

## MINUTES

### NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2008

Attendance: Carol-Ann Tucker, President, Flay Lee, Lynn Inman, Adrian McCoy, Mark Crabtree, Danny Graves, Lynn Jones, Richard Henderson, Al Greene, Worth Bolton, Nora Noel, Cheryl Gentile, Lidia Bly-Herman, Jessica Holton, Joseph Adedokun, Clyde Ebron, Michael Herring, Tommy Smith, Kevin Connolley, Tom Miller, Joe Fortin, Bert Bennett, Barden Culbreth, Randolph Cloud, Paola Ribadeneira, David Turpin, .

Board Staff: Ann Christian, Randolph Cloud, Barden Culbreth, Anna Misenheimer, Paola Ribadeneira.

Visitors: Carol McClelland, Tony Porrett, Wrenn Rivenbark.

Carol-Ann Tucker, President, welcomed everyone to the Board meeting and called the meeting to order.

**Motion: Approve the March 2008 Board meeting minutes.**

**Motion made by Flay Lee/Seconded by Clyde Ebron. Motion approved.**

E. Ann Christian presented the Ethic Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement. No Board member indicated a conflict with the meeting agenda.

#### **President's Report**

Carol-Ann said that the meeting today is probably the most important meeting since the 2005 passage of the Practice Act. She informed the Board members that Anna will share details about the Annual meeting plans in the Executive Director's report. A sign-up sheet is circulating on which one can indicate his/her reservation requests for the Annual Board meeting.

#### **Executive Director's Report**

Anna stated that she received a good response to the request for LCAS's willing to participate in the First Commitment Waiver study. The individuals that will participate in the study are Kim Hutchinson, Sharon Sigmon, Sandra Layton, Pamela Moye and William Vaughn. Anna encouraged Board members who might know these LCAS's to thank them for their participation and to inquire about the study as they are representing not only LCAS's, but the Board as well.

Anna said that the Board's Annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am on UNC-Wilmington's campus. The Board dinner will take place at The Pilot House on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

She also reported that the IC&RC has decided to issue International certificates to all IC&RC-reciprocal level counselors. This service will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Anna then thanked Danny Graves and Flay Lee for representing the Board at the Women's Conference.

### **CPM Report**

Carol-Ann pointed out that Tony Porrett and Carol McClelland are in attendance as today is Tony's last meeting serving as Chair of the CPM Committee.

Tony reported that Carol McClelland did a fantastic job of supervising the CPMs on Wednesday and Thursday. There were a number of CPM Evaluators that did not show without notifying the Board office that they would not be in attendance. Tony said that Carol did a great job of filing these vacancies. 28 LCAS's took the oral exam on Wednesday and Thursday: 17 passed and 11 failed. 25 CSAC's took the examination: 18 passed and 7 failed.

Carol-Ann presented Tony with a plaque of appreciation for his years of service as Chair of the CPM Committee. She stated that Carol McClelland is here today as it was expected that she would officially resume Tony's role as Chair of the CPM Committee. However, due to the legislation that will be discussed later, the Board will postpone action for today.

### **Report from Board Attorney**

Ann Christian discussed the proposed legislation. Ann briefly explained the new language and proposed changes to the Board's statute.

Randolph thanked Ann and Anna for their help in drafting this legislation. Senator Martin Nesbitt was the Senate sponsor of the Practice Act in 2005. The House companion bill was sponsored by Representative Martha Alexander. Senate Bill 2117 has already cleared the Senate Health Care Committee. The bill is scheduled to be discussed in the Senate Finance Committee this upcoming Tuesday. Randolph explained that the legislation had to be introduced before receiving the full Board's approval due to the time constraints of this short legislative session. The short session began at the end of May and Randolph expects the session to end by the Fourth of July. Senator Marc Basnight has stated that he will shut down the Senate operations the week after next. Senator Joe Hackney has not put a timeframe on when he will stop legislation from being introduced in the House.

## **CPM Task Force Report**

Al Greene feels that the IC&RC acted in haste in moving away from the CPM as the new CSAC and LCAS examination with the competency-based questions will be administered tomorrow. The Task Force met in April. They felt that they did not have any other option than to eliminate the oral exam as a credentialing standard. The Executive Committee has already voted to accept the Task Force's decision to eliminate the oral examination.

Al stated that these competency-based examination questions will be in a multiple choice format on the CSAC and LCAS written exams. It is even more important now than before for one's clinical supervisor to adequately supervise and prepare counselors for this component of the written exam.

Worth Bolton recommended that an article about the IC&RC's decision to eliminate the oral examination be included in the Board's next newsletter.

The Board members asked Anna to contact the IC&RC to learn if a counselor must take the new examination in order to receive credentialing at the reciprocal level. Anna will report her findings to the Board members.

Randolph explained the process should the Board wish to amend the proposed legislation. A bill substitute would be introduced in the Senate Finance Committee. Should this occur, there is a chance that the legislation would not clear both chambers in a timely fashion.

**Motion: Approve the proposed legislation.**

**Motion made by Al Greene/Seconded by Kevin Connolley. Motion carried.**

Randolph addressed another issue: amending the DWI Statute using the NCSAPPB proposed legislation as a vehicle. Randolph asked Lynn to explain the legislation that involves the DWI Statute.

Lynn explained that the Board's Practice Act and the DWI Amendments that increased the standards for DWI Assessments and ADETS training were both approved in 2005. Lynn has originally requested that the Board's legislation allow CCJP's as well as Provisional LCAS's to conduct DWI Assessments and provide ADETS instruction. As the bill was introduced and approved by the Senate Health Committee, the legislation only included the Provisional LCAS's. Al Greene stated that the Executive Committee discussed the original legislation and did not feel as though CCJP's should be included as appropriate providers of these services. The Executive Committee did not believe that a CCJP should be included in the legislation as CSAC Registrants and Interns are not included.

Wrenn Rivenbark stated that he is confident that APNC would not support this legislation. Wrenn said that Board members should contact Michael Glass to discuss

APNC's concerns with this legislation. Randolph thanked Wrenn for his feedback on behalf of APNC. Randolph stated that he, Lynn and Anna had a lengthy discussion with Representative Martha Alexander about the DWI provisions of this bill and that she was supportive of the language.

### **Business Operations Committee**

Tom Miller said that Committee Chairs will not have to prepare separate, individual budgets for the Committee's approval. Also, a banner and an easel have been purchased for Board members' use (at conferences, etc.). The deadline for Policies and Procedures Manual drafts to the Committee is September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Treasurers' Report**

David Turpin presented the February, March and April financial reports as well as the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

**Motion: Approve the financial statements.**

**Motion made by Bert Bennett/Seconded by Michael Herring. Motion carried.**

### **Ethics Committee**

Bert reported that there are 16 active Ethics cases; 8 of these have been opened since January. He and the Committee have enlisted the assistance of the Prevention subcommittee to draft a Prevention Specific Code of Ethics. The Committee plans to meet on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss this code of ethics. The Committee is also working on its draft of the Policies and Procedures Manual. This manual will reflect the committee's decision to discuss Consent Orders via conference call to include members in the handling of the cases.

### **Nomination and Elections Committee**

Danny reported the election results: Clyde Ebron was re-elected to serve in the North Central region; Mark Crabtree was re-elected to serve the South Central Region; Dottie Saxon Greene was elected to serve the Western Region; and Wrenn Rivenbark was elected to serve in the At-large seat.

### **Officers' Nomination Committee**

Carol-Ann selected the Quality Assurance Committee to serve in this capacity. Mark Crabtree announced that Lidia Bly-Herman is recommended to serve as Secretary while Danny Graves is recommended to serve as the Board's President. The floor was open to other nominations. No other nominations were given.

**Motion: Close the floor for receiving nominations.**

**Motion made by Al Greene/Seconded by Kevin Connolley. Motion approved.**

Carol-Ann stated that the slate of officers will be mailed out on Monday and Board members will be given 30 days to reply.

### **Quality Assurance Committee**

Carol-Ann said that any ideas or discussion concerning the Board's offices should be directed to this committee.

### **Executive Committee report**

Flay explained that the Board officers as well as the Chairperson of each committee and the Executive Director comprise this Committee. Flay said the committee has been having regularly scheduled conference calls. He acknowledged Tom Miller as Chair of the Business Operations Committee. The next Executive Committee conference call is scheduled for 11am on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Standards Committee**

Michael Herring stated that the committee reviewed and discussed a Training Approval Request last evening that will require further consideration.

### **Deemed Status Reports**

Adrian McCoy (**ANCB**) stated that the Board is undergoing role delineation study. Connie Mele says hello.

Nora Noel (**APA**) reported that Sally Cameron is supportive of more counselors getting licensed to work in the substance abuse field.

Cheryl Gentile (**CRCC**) said that there are only 12 counselors with this license in NC. There are no status updates on this credential.

Jessica Holton (**NASW**) echoed Anna's earlier comments regarding the First Commitment Waiver Study. NASW is also focused on educating the public about the social work credential and is looking to amend one of their titles from "Provisional" to "Associate".

Joseph Adedokun (**NAADAC**) stated that their annual conference will take place in Kansas City this August. Everyone is invited to attend!

Kevin Connolley thanked everyone for allowing him to serve on the Board as his term ends this year.

Joe Fortin (**NBCC**) reported that his Board is training mental health professionals to facilitate debriefings in various countries of need of crisis counseling.

### **General Announcements**

Barden stated that he has enjoyed compiling the Board Buzz. He will report on the number of Board Buzz counselor reviews at the Annual meeting. Worth said that the Board Buzz was a successful tool in locating counselors for the ASI training.

**Motion: The meeting be adjourned.**

**Motion made by Flay Lee/Seconded by Lynn Jones. Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted by Anna Misenheimer. Reviewed by Lidia Bly-Herman.

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