

MINUTES
NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD
FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2014

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

Board Members Absent: Carol Hoffman, Mary Jane McGill, Phil Mooring and Bert Wood.

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

Guests in Attendance: Kathy Boyd, Jack Register and Robin Huffman.

Flay Lee called the Board meeting to order. Flay asked all guests to sign the sign-in sheet that Matt Musselwhite has.

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 April 22nd teleconference call meeting minutes.

Motion: Approve the April 22, 2014 meeting minutes.

Motion made by Al Greene/ Seconded by Clyde Ebron.

The motion carried.

President's Report given by Flay Lee:

Flay Lee said that Board members gathered in Greensboro for the last Board meeting, but the meeting had to be cancelled due to the winter weather. Flay asked the Committee members to keep the Board's Strategic Plan in mind. Flay mentioned formulating an Advisory Board to keep some sort of continuity during this time of turnover on the Board in the next two election cycles.

Executive Director's Report given by Anna Misenheimer:

Anna stated that there are several items to note in the Correspondence folder that is circulating:

- 1) Minutes from the IC&RC Spring Meeting are available. There are several fee increases mentioned in these;
- 2) A copy of NCSAPPB's letter of support for NCSU Department of Social Work grant proposal submission to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The proposed work would develop and expand SA and MH workforce targeting children, adolescents and transitional-age youth who are at risk or who have developed a recognized behavioral health disorder;
- 3) An announcement that Prevention practice exams are now available via the IC&RC. This exam mimics the computer based testing platform. The cost of these is \$49; and
- 4) There is a picture of the newest member of the NCSAPPB family!

She circulated a sign-up sheet for overnight accommodations in conjunction with the Board's Annual meeting in Wilmington. The Board's mini-track will be presented on Tuesday, July 29th at 8am this year.

The annual Board Member appreciation dinner will take place that evening. Then, the Board will meet at 10am on Wednesday, July 30th on UNCW's campus. Ann Christian plans to present her training on Open Meetings Law, etc, as required per G.S. 93B-5 at the Summer School in lieu of having a guest speaker.

Anna reported that she received a great response to her call for ADC Item Writers. 17 counselors expressed an interest in this opportunity and the IC&RC selected NC's Ms. Kristen Fajardo to participate. The Board is still undergoing the audit by the State Auditor's office. The preliminary findings were supposed to be reported to the Executive Committee on June 24th, but the Auditor's office cancelled this meeting as they do not feel they will be prepared to share their findings by that date. Anna said that she will keep Board members posted on the progress of this as she learns more.

Treasurer's Report given by David Turpin:

David announced that the reports for this fiscal year's third quarter were distributed via email.

Motion: Approve the Q3 financial reports as presented.

Motion made by Worth Bolton/Seconded by Tony Beatty.

The motion passed.

Anna then presented the FY 2012-2013 audit.

Motion: Approve the FY 2012-2013 audit as presented.

Motion made by David Turpin/Seconded by Lidia Bly-Herman.

The motion carried.

Deemed Status Organization Reports

Joe Fortin (**NBCC**) reported on NBCC advocacy efforts. SAMHSA is presently awarding fellowship grants to minorities. Additionally, Joe said that news coming from NBCC is that any legal arrests should be reported to them within 60 days.

Cheryl Gentile (**CRC-MAC**) stated that the number holds strong at 43 CRC MAC's in the state.

Jane Peck (**ANCB**) said that IntNSA is preparing for its annual conference in early October. Jane submitted an abstract that was accepted for this conference. It is about shared medical appointments. The local chapter is having its annual meeting a week from tomorrow.

Nora Noel (**APA**) stated that NCPA had a Board meeting and shared the need for substance abuse topics for psychologists' trainings. Nora agreed to provide 6 hours of training given this need. This year, Nora invited everyone to come and view her lab while in Wilmington for the NCSAPPB Annual meeting. Nora asked that any interested Board member to please contact her.

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

Jessica Holton (**NASW**) reported that there was a meeting on May 31st. The Clinical Supervision Conference is scheduled for next week. NASW-NC puts on this training at least once a year. The Annual Retreat will occur at the end of July. Jessica announced that her term as President ends this year.

Executive Committee Report given by Helen Wolstenholme:

Helen reported that the Committee met this morning. The Finance Committee did not meet last night as many of the Committee members were busy counting ballots. There is one recommendation coming from the Committee today.

Motion: The Executive Committee moves that, if a hearing is requested of the Board by two parties (Craven and Earnhardt), then these cases shall be referred directly to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for a hearing.

Danny seconded this recommendation.

The motion carried.

Finance Committee Report given by Helen Wolstenholme:

There was nothing to report.

Ethics Committee Report given by Lynn Inman:

Lynn reported that the Committee is still considering the impairment rule.

Standards Committee Report given by Lidia Bly-Herman:

The Committee discussed the 5 year registration period. The Committee wants to require some training or some sort of accountability for moving forward with the application process via a rule. Anna has been asked to distribute a Board Buzz concerning how an applicant can access supervision contracts for proof for DMV Evaluations, etc. Per G.S. 93B-15.1, the General Assembly has mandated that Boards allow for licensure by endorsement based on military service. Ann Christian has looked at the way in which a variety of Boards have complied with this rule. The NC Dental Board has imposed a 1500 hour requirement and the Committee has asked Ann to mirror this requirement in NCSAPPB's proposed rule.

Motion: Ann Christian to draft a Rule patterned after the Rule adopted by the NC Dental Board awarding a credential by reciprocity based on military service or status as a military spouse, and in particular, including language imposing a 1500 hour per year minimum necessary to fulfill the specific requirement of engaging in active practice of the military occupational specialty of a substance abuse professional.

Motion made by Al Greene/Seconded by David Turpin.

The motion carried.

Question raised and discussion of the need for additional information regarding the above motion.

Motion: Reconsider the previous vote by which the Board moved for Ann Christian to draft the above-described Rule (to rescind this motion).

Motion made by Karen McDonald/Seconded by Dale Willetts.

The motion passed. Without objection, this matter was re-referred to the Standards Committee.

Lidia reported that Anna and Nora will continue to research NC's testing results as they compare with the International results. Also, all Criteria C site visits have been completed. Everyone "passed".

Lidia shared the results of the second and third quarter testing:

Q2—63 people took the CSAC exam (27 passed, 36 failed); 92 candidates took the LCAS exam (45 passed, 47 failed); 10 counselors took the CCS exam (9 passed, 1 failed); and, 1 person took the CCJP exam. That person failed the exam.

Q3—52 counselors took the CSAC exam (24 passed, 28 failed); 97 people took the LCAS exam (43 passed, 54 failed); 16 candidates took the CCS exam (15 passed, 1 failed); and 5 people took the CSAPC exam. They all passed!

Nominations and Elections Committee Report given by Worth Bolton:

Worth announced that 321 people voted correctly while 8 voted incorrectly. Dr. Geri Miller was elected to serve in the At-Large seat while Ms. Laura Veach will serve in the North Central region.

This filled the concern that the Standards Committee had about having Criteria C representation on the Board. The slate for President and Secretary is now being considered, so Worth asked Board members to submit nominations to Anna or him.

Quality Assurance Committee Report given by Tony Beatty:

Tony reported that a LCAS applicant submitted volunteer work that they completed to support their notion that a clinical internship was completed as part of master's degree program. This is the case that may potentially go before OAH. Additionally, a counselor submitted a request that time spent doing research for a book on addiction be counted as educational hours to fulfill her credential renewal requirements. The Committee denied this request per our administrative rules. A "reasonable accommodations" request was received by a counselor that wants special consideration for meeting renewal requirements. The counselor is a cancer patient in remission and wishes to obtain all hours via at-home study. This request was also denied. The Committee hopes to present a first draft of the Procedures Manual revision by the December Board meeting.

Legislative Update Given by Randolph Cloud:

Randolph stated that there is a general trend to reduce government regulation and oversight and this has an impact on NCSAPPB, as we have seen evidenced throughout the course of the Board's audit by the State Auditor's office. Some challenges that the Board will likely face is in regards to our Ethics Committee's process. Flay, Helen and Lynn Inman were all interviewed by the auditors.

The House voted this morning to approve their budget. Beginning early next week, the House and Senate will get together to try and address their differences in the budget.

Unfinished Business

Discussion was then had on the proposed White Paper and the LCAS scope of practice. Guests were given an opportunity to speak following Board members' comments.

Motion: Postpone the release of the White Paper to allow for further study.

Motion made by Al Greene/Seconded by Joe Fortin.

Motion: To amend the above motion to add at the end of the sentence "and to engage other associations to learn what actions they are taking to consider their scopes of practice as well as to learn how their credentialed professionals are trained specifically in substance abuse topics".

Motion made by Wrenn Rivenbark and accepted by Al Greene and Joe Fortin.

The motion carried.

Wrenn Rivenbark stated that he is happy to take this to APNC for their general knowledge and to engage them in this conversation.

There was no new business to discuss.

Motion: The Board meeting be adjourned.

Motion made by Worth Bolton/Seconded by Lynn Inman.

The meeting was adjourned.