

Attendance: Danny Graves, Chair
Lidia Bly-Herman, Secretary
David Turpin, Treasurer

Board Attorney: E. Ann Christian

Board Members: Lynn Inman, Bert Bennett, Joe Fortin, Tony Beatty, Adrian McCoy, Richard Henderson, Clyde Ebron, Cheryl Gentile, Helen Wolstenholme, Worth Bolton, Joseph Adedokun, Jessica Holton, Al Greene, Mark Crabtree, Dottie Saxon Greene, Wrenn Rivenbark, Michael Herring, Tom Miller, Nora Noel, Lynn B Jones, and Flay Lee

Staff: Barden Culbreth, Associate Director
Matt Musselwhite, Staff
Paola Learoyd, Staff
Randolph Cloud

NCSAPPB
December 12, 2009

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:

Ann read the ethics awareness statement and asked if there were any conflicts present to the board. Hearing none, she proceeded to present a training to the board in accordance with H.B. 221. (Include list from bill) Those in attendance were: David Turpin, Lynn Inman, Bert Bennett, Joe Fortin, Tony Beatty, Adrian McCoy, Richard Henderson, Clyde Ebron, Cheryl Gentile, Helen Wolstenholme, Worth Bolton, Joseph Adedokun, Jessica Holton, Al Greene, Mark Crabtree, Dottie Saxon Greene, Lidia Bly-Herman, Wrenn Rivenbark, Michael Herring, Tom Miller, Nora Noel, Lynn B Jones, Flay Lee, and Danny Graves.

Ann provided introduction to the purpose of the law establishing the North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board and the role of the board among professionals and the public.

Ann then presented the Rules change for the Reciprocity rule (21 NCAC 68 .0209).

Michael Herring addressed some of the concerns behind the ethics change.

Danny recognized that Randy Thornton was not in attendance due to health issues and asked that all members keep him their thoughts and prayers.

Chairman's Report:

- 1) Randolph, Flo, and Danny met and discussed workforce development in the state and the NCSAPPB's role in its promotion.
- 2) The Strategic Planning Meeting was discussed but put off for the near future due to potential changes in Health and Human Services. It was agreed that after these implementations are made that a session would be held afterwards.
- 3) DMV Evaluation training will be held on Saturday and Danny addressed the change in responsibility of this training from that of the NCSAPPB to the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.
- 4) The "Meeting of the Professionals" Training event held on Wednesday. Danny cited the goal of expanding this training to an annual event and covering tracking and all credentials. Special thanks and recognition was given to Mr. Tony Porrett for arranging the Wake Tech West Campus to host the "Meeting."

Treasurers Report:

Randolph Cloud congratulated David Turpin's appointment to the Mental Health Commission by the Speaker of the House.

David Turpin spoke about the Mental Health Commission and the role of it in the state. He also cited the absence of credentialed addictions professionals in the definitions portion of the literature of the commission and his new position could be an important step to bringing awareness of addictions to the commission.

David Turpin submitted the August, September, October financial statements to the board for approval. Hearing no questions, he then asked for a motion to approve the submitted financials. Michael Herring motioned for approval, Cheryl seconded, then the financial were approved.

Executive Director's Report:

With Anna Misenheimer's absence, Associate Director Barden Culbreth provided the Executive Director's Report. He reminded board members of the annual required Statement of Economic Interest to be completed and submitted to the State Ethics Commission. Recognizing that many had already completed theirs for the New Year, there were some who had not.

The March 2010 Board meeting would be moved to the downtown Marriott in Greensboro due to the NCAA Basketball tournament that will be occurring that week.

Barden cited the amazing growth of the field in the last year.

He then reported that additional staff had been employed for this session's professional examination to accommodate the needs of ADA applicants.

Deemed Status Reports:

Joseph Adedokun (NAADAC)-- Reported that NAADAC will be providing more training in order to meet the need of the growing field.

Jessica Holton (NASW)-- Jessica spoke about the NASW committee to handle the ATOD and issues the committee is considering, including specifically for the hearing disabled. Locally, the North Carolina NASW is focusing on public education. Jessica also spoke to the classes at ECU regarding the NCSAPPB process.

Joe Fortin (NBCC) spoke about an online journal being developed for earning CEU's.

Cheryl Gentile (CRC MAC's) wished the NCSAPPB "Happy Holidays" from the CRC's.

Adrian McCoy(Nurses Addictions Certification) None to share.

Nora Noel (APA) expressed thanks to Wrenn for his part in including 4 UNCW graduates in the APNC conference. She spoke to the APA's role on parity legislation. She cited an experiment on caffeine and alcohol consumption. She also reported on the NCPA's recent workshop featuring a national speaker.

Danny reported on new supervision requirements from the LPC board.

Standards Committee:

Michael Herring reported that the deemed status letters were approved. He also reported that letters were to be drafted to persons requesting hearing might want to wait until after the new rules go into effect.

He also reported on the need to contact UNCW College of Social Work in regard to some clarification on their criteria C catalogue.

Michael reported on the testing results from the September test.

Michael reported on the Charlotte Provider Council submitting a letter to the committee.

Executive Committee:

Flay Lee reported on the two conference calls held in between the last two quarterly meetings.

He also reported that the EC meeting would now be held at 8 o'clock in order to handle the amount of business now handled at the board.

Business Ops:

Tom Miller reported on the orientation package issued for all incoming board meetings. He spoke to the addition of the mandatory ethics training, as well as the chairs of the committees providing a presentation to the new board members. He also spoke to the implications for persons who miss the required trainings, such as the board training Ann offered previously in the meeting.

Tom spoke for the role of committees to inviting new members where needed and the opportunity of committee members to change committees and the process involved therein.

Tom then asked the board office to issue surveys that the board would issue to members for response on business operations of the NCSAPPB.

Ethics Committee:

Bert Bennett reported that there are 24 cases currently open. Three hearings were held at this meeting to which one person showed. The other two would be called before the board in the next meeting for potential action.

Bert reported that the committee was looking at closed cases and decisions that would guide the process of the committee.

He reported that exploitation was still the dominant issue of ethics cases, as well as supervision violations and relapse.

Bert reported that persons calling into the board who are merely making allegations are not following the proper procedure to file a complaint. He asked the board to take up this question. Tom and Danny both recommended that the board examine other IC&RC boards and other similar credentialing bodies in the state.

He also reported on the Rules Review Meeting on Thursday, Dec 18 at 10 o'clock.

Danny noted that additional language should be included in the newsletter and the Board Buzz in regards on how to file an ethical complaint.

Nominations Committee:

Worth presented two scholarship applications that would be reviewed by committee.

Quality Assurance Committee:

AI reported that the committee did a longer than usual review of applicants' transcripts in regards to qualifying as a clinical degree and/or internship. AI reported that one suggestion was including forms that would specifically define what a human services master's degree with a clinical internship would be.

AI reported that many applicants before the committee had received a master's in Adult Education, and frequently this is not apply for an LCAS.

He also reported that the internship should have a minimum of 600 hours in order to be accepted for the LCAS application.

AI then motioned that the board unanimously send Anna their best wishes. Tom Miller seconded and it unanimously carried.

Legislative Update:

Randolph recognized Matt and Paola in their attendance at the meeting. Randolph then spoke to CABHA implementation and its history and purpose and implications for the substance abuse community. He said that it should be the concern of all SA counselors and board members.

Adjournment:

AI Greene motioned to adjourn, Tom Miller seconded, and the meeting ended.