

MINUTES
NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013

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

Board Members Absent: Phil Mooring, Karen McDonald, Al Greene and Mary Jane McGill.

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

Flay Lee called the Board meeting to order. Flay recognized Nelson Mandela as someone that has done so much for all of those present in reaction to Mandela's death yesterday.

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

The first order of business was approval of the October 2013 Board meeting minutes. Anna and Ann explained some amendments made to the minutes.

Motion: Approve the October 10, 2013 meeting minutes.

Motion made by Bert Bennett/ Seconded by Nora Noel.

The motion carried.

President's Report given by Flay Lee:

Flay thanked everyone for their attendance at the IC&RC meeting in Charlotte. IC&RC is still talking about how wonderful it was to meet actual Board members. Danny spoke to the musicians who provided the entertainment and they were so glad to see support for those in recovery. Flay discussed Martha Alexander's presentation at the beginning of the meeting.

He thanked the members of the Standards Committee that have been participating in the site visits. The Education Ad Hoc Committee has been given a charge to look at the LCAS scope of practice. Tony will discuss this during his Quality Assurance Committee report. The Strategic Plan will be shared with all Board members within the next week.

Flay thanked everyone for the support during this transitional time in his life with the passing of his aunt/mother.

Executive Director's Report given by Anna Misenheimer:

Anna explained the reasons for several Board members' absences at the meeting.

She discussed the new credentialing software. Anna was instructed to publicize the new procedure for making application and accessing one's credentialing profile in a Board Buzz. The requirements that one possess an active email address and access to a scanner should also be communicated.

The NCSAPPB Annual Training is tentatively scheduled for March 5th and 6th here at the Doubletree hotel. Anna was able to avoid excessive fees for cancelling this week's scheduled training by

rescheduling it for March. The Board will meet on the Thursday and Friday following training. Given the postponement of the training, the Board has been asked to submit for NBCC approval. The training agenda and vitas will need to be submitted very soon if NCSAPPB desires this approval.

Treasurer's Report given by David Turpin:

The reports for this fiscal year's first quarter were distributed via email.

Legal Update given by Ann Christian:

Ann reported that a review of all administrative rules will begin soon. Sometime between June and October, there will be site visits to various boards and commissions. North Carolina has more licensure boards than most states. This review will be part of the process in deciding whether or not some of these boards can be consolidated. Ann said that the level of scrutiny by legislators of state occupational licensure boards is high.

Ann reminded the Board members of the Open Meetings Law, the Administrative Procedures Act and the Public Records Law as required by General Statute 93B-5.

Legislative Update given by Randolph Cloud:

Randolph has felt that his office/the NCSAPPB office setting is inadequate. As such, he found a new office and the office just moved this week. He then echoed what Ann Christian reported: There is an intense desire by some members of the General Assembly to get rid of occupational credentialing boards. Randolph attended the Medicaid Reform Advisory meeting yesterday. A report will be forthcoming in March and will contribute to the way health care delivery occurs in NC.

Deemed Status Organization Reports

Joe Fortin (**NBCC**) stated that NBCC support programs are moving towards CCREP status.

Cheryl Gentile (**CRC-MAC**) was absent at this point of the meeting.

Jane Peck (**ANCB**) said that IntNSA had their annual conference in October. The NC Chapter was awarded Chapter of the Year. This chapter will be applying for accreditation for its exam in 2014. The next meeting of the NC Chapter will occur on January 11th.

Nora Noel (**APA**) stated that the NC Psychological Board held their undergrad conference at NC Central University. Over 160 potential graduates were in attendance. Rich Ogle will do an all-day training on Motivational Interviewing on January 11th at UNCW's campus. There was an article in a recent American Psychology journal regarding the effects of video gaming on socialization and violence. The research findings are contrary to what most would think. More than 70% of gamers play with other individuals which contradicts the normal stigma that gamers are loners.

Mary Jane McGill (**NAADAC**) was absent from the meeting.

Jessica Holton (**NASW**) reported that they will be meeting tomorrow and again on January 25th. The Ethics Committee will be meeting next on March 7th. There is a place on NC Social Workers' website about impairment. Jessica has had a conversation with APNC, Kathy Boyd and Joe Jordan about this issue and will begin meeting regularly to discuss this issue. Helen asked Jessica if she could serve as a NCSAPPB representative.

Executive Committee Report given by Helen Wolstenholme:

The Strategic Plan report has been received by the Board office and the Committee. It will be sent to all Board members for comment. There were 5 primary goals identified in the report: 1) collaboration; 2) branding; and 3) staff efficiency. Helen asked for feedback via Anna for the Executive Committee. She would like feedback within a month (Jan. 10th). These comments will come back to the Committee, at which time the Committee will make work assignments.

Finance Committee Report given by Helen Wolstenholme:

The Board's Annual Training event will be held here in March in an effort to avoid excessive cancellation charges for cancelling the training in conjunction with this meeting. Boyle CPA has been identified as an accounting firm that could assist the Board with our monthly accounting needs.

Motion: Hire Boyle CPA accounting firm to assist the Board with its accounting.

Motion made by Helen Wolstenholme/Seconded by Bert Wood.

The motion carried.

Ethics Committee Report given by Lynn Inman:

Lynn reported that the Committee had a lengthy and lively discussion about self-reporting last night surrounding the requirement that six months must lapse beginning from the date in which one is discharged from a facility/program before his/her credential can be considered for reinstatement. Some counselors are reporting a relapse some time after recovery has occurred. The Committee is striving to be notified at an earlier stage as it works to enforce the six month suspension of a credential before time has lapsed and one is technically no longer impaired. Ann has been asked to draft a rule to encompass the Committee's wishes. Wrenn said that this fits in nicely with Jessica's comments regarding the need for an impairment program.

Standards Committee Report given by Lidia Bly-Herman:

The Committee is going to begin to look at the reason for recent decline in the test passage rates. Office staff has been asked to pull files and collect data of counselors who failed an exam within this past year. Lidia shared statistics regarding Q1 test results. A link for ethics training will be ready for advertisement on the Board's website in the coming months.

Quality Assurance Committee Report given by Tony Beatty:

William Faulkner is now Chair of APNC's Best Practices Committee. Tony said that there were no files to review last night. Several Committee members did meet with an applicant early October who wishes to apply for the CCS credential. He was grandparented into the LCAS license, but he could not provide documentation to support required criteria to be eligible for the CCS. The Committee is going to begin to work to update the Credentialing Procedures Manual.

Education Ad Hoc Committee Report given by Tony Beatty:

Tony stated that the Committee is going to be looking closely at the LCAS scope of practice. This Committee wishes to further define what the course of action will be on its conference call on Monday at 9am. Bert Wood and Al Greene have been asked by Flay to join this Committee.

Nominations and Elections Committee Report given by Worth Bolton:

Ms. Galina Olivera-Celdran is the recipient of this year's McLeod Institute scholarship. Worth felt it was smart to cancel the Board's Annual Training event instead of offering anything that was not professional. Worth will give Anna the training agenda by mid-January.

There was no new business to discuss.

Motion: The Board meeting be adjourned.

Motion made by Bert Wood/Seconded by Lynn Inman.

The meeting was adjourned.