

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2011

Attendance: Danny Graves, David Turpin, Flay Lee, Tony Beatty, Nora Noel, Bert Wood, Al Greene, Karen McDonald, Dale Willetts, Clyde Ebron, Worth Bolton, Wrenn Rivenbark, Joe Fortin, Joe Adedokun, Jane Peck, Tom Miller, Lidia Bly-Herman, Bert Bennett, Jessica Holton, Cheryl Gentile, Helen Wolstenholme, Lynn Jones.

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

Danny Graves called the Board meeting to order and asked that Ann Christian read the Ethics Awareness Statement. Hearing no conflicts, Ann swore in new Board member Bert Wood.

Recognition of Mr. Randy Thornton: Danny Graves recognized Randy for his years of service to the NCSAPPB. Randy gave a humorous and thoughtful speech and the Board thanked him for his dedicated service.

Al Green recognized Lidia Bly-Herman's receipt of a recent award at the Al Greene Institute for her years of dedicated service.

The first order of business was to approve the March 2011 Board meeting minutes. Lidia reported a needed revision.

Motion: Approve the March 11, 2011 meeting minutes with needed revision made.

Motion made by David Turpin/Seconded by Worth Bolton.

The motion carried.

President's Report by Danny Graves:

- 1) Creation of a Finance Committee: Committee to be created consisting of Executive Committee Chair, Treasurer, Executive Director and one additional board member (at this point, Cheryl Gentile). This Committee will hold a conference call between now and September. They will develop their own policy and procedures and are tasked with reviewing the Treasurer's reports, audit, contract and monthly and quarterly updates that go the Division. All Board Members will be given the web address to access the state contract for review.
- 2) Jessica Holton was just elected president of the NASW's NC Association effective July 1st.
- 3) Impaired Professional Program (IMPAC): In previous Board meeting, Danny asked that Deemed Status organizations consult with their Deemed Status agencies regarding donating seed money for establishing an impaired professionals group. None were interested at this time. However, Joe Fortin will continue to talk with NBCC nationally and LPC locally. Nora stated that she has been speaking with Glenn Martin of the Peer Assistance Committee of the APA and money is not a completely closed option.
- 4) Danny reported that members Flay Lee, Dottie Greene, David Turpin and himself were presenters at this year's Women's Conference. It was attended by over 100 persons.
- 5) Lynn Inman is in Tampa, FL working with the IC&RC on the Prevention exam item writing. Anna reported that the ADC and AADC item writing process is about to begin. It is limited to professionals with less than 10 years of experience.

Executive Director Report by Anna Misenheimer:

- 1) Pre-test: As IC&RC continues their transition to Computer-Based Testing, “pre-testing” of questions will begin. 25 questions will be included on the exam, none of which will count as part of the applicant’s final score. Anna stated the implementation date of “pre-testing” for each exam. The Board will move to on-demand testing in 2012.
- 2) Reports to the Division/Flo Stein: Anna reported that Flay Lee, David Turpin, Danny Graves and Board staff Ann Christian, Barden Culbreth, Anna Misenheimer and Randolph Cloud met with Flo Stein recently to discuss the Board’s deliverables for FY 2010-2011 and talk about upcoming items of interest to the field. The Board’s FY 2011-2012 Contract has been approved.
- 3) Procedures Manual: Anna will begin working with our typesetter to overhaul the manual with hopes to present the finished product at this year’s Annual meeting in August.

Treasurer’s Report by David Turpin:

David presented pie charts reflecting the Board’s third quarter Revenues and Expenses. Wrenn asked where specific financial information could be found and Anna stated that she can forward this information to anyone who desired it. Turpin reported that surplus revenue can be found in the Board’s investments. Also, legal expenses were higher this quarter due to several hearings resulting from Ethical violations.

Motion: Approve the third quarter financial reports as well as the FY 2011-2012 budget.

Motion made by Clyde Ebron/Seconded by Nora Noel.

The motion passed.

Deemed Status Reports:

- 1) NAADAC - Joe Adedokun reported that NAADAC has been engaged in discussions concerning the federal budget crisis. The trend appears to be to stop funding programs through the states and, instead, use more peer support groups as a cost cutting measure. There is an emphasis on effect of block grants in wake of Healthcare Reform.
- 2) NASW - Jessica presented the lobbying activities of NASW NC at the state legislature. A supervision conference was recently held in May, where Jessica presented on dual supervision. A Board meeting was held on May 21st. She updated the Board on events scheduled for the remainder of the calendar year.
- 3) NBCC - Joe Fortin reported on peer support report previously mentioned. There is little to report on a local level.
- 4) CRC-MAC – Cheryl Gentile had nothing to report.
- 5) Addictions Nurses - Jane Peck reported there was some interest in peer support, but only in a voluntary basis.
- 6) APA - Nora Noel discussed UNC-W’s PhD program’s financial hurdles. Nora also presented a new Psychology manual that integrates many technological standards in counseling and supervision.

Executive Committee Report by Flay Lee:

Flay reported that business is flowing smoothly by having quarterly conference calls. He cited difficulties around filming orientation video to the Board members and said it may be a good to ask graduate art program students to help facilitate and professionalize such a video.

Flay asked that Board members who present to the public and professional field to keep track of the trainings in which they do so and report the number of persons in attendance for outreach tally to Anna at the Board office.

Flay spoke to the Committee's goal of getting statutory language inserted that would give the Board the ability to approve academic programs for credentialing purposes. Flay asked for persons interested in participating in that work group to meet at lunch following the Board meeting.

Ethics Committee Report by Bert Bennett:

Bert stated that there are 37 open ethics cases. Eight cases have been closed and eight new cases have been opened since the March Board meeting. Bert reported that the eight closed cases were presented to the Ethics Committee for review and discussion. The burden of proof is "Preponderance of Evidence," and this is often difficult to reach. Closed cases involved dual relationships, professional relationships, confidentiality, relapse and criminal conviction. Two cases were closed because the Committee felt that they did not rise to the level of an ethical complaint.

Cheryl expressed her appreciation for the evolution of the Ethics Committee and how it directs her in the supervision of applicants.

Standards Committee Report by Lidia Bly-Herman:

Lidia stated that the Committee is working to clarify who is "supervisor of record" and tightening rules regarding deferred prosecution, out of state criminal records, etc. Lidia explained the process of how a supervisor should notify the Board and the supervisee of termination of supervision. Following notification to the Board office, the Board will mail certified notice to the supervisee of the termination of supervision. The Committee is looking at the Board's ability to have discretion over school curricula for credentialing purposes. Review of the .0300 rules will begin at the next scheduled meeting. The Committee will continue to research the Peer Support Credential with other ICRC boards. Additionally, the Committee will continue to consider adoption of a Peer Support credential. Lidia announced the results from the March exam: 186 Counselors tested. 74 took CSAC exam; 68% passed. 90 took LCAS exam; 60% passed. 16 of 18 counselors passed the CCS exam. One person took and passed the CCJP exam.

Lidia cited that the Board does not have specific authority to approve schools and their curricula. A work force will meet immediately following the Board meeting to draft language that would give the Board authority to do this. Thus far, Lidia, Tony Beatty, Worth Bolton and Nora Noel have volunteered to work on the drafting of this language.

Nominations and Elections Report by Worth Bolton:

Worth reported that further information needs to be provided to scholarship recipients as confusion remains over costs covered by the Board scholarships. This year's annual training event will be held at the Ramada Inn in Burlington. He is still seeking presenters. He cited the need to have presenters able to meet the demands of the new education requirements (smoking cessation, older adults, veterans, etc.)

Anna reported the election results: Worth Bolton will serve another term as a South Central Region representative. Also, Flay Lee will serve another term in the At-Large seat while Lidia Bly-Herman will represent the Eastern region for one more term. Jessica Holton, Nora Noel, Lynn Inman and Lynn Jones

have agreed to serve another term as Board appointees/deemed status representatives. The NAADAC Deemed Status seat is still being negotiating by APNC.

Quality Assurance Committee Report by Tony Beatty (in Mark Crabtree's absence):

Twelve applications were reviewed by the Committee. Many of them included questions about online universities, clinical applications and the like. Two requests for extensions were received and granted.

Legislative Update by Randolph Cloud:

Randolph presented information on the budget battle that is currently underway in Raleigh and the potential for the Governor to veto the budget. No matter the outcome, the budget produced will have many cuts to the services provided by the NCSAPPB. Drug Courts and sentencing services were eliminated in this budget.

The NCSAPPB remains on the Governor's list of boards and commissions for review. The General Assembly has submitted a bill to end several boards including the Substance Abuse Advisory Commission. A second legislative session will begin in midsummer to discuss redistricting. There is potential for a third session to deal with constitutional amendments.

There is a bill that could decrease the number of LME's to just 12. This is according to Health and Human Services.

Motion: Adjourn the Board meeting.

Motion made by Cheryl Gentile/Seconded by Bert Bennett.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Barden Culbreth.