

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2010

Attendance: Danny Graves, Joseph Adedokun, Clyde Ebron, Mark Crabtree, Tony Beatty, Nora Noel, Dale Willetts, Jessica Holton, Lidia Bly-Herman, Wrenn Rivenbark, Dottie Saxon Greene, Bert Bennett, Karen McDonald, Joe Fortin, Flay Lee, Worth Bolton, Tom Miller, Helen Wolstenholme, Cheryl Gentile, David Turpin, Lynn Inman.

Board Staff: Ann Christian, Randolph Cloud, Barden Culbreth, Matt Musselwhite, Anna Misenheimer.
President Danny Graves opened meeting.

The first order of business was swearing in Jessica Holton as the new Secretary. Danny Graves will continue to serve as Chair of the Board.

Swearing In Of New Board Members

Dale Willetts and Karen McDonald were sworn in by Ann Christian, attorney. Dale and Karen then introduced themselves to the Board.

Motion: Approve June 2010 Board meeting minutes.

Motion made by Lynn Inman/Seconded by Dottie Saxon Greene.

Motion carried.

Ann read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement. No one indicated any conflicts of interest with the meeting agenda.

President's Report by Danny Graves:

Danny reiterated that this Board was created to protect the safety and welfare of the public as brought to attention by Karen's introduction of herself to the Board members. The Governor's Institute and Southeast ATTC presented training on August 20th. David Turpin said it was a great training.

Approximately 130 people attended: 6 Board members, 6 past Board members, 3 state directors and the Legal Action Committee were present. He announced that Joe Jordan and Steve Millette will make a presentation at the December Board meeting regarding a Peer Assistance Committee. Danny thanked those that have worked on this Committee, particularly APNC.

Danny passed around the Board correspondence.

Executive Director's Report by Anna Misenheimer:

Anna reported that Randy is absent as he took a terrible fall on Friday. When she spoke to Randy, he was going to the emergency room for an exam. Lynn Jones was absent. Lynn is visiting her daughter at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis. Her daughter is signing her five year commitment upon graduation to the Navy. She is also a cheerleader and will be cheering at the home football game over the weekend.

Other announcements include that Lidia Bly-Herman welcomed grandson Nicolas Bryan Herman on Sunday, August 29th. Anna is working on pulling information together for the Board's annual report due by October 31st per House Bill 221, enacted last year. She might be contacting Committee Chairs for

assistance. The 2011 meeting schedule has been distributed. Finally, the Board office is working on the production of a video that will be linked to the website instructing how to properly make application for a NCSAPPB credential.

Treasurer's Report by David Turpin:

The Board's revenues for fiscal year 2009-2010 were very accurate. The Board received 99% of its projected revenue. Meanwhile, the Board was conservative in its spending, meeting 83% of our budgeted expenses. The 2008-2009 audit will be presented at the December Board meeting.

Motion: Approve May and June's financial statements.

Motion made by Nora Noel/Seconded by Tony Beatty.

Motion passed.

Deemed Status Reports

Joseph Adedokun (NAADAC) reported that the National Conference on Addictions occurred this week in Washington, DC and they are seeking writers to share recovery stories. \$100 will be given to person whose story is shared in their publication. Joseph shared the four pillars of NAADAC. Danny stated that ICRC and NAADAC have met several times to discuss creating a united credential. Danny hopes to have an update following the ICRC meeting next month.

Jessica Holton (NASW) attended NC's Board annual retreat in July. NC Social Work Board is creating a prevention practice unit. Please see Jessica if you are interested. NASW Membership is required, however. The annual conference will occur in November. Jessica is Chair of NASW's ATOD Committee.

Joe Fortin (NBCC) was successful with getting Tri-Care approval.

Cheryl (CRCC) reported 12 counselors possess the MAC in NC. This credential is no longer offered by CRCC.

Nora (APA) reported that UNCW's Psychology Department's Fall Conference is in two weeks. This conference is not substance abuse specific, but there are opportunities for training hours. Undergrad conference will occur in November. APA's website includes great information regarding the treatment of nicotine issues.

Executive Committee Report by Flay Lee:

Flay said that the Committee consists of the Chair of each Committee and the Board President. The Board's Executive Director and attorney also attend the meetings of the Executive Committee. Flay has asked each Committee Chair to submit a written report of what has occurred in each Committee over the past year. Anna will distribute this information to each Board member. Also, the Committee will continue to spotlight each Committee, one at each Board meeting. The video that is being produced will highlight each Committee and the Board staff.

The Committee has a recommendation for the full Board's consideration, which will be shared as part of the Standards Committee report. Flay announced that David Turpin is running for ICRC Secretary.

Ethics Committee Report by Bert Bennett:

The Committee just received its 150th complaint that will result in an investigation since tracking of cases began roughly five years ago. Twenty eight cases are open. Nine cases have been closed since March.

Relapse, dual relationships and supervision issues are the main reasons for complaints. The Committee has asked the Standards Committee to take the charge to review rules concerning supervision.

Bert, Ann and Barden meet about once every 2-3 weeks to review ethics case. Bert believes they could meet once a week given the number of complaints that are received. All Ethics rules have been finished. Two rules that were going to be resubmitted to the Rules Review attorney are being withdrawn. Bert explained the Ethics Subcommittee's creation was to avoid problems with establishing a quorum should a full Board hearing be needed.

Wrenn Rivenbark inquired about the NCSAPPB Distribution letter which stated who is required to be registered with this Board. Many questions still surround this letter and it seems that most of the questions have come from one LME in particular. Bert said that if one is treating substance abuse issues, then registration is required. The LME is saying if one deals with a SA client at all, then registration is needed. Bert, Anna and someone at the Division plan to speak with this particular LME to try and resolve this. Wrenn believes that interpretation of the Distribution letter is difficult. Anna instructed Wrenn to draft a letter with specific questions to the Board and any questions can be addressed.

Standards Committee's Report by Lidia Bly-Herman:

Lidia reported that an ongoing conversation is occurring between the Committee and NASW. NASW does not require a separate substance abuse specific exam in order for one to obtain the C-ATODSW. A substance abuse specific exam is required per the Board's Deemed Status rule.

Motion: The Board will start to consider curricula of out-of-state school programs for inclusion in LCAS, Criteria C approval.

Motion from Standards Committee, with Executive Committee endorsement/Seconded by Joseph Adedokun.

The motion carried.

Ann Christian stated that this will be implemented once a rule allowing this has gone through the rules review process and goes into effect.

Reciprocity is currently limited to ICRC states. The Committee would like to allow reciprocity to non-ICRC jurisdictions. The committee is referring this issue back to the full Board.

Motion: Revisit the reciprocity rule and allow for reciprocity with non-ICRC entities.

Motion made by Wrenn Rivenbark/Seconded by Worth Bolton.

Motion passed.

Motion: The reciprocity rule should be referred to attorney Ann Christian for drafting to reflect the Board's previous motion.

Motion made by Wrenn Rivenbark/Seconded by Worth Bolton.

Motion carried.

Nomination and Elections' Committee Report by Worth Bolton:

One counselor applied for the APNC Fall Conference and there were four applicants for the Winter School scholarship. Worth has distributed the applications for the Winter School conference to the rest of the Committee and will notify the Board office once this decision has been made.

The NCSAPPB “Annual Meeting of the Professionals” will consist of six tracks over the course of Wednesday and Thursday in advance of our December Board meeting. Anna and Worth hope to get this agenda distributed by the end of next week. Anna needs to seek approval for NBCC credit.

Quality Assurance Committee Report given by Mark Crabtree:

Tony Beatty was assigned by Danny Graves to this Committee and attended his first meeting with the Committee last night. The Committee does not strive to keep applicants from obtaining a NCSAPPB credential, but to protect the public by enforcing the Board’s credentialing standards. Many LCAS applications are received and reviewed with master’s degrees that are not human services related.

Business Operations Report given by Tom Miller:

Tom gave a report on the results of the survey distributed to Board members. The Committee believes that clinical supervision has become an issue in that it is not closely regulated or supervised by the Board. This issue was referred to the Standards Committee.

When inquired by Tom, Ann stated that a Board member’s placement on a particular committee is outlined in our bylaws and is, essentially, determined by the President and Executive Committee. Danny said that he will begin to distribute information concerning his decisions regarding committee composition to the full Board from this point forward.

Legislative Update given by Randolph Cloud:

Randolph said lots of confusion surrounds healthcare reform. For instance, what are the implications and what role will SA counselors play? Randolph distributed a handout of CABHA updates. Commissioner of Insurance Wayne Goodwin is willing to meet with the Board and provide some instruction on how substance abuse services should be provided in the coordination of these services.

There has been a change in leadership at the Division. Steve Jordan will replace Leza Wainwright. Beth Melcher has been hired to provide oversight of MH/DD/SS Division. Two other positions are currently open: Assistant Director and Clinical Director. The Legislative Oversight Committee for MH/DD/SS recently met.

Under New Business, Barden Culbreth reported that he has enrolled in a Microsoft Access training course and is hopeful that he will eventually be able to manipulate the data in the Board’s database to gather information, as needed.

Cheryl Gentile announced that National Recovery Month was celebrated more prominently this year than in years past due, in part, to the work of the field.

Motion: Adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Mark Crabtree/Seconded by Lynn Inman.

The Board meeting adjourned.

