

MINUTES

NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION BOARD

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2004

Attendance: Bart Grimes, Deborah Bryan, Michael Furey, Michael Ross, Joe Jordan, Geri Miller, Connie Mele, Carol-Ann Tucker, Helen Wolstenholme, Leslie McCrory, Michael Herring, Wilmina Rosario, Danny Graves, Tim Hall, JoAnn Hummers, David Abernethy, Kim Byng (Thursday only), Tony Porrett, Ann Christian, Jim Scarborough

Absent: David Turpin, Al Greene, Glenn Rohrer, Carolyn Marlowe, John Nutt, Dewayne Book, Worth Bolton, Janice Petersen

The meeting was called to order by Bart Grimes, president. After welcoming the Board members, he asked for a motion on the minutes from the December 2003 meeting. Deborah moved and Tim seconded a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Ann Christian then read the Ethic Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement. No one noted any conflicts of interest.

Next was the President's Report. He said there are several pressing issues for today that would come before the board today. He did note that, yesterday, the Legislative Oversight Committee on DWI Offenders is recommending that all persons who perform DWI Assessments must be certified by this Board and that the fee for an individual assessment be raised to \$100.00. There will be a phasing in period for persons who are not certified to get certified.

Bart called attention to the article in the most recent issue of *Counselor* magazine on the need for Prevention Certification written by Jim Scarborough and Angie Wainwright of the IC&RC/AODA office.

Bart then turned the floor over to Tim Hall and Ann Christian to discuss the changes made in the draft of the proposed legislation on licensure. If the Board votes to approve today, the draft along with a cover letter will be sent out to the Deemed Status organizations and other interested parties/groups for their comments and recommendations.

Discussion items:

1. Comments about the need to expand the base of clinical supervisors. Tim moved and Michael Furey seconded a motion that 6A on page two should

include “and is supervised by a CCAS” at the end of the sentence. The motion passed 10-3.

2. Scope of Practice (page two).
3. Attorney’s fees (page six) will be struck.
4. Helen raised the issue of “impairment” and what that means. “A suspension resulting from relapse shall be imposed for at least six months beginning from the date of release from a residential substance abuse treatment program or other appropriate treatment determined as a result of an assessment by a Board-approved assessor” is the language Ann drafted for consideration. After discussion, Carol-Ann moved adoption of the language with a second by Michael Furey. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Jim and Ann will work on the wording for Criteria A on page 11 regarding how 180 hours of training may be obtained.
6. Helen explained the ethics changes on page 17 and 18.
7. Carol-Ann asked for a definition of “moral turpitude.”

With the discussion completed, Tim moved and Danny Graves seconded approval of the draft as presented and amended today. The motion passed unanimously.

Geri thanked Ann for her hard work in translating the language from therapeutic into legal. Bart thanked the entire committee for its hard work in getting this done.

Tim did note that the Business Operations Committee is looking at the composition of the Board and a recommendation may come back to the Board later.

JoAnn then gave a report from the Criminal Justice Task Force. There was much discussion about the need for adding this credential and what/who it encompasses. After much discussion, Michael moved that the Board move forward at the earliest possible time on adding the Criminal Justice Addiction Professional credential to the Board’s statute. Wilmina and JoAnn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Bart asked that all of the board remember Al Greene, who is having surgery today for glaucoma.

Bart then said he would like to reconstitute the Criminal Justice Task Force in light of the vote passed before the Board broke for lunch. Danny, Michael Furey, and Michael Herring agreed to work with JoAnn (as chair) on this work. The group will meet at Bart’s office on Thursday, March 25, 2004 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Jim then gave the Executive Director's report.

There were no reports from the Deemed Status organizations.

Michael Furey then gave the Executive Committee report. The one item from that Committee is that a motion made in Executive is that the Board will move back to Wilmington for the Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Summer School.

Michael Ross gave the report from Business Operations in the absence of David Turpin. Open Forums need to be held at the various larger alcohol and drug schools across the state to discuss licensure. Geri asked for an outline of bullets for discussion.

Ann informed the Board that the Attorney General's office has requested a letter from the Board, if the Board so desires, that a bill be sent to the legislature requesting the criminal background checks for all licensing boards that want it.

Michael Ross moved and Michael Furey seconded including language in the Criminal Justice bill this summer to add the DOT SAP exam. The motion passed unanimously.

Ann asked that the issue regarding attorney fees be included in the bill this summer too. Michael Furey moved and Tim seconded that. It passed unanimously.

Connie gave the Treasurer's Report.

Helen then gave the Ethics Committee report.

Danny Graves gave the Nominating and Elections Committee report. Deborah Bryan has agreed to complete Wilmina's unexpired term as Secretary and David Turpin will complete Connie Mele's unexpired term as Treasurer.

JoAnn gave the QA Committee report. They had two issues. One is from an applicant whose supervisor died. A letter will be sent asking for specific items. The other is from a counselor who has relapsed and is seeking information on his renewal. Jim will write a letter to the counselor requesting specific information on this.

Geri gave the report for the Standards Committee in the absence of Janice.

Tony Porrett gave the CPM Subcommittee report. There were 9 CSAC's who passed and 5 failed; for the CCAS, there were 10 that passed and 3 that failed. Tony said that he is looking at ways to inform the evaluators about the results after each round of orals. Michael Ross moved and Michael Herring seconded a motion

to approve certification for those who passed the exam yesterday. The motion passed unanimously.

Bart thanked the Board members for their hard work today through several difficult issues. The next Board meeting is set for June 10-11, 2004.

Connie reminded Bart about getting the Peer Assistance Program up and running. Dewayne Book and Joe Jordan had already volunteered. Connie and Leslie McCrory will also be part of that Task Force.

Wilmina, Leslie and Geri will attend the Women's Conference on behalf of the Board.

Carol-Ann moved adjournment. Danny Graves seconded the motion. It 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**