

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2006

Attendance: Glenn Rohrer, president, Michael Herring, David Turpin, Flay Lee, Bert Bennett, Iris Shafer, Geri Miller, JoAnn Hummer, Danny Graves, Adrian McCoy, Worth Bolton, Al Greene, Tim Hall, Leslie McCrory, Randy Thornton, Carol-Ann Tucker, Deborah Bryan, Kimberly Anthony-Byng, Helen Wolstenholme, Joe Jordan, Nora Noel, Dewayne Book, Bart Grimes

Guests: Tony Porrett, Virginia Price

Staff: Ann Christian, Jim Scarborough

Absent: Lidia Bly-Herman, Margaret Graves, Virginia Mills

The meeting was called to order by Glenn Rohrer, president. A presentation was made to Glenn Rohrer, who is leaving the board and the state, and to Joe Jordan, who just finished his PhD.

Glenn then introduced Virginia Price from the Department of Correction.

Glenn distributed to the board the correspondence from the previous three months.

Glenn then brought up an item not on the agenda. In light of passing of the state lottery bill last year, there is much discussion of the need for a gambling or impulse control addiction credential or specialty. The Business Operations Committee will look at the feasibility of this. Joe Jordan, as chair of the Business Operations Committee, will be initially responsible. An ad hoc committee is going to be appointed.

Also a possible board retreat in the fall after the new board is seated to look at this and other issues for the next five years. Other issues are to consider how to get persons outside the board to be involved. Worth Bolton suggested that Smith Worth from the Division of MH/DD/SAS be asked to join the board's process in looking at this issue of process addictions since she is so involved in this for the state office. Worth agreed to convene this meeting. JoAnn said she would consider this. David Turpin agreed to serve as did Iris Shafer and Flay Lee.

Al Greene noted that there is likely a more clearly defined body of knowledge for gambling addiction than for other compulsion addictions.

Jim made a few comments about grandparenting issues. Virginia Price also commented and noted that their issue now is about getting supervision for staff. Those persons who have gotten their credentials are getting a five percent pay

increase when the certificates are received. This represents the increase of a full pay grade for persons who have obtained the credential.

Danny Graves then made a presentation from the Nominating and Elections Committee. From the ballot, these people were elected:

**Al Greene – North Central Region
Michael Herring – At-Large Seat
Tommy Smith – Western Region**

Danny then announced that the Nominating and Elections Committee is recommending to the Board that Kevin Connolley of Wilmington be appointed to fill the unexpired board term of Glenn Rohrer, who is leaving. Kevin was unanimously elected. He takes the seat immediately. Kevin is the head of the US Probation Office in Wilmington, NC.

Danny then requested that the board vote to confirm the election of the three persons on the ballot. The vote was unanimous.

David Turpin then made a presentation. Carol-Ann Tucker is being recommended to complete the unexpired term of Glenn Rohrer as President. Al Greene moved and Worth Bolton seconded approval by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously. This transfer will take place at the end of today's meeting.

David then recommended that Dewayne Book be elected by the board to complete the unexpired vice presidential term (north central region) of Joe Jordan who rotates off the board in August. The motion passed unanimously. Dewayne will assume that office at the September board meeting.

Then the board moved to committee reports.

Flay presented from the Executive Committee. JoAnn Hummers is rotating off the board this August as well. She represents the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification's Master Addiction Counselor credential. The CRCC no longer provides the CRC-MAC to new applicants but allows persons already holding the credential to maintain it. The question arises as to whether or not the CRCC seat on our board should be maintained. The Executive Committee believes that the CRCC seat on the board should be maintained for at least two more terms and then the board should look again at that seat.

Flay then said that, with the further development of the database for workforce development issues, that a policy be created to determine how people get access to the information in the database. This will be tasked to the Business Operations Committee.

Flay announced that he has been asked by IC&RC to sit on a disaster relief committee to look at how to mobilize substance abuse professionals in the event of a disaster like Hurricane Katrina. Flay has asked President Tucker to sit on this

committee that includes Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina (coastal states).

Joe Jordan then presented other items from the Business Operations Committee. One such item is to create an NCSAPPB Advisory Board composed of former members and potential board members who might wish to be involved in the work of the board.

David Turpin then presented the draft of the board's budget for FY 2006-2007. After some discussion, David recommended the budget to the board for a vote. The board unanimously adopted the budget for 2006-2007.

Helen then gave a report from the Ethics Committee. Helen noted that she rotates off the board next year. Bert Bennett is going to begin the mentoring process to take over as chair of the Ethics Committee when she rotates off the board next year.

The question arose about whether or not ethics complaints are anonymous. If an ethics complaint goes to hearing, it cannot be anonymous. There was discussion about putting into place an investigatory process for Standards which would include practicing without a license. Jim and Ann Christian had given the Standards Committee a proposal on how to pursue persons reported to the board as practicing without a credential with this board or another occupational licensing board.

JoAnn Hummers then presented from the Quality Assurance Committee. Three requests for an extension were given approval.

Glenn then noted that the board had not approved the minutes from the March 2006 meeting. Worth moved and Adrian seconded approval of the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Herring then gave the report from the Standards Committee. The committee had reviewed the proposed policy on investigations of persons practicing without a credential. This policy comes forward now as a recommendation of the Standards Committee. The vote to implement passed unanimously.

There was also discussion about the practice supervision requirements for CCJPs and CSACs and discussion about the board's need to more clearly define for itself the human services degree.

Tony Porrett then presented the report from the CPMs yesterday. There were quite a number of new evaluators yesterday who were evaluating for the first time. 39 applicants were tested:

CSAC's: 10 passed, 4 failed

LCAS's: 16 passed, 9 failed

There were 5 cancellations and 1 no show. 67% passing rate overall. Jim will order CPM evaluator certificates from IC&RC for those who passed in January. Tony also suggested that some type of ongoing communication just with the evaluators be maintained. The motion from the committee to approve certification/licensure for those who passed the test was approved unanimously by the board.

There was discussion about whether or not students should be registered with the board if they are working under the umbrella of the school program. After much discussion, this was returned to the Standards Committee.

Glenn made a few comments. He thanked the board for being part of the board and for his time as President.

Carol-Ann Tucker made comments as the new President of the Board. She presented Glenn with a plaque as outgoing President.

Dewayne Book volunteered to take the lead on the Peer Assistance initiative. Leslie McCrory, Joe Jordan and Bert Bennett volunteered to help.

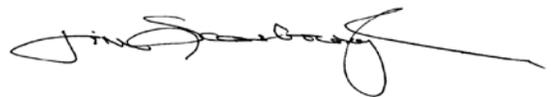
Jim gave information about the Annual Board Meeting in Wilmington. The board will be staying again at the Wilmington Hilton. The board dinner will be at the home and Jane Albers, former board member, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2006. The board meeting on Wednesday, August 2, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in a room at UNC-W yet to be determined. Jim will let everyone know when he hears.

There were no reports from Deemed Status organizations.

Flay gave a brief update on the IC&RC – NAADAC merger talks.

Worth moved and Michael Herring seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Scarborough", written over a horizontal line.

**Jim Scarborough, M.Div.
Executive Director**