

**MINUTES**  
**NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012**

Attendance: Bert Bennett, Jessica Holton, Worth Bolton, Lidia Bly-Herman, Mark Crabtree, Clyde Ebron, Joe Fortin, Danny Graves, Al Greene, Jessica Holton, Lynn Inman, Flay Lee, Karen McDonald, Mary Jane McGill, Phil Mooring, Nora Noel, Jane Peck, Wrenn Rivenbark, David Turpin, Dale Willetts, Helen Wolstenholme, Bert Wood, .

Board Members Absent: Tony Beatty, Dottie Saxon-Greene, Karen McDonald.

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

Guests Present: Tim McKay.

Danny Graves called the Board meeting to order.

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

The first order of business was to approve the December 2011 Board meeting minutes.

**Motion: Approve the December 9, 2011 meeting minutes with revisions to the attendance list.**

**Motion made by Flay Lee/ Seconded by Bert Wood.**

**The motion carried.**

Danny then circulated the Board's correspondence. Bert Wood thanked the Board members for their well wishes following his rotator cuff surgery.

**President's Report by Danny Graves:**

Danny stated that he is always amazed at the amount of work that gets taken care of on the Thursday evenings previous to the full Board meeting and in between meetings. He reported that the Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee is concluding their work on the bylaws revisions. A finished product will be made available before the next Board meeting, with a Board vote occurring at the June Board meeting. Mark Crabtree and Bert Bennett will present at the Spring APNC Conference. Lynn Inman and Danny Graves will present at the Al Greene Institute. IC&RC requested the Board members' support in signing a petition against recent action taken by BCBS-FL. Danny reported that this Board cannot sign the petition since we are not an advocacy organization, but encouraged individualized support by Board members.

**Legislative Update by Randolph Cloud:**

Randolph reported that there is a lot happening in state government. The Governor has decided not to seek re-election. This has had a ripple effect. We will see how this plays out. The State legislature is working on redistricting. There are two or three legal cases currently underway to challenge these redistricting lines in NC. Regardless of how these suits are resolved, it would not impact the leadership positions within NC. Randolph predicts a turnover rate after this year's elections of roughly 30-35%.

There are eight elected and/or appointed seats that are open this upcoming election cycle. It is incumbent on each Board member to reach out, do his/her homework and get to know the offices that

elected you. Ann will speak in more detail about the rules process, which is extremely cumbersome. Ann and Bert recently spent a day in a day-long meeting concerning rules. It is becoming increasingly difficult for Boards and other governmental organizations to make policy changes. Every Board needs both statutory and rule authority for the actions that it takes. The General Assembly will convene mid-May. This is the "short session", but will be mainly focused on budget adjustments. The economic picture has improved somewhat. Unemployment numbers just came out and the rate has remained the same although roughly 20-some thousand jobs have been added. Lastly, Lanier Cansler resigned as the Secretary of DHHS.

In line with Randolph's remarks, Bert recommended that all Board members get to know his/her MCO as they will become the vendors for Medicaid. After one year, it is not automatic that one will be included on their panels. You must advocate for your value as a substance abuse professional!

Wrenn discussed the changes that are forthcoming in the Department of Justice. The Department is consolidating and will be housed within the Department of Public Safety.

**Executive Director's Report by Anna Misenheimer:**

Anna announced that the dates for this year's Annual Board meeting in conjunction with the NC Summer School are July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board meeting will be held on that Wednesday. Anna asked for volunteers to present at the mini-track about credentialing. Mark Crabtree agreed to facilitate this event again this year and Joe and Danny agreed to help with this task. It is highly recommended that all new Board members attend this training.

Anna explained the two greeting cards being circulated: one is for Dottie Greene and one is for Tony Beatty as they both recover from surgery/treatment. She asked that each Board member sign the cards.

Barden then unveiled the new \*updated\* website of which he is the webmaster. The Board members were pleased with the new, modern look and ease of navigation and made some recommendations.

**Treasurer's Report by David Turpin:**

The reports for this fiscal year's second quarter were distributed via email. There were two entries out of ordinary for the month of December: Legal Fee Reimbursement income and expenses for the new, updated website.

**Motion: Approve the Financial Reports for the months of October, November and December and the audit for FY 2009-2010.**

**Motion made by Worth Bolton/Seconded by Bert Wood.**

**The motion passed.**

***Deemed Status Organization Reports***

Jessica Holton (**NASW**) announced that March is Social Workers' Month. Jessica is President-Elect of the NC Chapter of NASW and she and Kathy Boyd will be traveling to DC soon to prepare for her term as President. Her term begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>. A Supervision Conference will be held in Winston-Salem in May while the Clinical Institute is scheduled for July.

Joe Fortin (**NBCC**) said that master's level counselors can now seek reimbursement for their services via Tricare. The North Carolina National Guard recently got approval for a grant to receive monies for substance abuse services.

Cheryl Gentile (**CRC-MAC**) stated that PARC's Conference is next weekend in Atlantic Beach. Cheryl was re-elected as the PARC Treasurer.

Jane Peck (**ANCB**) falls under the International Nurses Society on Addictions' umbrella. Their Annual Conference will be in Washington, DC in September. The NC Chapter is meeting this upcoming weekend. The Chapter tried putting together a nursing track for the Winter School, but not enough counselors registered for the track and it was cancelled. They will try again for this year's Summer School.

Nora Noel (**APA**) announced that a NC Chapter conference is scheduled for April 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> in Charlotte. There will be three opportunities to get ethics training at this conference. There will be an all-day ethics conference on June 9<sup>th</sup> in Chapel Hill.

Mary Jane McGill (**NAADAC**) went to South Carolina to help re-write the MAC exam questions. NAADAC is awaiting information on the DSM-V guidelines and will re-write their exam questions to correspond with this information. New exam questions have to go through three committees prior to approval.

#### **Executive Committee Report by Flay Lee:**

The Committee met last Friday via teleconference call. As a quorum was not present, the Committee's meeting this morning was a continuation of last week's call. The Finance Committee presented a final draft of their bylaw language to the Bylaws Revision Subcommittee. Until the Finance Committee is formally named a committee of the Board in the bylaws, it will act as an ad-hoc committee.

#### **IC&RC Update by Flay Lee:**

The IC&RC Spring meeting is scheduled for May 1-4<sup>th</sup> in San Diego. This is the first meeting in which Phyllis Gardner will be serving as President. Flay and the other NC delegates are lobbying for the IC&RC to host their Fall 2013 meeting in Charlotte.

#### **Ethics Committee Report by Bert Bennett:**

Bert reported that there are currently 29 open cases. 8 cases have been closed and none have been opened since the last Board meeting. Competency and working outside of one's scope of practice have been recurring issues. The Committee is currently working to define impairment. If there is impairment, there is a six month wait period before one would be eligible to begin practicing again. Questions that the Committee is asking includes: Does impairment involves mental capabilities and what happens if a relapse does not cause impairment. A letter was received regarding liability that a supervisor would have for a supervisee. The Committee is currently working to draft a response to this inquiry as well as reviewing the .0509 rule. In rule .0509, the Committee would like to include language that would prohibit a substance abuse professional to enter into a client/professional relationship with not only member's of one's immediate family, but, also, members of clients' families.

#### **Standards Committee Report by Lidia Bly-Herman:**

The Committee has identified Nora Noel to be their official minute taker. Western Carolina University submitted a proposal for Criteria C status for their clinical counseling program. This was approved. Rule .0305 and .0306 rules have been revised. These will be presented to the full Board with a batch of all

rule revisions in the near future. Rule .0214 is going to be reviewed by the Committee very closely, so a subcommittee has been identified to work on this rule. This Committee will consist of Nora Noel, Lidia Bly-Herman, Helen Wolstenholme, Worth Bolton and Mark Crabtree. The Committee will begin meeting early on Thursdays prior to the Board meeting, around 2 or 3pm.

**Nominations and Elections Committee Report by Worth Bolton:**

Scholarship requests were reviewed. Patricia Kennedy will receive the NC Summer School scholarship, Lucinda Victors was chosen to receive the Addiction Conference scholarship and the Al Greene Institute scholarship will be given to Rodney Chapman. Worth named the folks whose seats are up for election this year. All are eligible for re-election. Additionally, four appointed seats will open during this election.

**Quality Assurance Committee Report by Mark Crabtree:**

Jessica Holton and Mary Jane McGill met with Matt Musselwhite and Danny Graves to review renewal extension requests. Tony Beatty wrote an excellent educational piece on timely renewals for Board distribution. This will soon be posted in a Board Buzz. Mark will work with Ann Christian and the Board staff to update language found in the Procedures Manual that outlines the renewal process and what is acceptable. Statutory language exists that allows the Board to collect a late renewal fee, but there is no language in our administrative code regarding this. The Committee is discussing this issue.

**With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn.**

**Motion: The Board meeting is to adjourn.**

**Motion made by Al Greene/Seconded by Clyde Ebron.**

**The meeting was adjourned.**