

MINUTES
NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2012

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

Board Members Absent: Phil Mooring.

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

Flay Lee called the Board meeting to order.

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

Motion to approve the September 7, 2012 meeting minutes approved without objection.

President's Report Given by Flay Lee:

Flay reported that he has asked Barden to develop a Facebook page for the Board. This page will be another tool used to disseminate important information to the field. The Board office will have ultimate oversight in the administration of this page, policing all posts.

He stated that he would like to spearhead the creation of a Prevention Specialist task force. He believes that, with this credential on the decline, a task force is needed to address the studded growth of the credential and foster the value of marketability of the CSAPC credential.

Executive Director's Report by Anna Misenheimer:

Anna gave an overview of this year's training event that occurred on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. She received more encouraging comments than she recalls following past training events. Counselors seemed very appreciative of the free training and thanked the staff and Board for the opportunity. Anna heard great remarks about all of the trainings, but the sessions led by our Board members (Joe, Jessica and Cheryl) received the most positive feedback. The only complaint she received was that one professional felt that it was a disservice not to offer clinical supervision specific training.

Anna extended a special thanks to Worth Bolton for scheduling the presenters and corresponding with them, making sure that the rooms were set up according to presenters' needs with all handout and A/V needs met and to Dale Willetts for driving LCD projectors to Raleigh on Tuesday for the Board's use.

Phil Mooring could not attend this meeting as he is in Havana, Cuba on behalf of NAADAC for the purpose of researching addiction and mental illness in Cuba. There are 30 delegates that made the trip this past Sunday to return home today. Phil has asked for time at the March Board meeting to share his experience with us all.

It is a requirement that each NC occupational licensing board file an annual report by October 31st of each year with the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Office of State Budget and Management and the Joint Legislative Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee. Anna submitted the report on behalf of the Board on October 23rd.

In the Board correspondence folder, the 2013 NCSAPPB meeting dates are printed on a sheet. Please make a note of these dates, along with the dates of August 6th and 7th which are the dates for the 2013 Summer School in Wilmington.

The Fall 2012 newsletter is at the mailing house and is going out in the mail on Monday. It has already been uploaded on the Board's website, if Board members would like to take a look at it. A printed copy is also being circulated in the Board correspondence folder.

Treasurer's Report Given by David Turpin:

Motion to approve the financial statements for the months of July, August and September approved without objection.

Deemed Status Reports:

Nora Noel (APA) shared information about upcoming CE credits being made available by NCPA in February and April.

Executive Committee (and Finance Committee) Report Given by Helen Wolstenholme:

Several topics of discussion in the Executive Committee meeting fueled the Committee's desire to create an Ad Hoc Special Events Planning Committee to be spearheaded by Mr. Worth Bolton. These events include the Board meeting that would coincide with the IC&RC's meeting in Charlotte in October and a potential Strategic Planning Retreat to be scheduled this year. This Committee would be tied to the Finance Committee because the events in question would have a financial impact.

Helen said that a survey will be distributed to find out which topics should be the focus of a Strategic Planning Retreat.

The Committee has had recent correspondence with the Division regarding some questions that had arisen concerning the LCAS's scope of practice. Bert Bennett and Ann Christian assisted Anna and the Board staff in issuing a statement to key contacts at the Division and DMA to clarify this scope. This statement was read to the Board members. The Board members discussed ways in which to best disseminate information to them when such policy statements are made by the Board/Board office.

Ethics Committee Report Given by Bert Bennett:

Bert reported that there are 45 open cases. 15 cases have been closed since September, while 18 have been opened since that time. 1/3 are related to relapse while another 1/3 are related to billing issues. Dual relationships comprised 20% of the cases opened since September. In two of these three new cases opened, it involved unethical behavior by a LCAS/CCS.

Standards Committee Report Given by Lidia Bly-Herman:

Lidia stated that the Committee discussed the three hours of ethics training requirement for registration. As this is stated as a requirement in the Board's statute, the Committee asked the Board office to amend the application checklists to reflect this prerequisite for registration. She announced that Worth Bolton, Wrenn Rivenbark and Danny Graves volunteered to assist the Board office by giving them links to publish for ethics trainings for dissemination.

Rule .0209 is undergoing further review.

The Committee did review two applications for Criteria C status. Neither of these school programs provided adequate information to grant them this status at this time.

Quality Assurance Committee Report Given by Tony Beatty:

Tony reported that the Committee has asked the Board office to begin mailing out renewal reminders via postcards. This will begin in sync with the July 1st renewals. This postcard will contain a statement that one should not practice with an expired credential.

The Committee would like to see a credential issue date reflect any lapses in one's active, current status on his/her credential. Ann Christian stated that she will need to closely review language in the Board's administrative rules and report back to the Board regarding whether or not this is feasible.

Nominations and Elections Report Given by Worth Bolton:

Worth said that a noteworthy number of counselors that registered for the Annual Training did not attend which resulted in others not being able to attend desired tracks and unnecessary copies being produced of the training materials. This issue is being referred to the Finance Committee for further review.

There were no applications received for the McLeod Institute scholarship.

Legislative Update Given by Randolph Cloud:

Randolph Cloud reported that the new legislature would have 50+ freshman and sophomore members. This presents both opportunities and challenges.

He presented a number of issues that would be before the new legislature: tax report, school vouchers, Healthcare Reform implementation, etc. The Governor-elect's transition team has begun meeting with many department members and heads.

New/Unfinished Business:

Flay Lee gave a report on the ongoing involvement of NCSAPPB Board members in IC&RC. Danny currently serves as Chair of the Clinical Supervision Committee. Flay is co-Chairing the ADC credential item writing while David Turpin was recently reappointed as the organization's Secretary.

Motion: The meeting be adjourned.

Motion made by Bert Wood/Seconded by Lynn Inman.

With no objections, the meeting ended.