Medicaid does not want to amend the CPT codes again, so the

Board needs to take action to license all CSAC with a Master's degree. We would "sunset" these CSAC with master's degree into the LCAS. We would look to change our statute within the next legislative session. If we do not choose this action, the DMA could pull the LCAS's altogether from qualifying to receive reimbursement. The Division will meet with DMA once we inform them of the Board's approval of providing a sunset provision. The Board will have to change our requirements for the CCS credential. Helen said that the Executive Committee made a motion to endorse this plan. Randy made a motion to accept this endorsement. Worth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Flay then recognized Deborah Bryan for an award that she recently received from the Health and Wellness Trust Fund. Beverly Perdue, the Lt. Governor, chairs this group and Deborah was recognized for her role in raising awareness about tobacco issues. Six individuals received this award.

Tommy Smith reported on behalf of the Business Operations Committee. Tommy encouraged Board members to consider serving on the Business Operations committee. David Turpin said that we should assign new Board members to a particular committee for a one year period depending on the needs of various committees. David said that this would be a different approach than the Board's current policy of allowing Board members to select which committee on which they wish to serve. David stated that many IC&RC member boards do much more in terms of marketing than the NC Board. This committee should start considering marketing opportunities.

David Turpin asked the Board members to complete the travel reimbursement forms in their entirety. David reviewed the financial reports for February, March and April. David then introduced the proposed budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. David asked for the Board's favor of investing funds on the Board's behalf. Bert made a motion to this effect and Nora seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Helen reported on behalf of the Ethics Committee. Helen stated that one case may go to hearing in September. The Ethics Committee has been working on the rules.

Danny made the Nomination and Elections Committee report. Danny said that the response from the Board elections was three times greater than the response in years past. Danny stated that Eastern region—Lidia Bly-Herman and Tom Miller were chosen to serve on the Board from the Eastern region, Worth Bolton was elected to represent the South Central region and Flay J. Lee was elected to the at-large seat. Danny then stated that Joseph Adedokun was appointed to NAADAC's seat, Jessica Holden was appointed to NASW's seat, Adrian McCoy will serve another term as ANCB's representative, Nora Noel will continue to represent the American Psychological Association and that Lynn Inman was chosen to serve in the Board-appointed seat.

Al Greene gave the Quality Assurance Committee report. Al extended Karen Blicher's apology to the Board for not inviting the Board to the Women's Conference.

Michael Herring reported on behalf of the Standards Committee. Michael said that Bob Bock has contacted the Board and requested information about his application status. Michael said that we will be referring this case to be heard before the Office of Administrative Hearings. Michael also reported that the Committee will mail correspondence to Jackie Hines whose credential has expired but has falsified his certificate from the Board to reflect that his credential is current. This correspondence will request information about whether or not Mr. Hines is still practicing as a substance abuse counselor.

The Committee also reviewed a request from Steve Williamson, an applicant with a criminal background. The Committee upheld its decision to deny registration with the Board at this point. The Committee will soon discuss drafting contracts to replace those currently being used in the application packets for CCS or CCS Intern supervision. The Committee is also going to draft supervision ratio requirements for those applying for the CCS credential. Michael reported that the Committee agreed that DOT SAP training should be offered in North Carolina. Upon Danny Graves' inquiry, Randolph Cloud suggested that all rules should be ready by next May to be introduced to the General Assembly during its short session.

Carol-Ann then asked for Deemed Status reports as well as general comments from the Board members.

Tim Hall reported on the Federation. Tim said that the NCSAPPB continues to hold the Presidency on the Federation. David Turpin was nominated to fill this seat for the next year. Tim stated that Substance Abuse Parity is still an issue within the Federation.

Dewayne Book stated that he is recruiting five volunteers to serve on the Peer Assistance Committee. Lidia Bly-Herman volunteered for this. Tony Porrett asked if Tony Simeone could serve on this Committee since he is not a Board member. The Board believed that Tony Simeone could serve in this capacity. Helen Wolstenholme, Worth Bolton, Nora Noel and Kim Anthony-Byng volunteered to serve on this Committee.

Joe Fortin had nothing to report on behalf of the National Board of Certified Counselors.

Al Greene reported that he had a good trip to Bolivia in March.

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

Adrian McCoy reported that Connie Mele is the new chair of ANCB.

Michael Herring asked the Board to consider granting certificates to assist a substance abuse counselor in their quest to obtain LLC status. Michael said that he will direct this question to the NASW as the Social Work Board has a process that the Board might be able to duplicate.

Worth did not have a report on behalf of NASW. Anna stated that Jessica Holden, the appointee for NASW's seat, will begin her term in September 2007.

Nora Noel did not have anything to report on behalf of the American Psychological Association. Kim Anthony-Byng stated that NAADAC will have its annual meeting in Nashville, TN in September.

Carol-Ann then asked Paola if there was anything she would like to share with the Board. Paola did not have anything to share, but Randolph stated that the Federation has been working hard and really made an impact with their discussions about the parity issue. Randolph also stated that there is a provision in the proposed Senate budget about allowing pre-authorization for HIV/mental health drugs. Randolph said that pre-authorization is a very slippery slope and one that can negatively impact patient care. Randolph stated that the Board office will email information to the Board about this issue.

Flay made a brief report on the IC&RC Spring meeting. NAADAC and IC&RC negotiations are still underway. Flay reported that IC&RC is in great financial standing. They are making a decision about whether or not the IC&RC will be able to maintain their own administrative office in the near future.

Flay reported that the Co-occurring disorders credential is being purchased from Pennsylvania although Flay is not recommending that the Board pursue this credential at this time. Flay said that NC's LCAS offers many of the services that the Co-occurring credentialed counselor would offer. Flay also said that IC&RC voted to no longer endorse the CPM exam. The Board will need to explore its options down the road as a result of this. The IC&RC might develop one test that would include competency or might just develop an additional test to test one's knowledge on competency.

With no further business, Al Greene made a motion to adjourn. Randy seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna S. Misenheimer