

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2010

Attendance: Lynn Inman, Tony Beatty, Lynn Jones, Joseph Adedokun, Worth Bolton, Tom Miller, Joe Fortin, Michael Herring, Al Greene, Randy Thornton, Cheryl Gentile, Wrenn Rivenbark, Lidia Bly-Herman, Nora Noel, Flay Lee, Danny Graves, Bert Bennet, David Turpin, Jessica Holton, Clyde Ebron, Helen Wolstenholme, Richard Henderson.

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

President Danny Graves opened meeting and called for approval of March 2010 Board meeting minutes.

Motion: Approve March 2010 Board meeting minutes.

Motion made by Al Greene/Seconded by Michael Herring.

Motion carried with amendments to be made (UNCW's psychology program will be differentiated from UNCW's Social Work program and the spelling of Lynn Inman's last name will be corrected).

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

Ann reviewed the following rules:

.0204 There are revisions of the most recent revisions. Correct spelling of "Clinical" in title. Second page: reminder that underline indicates new language, strike through indicates the old language. Subdivision (f) line 9. "Certification" will be changed to "Credentialing" process. Standards committee recommends "years" be changed to "hours" in lines 11-15 to reflect the same ratio throughout the process. In lines 11 and 13, "practicum" is to be changed to "practice". This rule reflects a tier system for CSAC supervision.

The 0600 rules will require more work. Ethics has scheduled special meeting.

.0208: Strike (d) limitation. Should be opened up to the list of topics stated in rule .0205(2)(e)(i)-(v).

0205 (e)(i) Discussion concerning Dependence and Prevention. Both aspects will be included in trainings, hours accepted.

.0209 Reciprocity. This rule needs to be revisited by the full Board.

0217: OK

0225: OK

0226: OK

There were two provisions from the Standards Committee. One of these concerned the definition of "supervised practice" found in rule .0101. The Standards Committee recommends 50% of this supervision may be given via telecommunication, in real time.

Several Board members voiced disagreement with this provision.

**Motion: Allow up to 50% of clinical supervision to be given/received via telecommunication.
Motion made by Michael Herring/Seconded by Tom Miller.
16 Board members in favor; 4 opposed. The motion carried.**

The second issue raised by the Standards Committee was in regards to LCAS-Criteria C issue. In (g), for Rule 21 NCAC 68 .0214, "curricula" in second paragraph will be changed to "curriculum".

**Motion: Approve these rules with noted corrections made.
Motion made by Worth Bolton/Seconded by Clyde Ebron.
The motion passed.**

President's report by Danny Graves:

Conferences are going well. Questions have reached a level where most have to do with substantial issues.

Executive Director's report by Anna Misenheimer:

The Annual Board meeting will be held during the Summer School in Wilmington. Anna circulated a sheet for members to request lodging for that Board meeting. The Board member Appreciation Dinner will be on Tuesday, July 27th and Wednesday, July 28th will be the Annual Board meeting. Executive Committee had discussed options for Board meeting time while at the Summer School. We will invite someone from the Division to speak about the changing substance abuse services landscape. Written tests are usually administered at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. The September test will take place at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill. A Board Buzz, the summer newsletter and letters mailed to those scheduled to test will indicate this location change. The Board's Annual training event will be held in Durham on December 8th and 9th. The auditorium accommodates up to 150 people and there will be two additional rooms available.

Treasurer's report by David Turpin:

The Board's net income is currently \$35,000. We are on target for this fiscal year. Board reviewed proposed FY 2010-2011 budget.

**Motion to approve February, March and April financial reports and the FY 2010-2011 budget.
Motion made by Tony Beatty/Seconded by Joe Fortin.
Motion passed.**

Deemed Status Reports

Joseph Adedokun (NAADAC): September is Recovery Month. NAADAC is sending out information. NAADAC awarded a grant to Mississippi. We (NC) will apply for the grant next year. Wrenn Rivenbark said APNC is trying to give awards for Recovery Month. APNC will award \$4,000 in grant money this year--\$1,000 to each region.

Jessica Holton (NASW): NASW recently had elections. Jessica was elected to represent the Coastal District. NASW's Executive Director would like to highlight substance abuse and encourage LCSW's to become dually licensed. Their annual Clinical Institute will be held in Wilmington.

Joe Fortin (NBCC): 10 scholarships were awarded. 5 were awarded for rural areas and 6 were awarded for military services. They were \$2,000 scholarships.

Cheryl Gentile (CRCC): Reports that there are 12 Rehab Counselors in the State.

Nora Noel (APA): NCPA has been encouraging that the \$40 million in budget cuts come back into the budget again. UNCW's PhD program has moved ahead and is currently planning the curriculum.

Executive Committee report by Flay Lee: Executive Committee has met twice since last Board meeting. Attendance has been good. Committee Chairs are encouraged to meet between Board meetings. Three motions came to the full Board from the Committee:

1. From Danny Graves, President. Rules to be placed on password protected page of the website. Additions will be highlighted in red. Members to read before Board meeting and communications can be made by email. This should facilitate discussions during the full Board meeting.
2. From Al Greene. Disciplinary hearings will be scheduled at start of Board meeting whenever possible. Informal meetings will still be held on Thursday.
3. From Bert Bennett. Letter drafted to LME's, organizations, etc. regarding registration requirements. Some changes to be made before the letter is distributed.

Electronic testing status: IC&RC voted to retain SMT as testing company. This allows the Board to move forward with plans to offer computer based testing. Five sites are currently available (one in Rocky Mount, Cary and Boone and two in Charlotte).

A motion was made that computerized testing will be offered beginning in March 2011.

Bert Bennett made the motion/Motion seconded by Lynn Inman.

Motion approved.

A motion was made and approved about a year ago to increase the testing fee from \$125 to \$175 for computer based testing. The time frame for testing is about 1-2 weeks for applicant to schedule and take the test. The March 2011 dates will be March 14th-26th. Results may be available when the applicant finishes the test, but will not be immediately available if a new cut score is being determined.

Business Operations report by Tom Miller: An orientation CD is being made and will be ready by September. Newly appointed and elected Board members will be shown the CD so they will have knowledge of committees' purpose and usual business. Jessica Holton said there is confusion amongst credentialed social workers regarding our Criteria D. The Board agreed that clarification is needed in the form of a letter to the NASW Board regarding the written test requirement in order for one to make application under this criteria.

Ethics Committee report by Bert Bennett: The Committee has finished rule revisions, but is reviewing them once again. Ethics Committee currently has 16 open cases. 5 have been closed

since last Board meeting (2 cases have failed to respond, 1 case involved confidentiality, 1 concerned a DWI provider and one complaint was closed after the Committee used a sting operation to verify that a provider was not actually providing services as claimed). It had been requested that if credential is suspended, the Board provide a notice on license verification webpage. Barden has set up a code that indicates disciplinary action with instructions to contact the Board. Today's hearing is the first step in the Committee's attempt to handle an ethics complaint against a non-responsive Respondent. When mail concerning the ethics complaint is returned undeliverable, and after Bert and Ann unsuccessfully attempt to contact the Respondent, a full Board hearing is held. The Respondent will be disciplined on grounds of not updating the Board office with contact information. Doing so will cause the Respondent's credential to be suspended for a period, after which time, the counselor would have to address the ethical complaint before his/her credential is reinstated.

Nominations and Elections Committee report by Worth Bolton: Board elections were held. Al Greene was reelected to serve the North Central position. Dale Willetts was elected for At-large position. He is a CCJP credentialing advocate. Officers' positions that will be chosen at the Annual Board meeting include the Secretary and President offices. Danny Graves offered to serve another term as Board President. After Michael Herring's recommendation and the Executive Committee's approval, Lidia Bly-Herman will serve as Standards Chair rather than as Secretary. Jessica Holton agreed to serve as Secretary following the Board's meeting in July. The December training event was discussed. Worth asked for clarification concerning the other six hours in various topics as stated in the revised rules. The applicant or credentialed person can have some hours in more than one of the topics listed.

Quality Assurance report by Al Greene: Most of the cases coming to the Quality Assurance committee concern master's degree programs that do not meet the LCAS requirements. It has been the Board's intent that the holder of the LCAS be able to work with co-morbid populations. A clinical internship is needed for the academic program to be used for the LCAS credential. Michael Herring added that even a voluntary internship does not count if it is done post-graduate program.

Standards Committee report by Michael Herring: It was decided that for those applicants who are registering while "off paper", but still are within the required waiting period, they can not go further than registration status until the waiting period has passed. UNCW's MSW program will receive stern letter to quit misleading students on website. The website is misleading in that it implies that only a 300 hour practicum is needed for students completing the UNCW Social Work Graduate program in order to apply and qualify for the LCAS under Criteria C. Michael Herring shared that he has enjoyed his seven years on the Board and thanks everyone for their support. He will miss the people and relationships. Danny Graves thanks Michael and acknowledges how much has moved forward in the seven years of his service. Michael reported on March's exam scores. CSAC—44 took the exam, 32 passed (76% passage rate).

LCAS—80 took the exam, 47 passed (59% passed). This is higher than the International passage rate.

CCS—11 took exam, all passed (100% passage rate).

CSAPC—4 took the exam, 3 passed (75% passed).

Board office report: Randolph Cloud reported on the ABC Board revisions as there had been talk of privatization. It now appears that the plan has been dropped and changes will consist of proper operation of current structure. The process is underway for allowing LCAS's to provide services for commitment process. The 5 LCAS's performed better than others already qualified during the study. Legislature's recommendation is to extend that qualification across the state. Leadership changes are taking place in DHHS and Division of MH/DD/SAS. Lisa Wainwright is retiring, John Tote was appointed to take over, but stepped aside. These changes will tie into the landscape of substance abuse going forward. New SAMSHA director had wanted to collapse block grant into behavioral health. It is believed that that process has been abandoned and block grant will remain. The budget development process is underway to reconcile the Senate and House versions of the budget. Optimistically, the budget may be in place around mid-July. There are good and bad things in the budget. These are tough times, but budget cuts are usually toughest on Health and Human Services. There may be changes to provider rates. Included in the anticipated Medicaid dollars include monies in the budget which are predicated on \$500 million of stimulus monies. Worth reported that at last week's meeting, SAMSHA Director and Assistant Director recommended that NC become a model state for expanding Tricare providers due to our LCAS and dually licensed professionals. That would include State operated facilities. This is a credit to our Board and credentialing process. The meeting broke for lunch before continuing with two full Board ethics hearings.

Minutes taken by Lidia Bly-Herman.