

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

Attendance: Danny Graves, President, Flay Lee, Bert Bennett, David Turpin, Mark Crabtree, Dottie Saxon Greene, Tom Miller, Lynn Jones, Lynn Inman, Cheryl Gentile, Lidia Bly-Herman, Jessica Holton, Clyde Ebron, Joe Fortin, Michael Herring, Nora Noel, Helen Wolstenholme, Dewayne Book, Adrian McCoy, Wrenn Rivenbark, Richard Henderson, Joseph Adedokun.

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

Danny Graves called the meeting to order. Danny thanked everyone for their active participation on the Board. He hopes that this Board will continue to become more and more committee-driven. Danny then passed around the correspondence. The current committee member listing is in this packet of information. Please review this list and make sure you are listed in the appropriate committee.

Danny then thanked Dr. Dewayne Book for his years of dedicated service to the Board and presented him with a plaque of appreciation. He has been an asset to the Board as he has knowledge of addictions as a counselor and a physician.

Ann Christian asked the new Board members to stand and raise their right hand. Wrenn Rivenbark, Dottie Saxon Greene and Helen Wolstenholme stood and agreed to carry out the duties and responsibilities of their position as Board members.

President' Report

Danny informed the Board that Lidia was re-elected to serve another term as Secretary. Worth Bolton has been asked to serve as Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee. Danny reiterated that the Standards and Ethics Committees have been tasked to complete the revision of the administrative rules.

Motion: Approve the 2008 Annual Board meeting minutes.

Motion made by Flay Lee/Seconded by Mark Crabtree. Motion approved.

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

Danny then asked each new Board member to briefly introduce themselves. He stated that his first task as President is reorganizing committee membership and making sure

that each committee has a sufficient number of Board members to complete that committee's tasks, etc.

Executive Director's Report

Anna stated that many changes have occurred this year: change in legislation and the changing of the guards as Danny settles into his role as President of the Board. Both have kept the Board office busy!

Firstly, the office has been working to update the Board's database to reflect the new LCAS-Provisional status. Since folks obtain this status at a different point in the application process than when the LCAS Intern status was received, this required staff to manually review each LCAS application file. As this was completed this week, the database will reflect the LCAS-Provisional status as early as next week.

The next step will be amending all application packets to reflect the administrative changes. Anna has already met with the typesetter and is awaiting the updated applications. The final phase will be an update of the Board's Procedures Manual.

The September 2008 newsletter is at the printers right now and will likely be mailed out next week. This newsletter is tardy as we were awaiting passage of the legislation to print. A print-out of the newsletter is being circulated with the Board correspondence. She sent around a Board member contact list. This includes information about Board member's terms and email address, phone numbers, etc. Anna requested that information be checked and revisions noted.

Anna stated that Flay Lee is running for re-election of the Vice President of the IC&RC. The 2009 meeting dates are March 12-13, June 11-12, September 10-11 and December 10-11.

Deemed Status Reports

Dr. Joseph Adedokun said that NAADAC just held their national conference. NAADAC constantly updates website with free training opportunities. NAADAC has asked its members to contact its legislators about mental health/substance abuse parity.

As president of APNC, Wrenn Rivenbark attended this conference. Wrenn stated that NAADAC's President-elect has moved to obtain SAMHSA's approval for the first substance abuse specialty master's degree program.

Jessica Holden (NASW) stated that a retreat was held in July. She said that many social workers have faced road blocks during the First Commitment Pilot study. Anna will email the Board members correspondence she has received from Mark O'Donnell with the Division in regards to the study.

Joe Fortin said that is nothing new to report on behalf of NBCC and the MAC.

Cheryl Gentile stated that CRCC is going to maintain the CRCC MAC only for those who already hold this certificate. There are currently 40 CRCC MAC's nationally. 12 of the 40 live in North Carolina.

Adrian McCoy reported on behalf of ANCB. Their conference is scheduled for October 2nd-5th in Atlanta, GA.

Nora Noel (APA) told that Board members that there are a number of continuing education opportunities via APA. Additionally, a meeting is scheduled at UNC-Chapel Hill to attract undergraduate students to careers in psychology and dual-diagnosis.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee report

Flay stated that a teleconference call was held since the last Board meeting. He encourages each committee to work between Board meetings. A motion was brought from the Committee to the full Board that each Committee take minutes of their meetings and keep a booklet of the minutes for the Board's future use. He suggested that the Board consider creating a Disaster Task Force here in NC. Flay also said that the Committee wishes to reinitiate the importance of active participation from Board members.

Business and Operations Committee

Tom Miller reported that David Turpin and Anna met with him last week about the B&O Policy and Procedures Manuals. He stated that all meeting minutes including minutes from committees will be posted on the website and will be password protected. Jessica said that she will create a template to assist Board members in keeping minutes.

Treasurer's Report

As David Turpin was not present, Tom presented the May and June financial statements.

Motion: Approve the May and June financial statements.

Motion made by Tom Miller/Seconded by Cheryl Gentile. Motion carried.

Nominations and Elections Committee

Mark Crabtree reported that a conference call was held by the Committee last Friday. In lieu of the December orals and annual recognition luncheon, the Board will host a training event on clinical supervision for CPM Evaluations in December as a token of appreciation for their years of service to the Board.

Anna stated that Ms. Debra Mathis has been chosen by the Committee to receive the Winter School scholarship.

Quality Assurance Committee

Barden made a report in Al Greene's absence. Barden stated that the Committee reviewed five applications for credentialing. Two of the five applicants were approved to pursue the LCAS and/or CCS.

Standards Committee

Michael Herring said that the Committee reviewed the updated curriculum for ECU's Masters program as well as WCU's curriculum for the substance abuse track. He said that the Standards Committee discussed adding nicotine dependence to the initial credentialing and re-credentialing requirements. The Committee will contact the AHECs to request this type training be provided.

Ethics Committee

Bert Bennett announced that the LCAS Provisional folks will be allowed to bill "Incident To". This will come out in the October Medicaid bulletin. Bert said that there are several options regarding employment as it relates to "Incident To" billing: the physician can employ the LCAS-P, a provider agency that is a provider of enhanced services can employ the physician and the LCAS-P or the physician can have a contractual relationship with the LCAS-P if the doctor does not employ the LCAS-P.

Deanna Hale-Holland supplied the Committee with a draft of the Prevention Code of Ethics. These will be reviewed and a final draft submitted to the Executive Committee for inclusion in the Ethical Code of Conduct in the administrative rules.

Danny thanked Bert Bennett for his head's up on the provisional license.

Legislative Update

Randolph thanked everyone for assistance in getting the Board's legislation passed. There were concerns on the part of some professionals about the bill. Ann and Anna had to defend the legislation and speak with an attorney at the Governor's office before the bill would be signed.

By the time we meet again, the landscape will have changed. There will be a new Governor, Lt. Governor. Gov. Easley has been given low marks for his focus (or lack of focus) on substance abuse issues. Cherry Hospital has been disorganized. The new Governor will have to address these problems.

General Announcements

Dewayne Book said he enjoyed serving on the Board. He will be leaving the Board with the Peer Assistance Committee not yet organized.

Wrenn Rivenbark stated that Joe Jordan has agreed to step in and work on developing a Peer Assistance Committee. Wrenn will keep us posted. Dewayne said that this should be a joint venture between NAADAC and our Board.

Motion: Link the Board's website with each of the Deemed Status groups.

Motion made by Jessica Holton/Seconded by Nora Noel. Motion approved.

Flay asked the Board if they would be supportive of hosting the IC&RC conference in Charlotte in either Fall 2009 or Spring 2010. The Board members agreed to support this effort.

Motion: Invite the IC&RC to host a bi-annual conference in Charlotte, NC.

Motion made by Flay Lee/Seconded by Lynn Inman. Motion carried.

Motion: Adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Mark Crabtree/Seconded by Jessica Holden. Motion approved.