

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

**NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE
BOARD**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2006

Attendance: Carol-Ann Tucker, president, Flay Lee, Lidia Bly-Herman, Joe Jordan, Dewayne Book, Bert Bennett, David Turpin, Kimberly Anthony-Byng, Kevin Connolley, Leslie McCrory, Nora Noel, Iris Shafer, Al Greene, Deborah Bryan, JoAnn Hummers (Tuesday only), Geri Miller (Tuesday only), Michael Herring (Tuesday only), Worth Bolton (Tuesday only), Bart Grimes

Absent: Margaret Graves, Helen Wolstenholme, Randy Thornton, Danny Graves, Tim Hall, Adrian McCoy

Staff: Randolph E. Cloud, E. Ann Christian, Jim Scarborough

Special Guest: Flo Stein

The meeting was called to order by Carol-Ann Tucker, president. After welcoming the members, she asked Ann Christian, legal counsel to the board, to swear in the new board member, Kevin Connolley. Kevin made a few comments thanking the board for the opportunity to serve. He was chosen by the board to complete the unexpired term of Glenn Rohrer, who resigned from the board at the June meeting.

Carol-Ann amended the agenda to allow Jim to present to the board on behalf of Danny Graves, who is on vacation this week. The board has a vacancy due to the resignation of Virginia Mills, who moved to Mexico. The nominees are Scott Mims, Laura Veach, Ellen Elliott and Eugene "Clyde" Ebron. Board members made comments about the nominees. Nora moved and Leslie seconded a motion to take action on the nominee today. The motion carried. After some discussion, Clyde Ebron was elected to the board. He will be invited to attend the new member orientation in September. Carol-Ann asked for the minutes to reflect that in the future, if there is a vacancy on the board, that it would be of help to have a brief summary for distribution.

Carol-Ann then asked for a motion on the minutes. Joe Jordan moved and Flay seconded approval of the June 2006 minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

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

There was no correspondence from the President today.

Jim then presented some issues regarding CCJP grandparenting issues. There are a number of persons both for the CCJP grandparenting but also who have applied for other credentials who have not submitted documents to the board for deficiencies in applications. The idea would be that everything should be in order by September 22, 2006, one year after the bill was signed.

In the next newsletter there must be a prominent statement regarding illegal practice. Joe moved that on September 22, 2006 the board issue a statement that all persons should make notice of the fact that this is now a practice act and that the board expects that all persons practicing in the profession must be registered, certified or licensed with the board or having made a good faith effort to meet that requirement or else the board will take steps to turn this matter over to the Ethics Committee for further investigation. This motion was seconded by Leslie McCrory. This first letter will be done by regular mail and any follow up letters will be certified mail return receipt requested. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim and Ann will come back to the board with a recommendation in September on how to deal with persons outside the CCJP grandparenting.

After a brief break, Carol-Ann introduced our guest, Flo Stein, chief of Community Policy Development for the Division of MH/DD/SAS. This is Flo's first visit with the board since the practice act passed. She thanked the board for its hard work in getting the bill through the legislature.

Flo shared some statistics from a new report by SAMHSA that is still in draft form. SAMHSA has determined that there is a shortage of every behavioral health care provider group. Flo said that, when she has clearance to release the report, she will make sure the board gets a copy.

In North Carolina, the Commission on MH/DD/SAS is doing a report on workforce. Dr. Marvin Schwartz is chairing that group.

North Carolina is one of the few states where substance abuse professionals may directly enroll in Medicaid. Most states do not have a Medicaid substance abuse reimbursement. Until July 1, 2006 for state only there will be eight codes that will allow CSACs to bill. An option must be made since there is not enough workforce. After a year, it will be reviewed again.

Where do we want to go next? In the LMEs, we want to make sure there are the appropriate, licensed staff.

Carol-Ann thanked Flo for being present today.

Flay then gave a brief report from the Executive Committee. Some of the issues that came before the Executive Committee in the past year are:

- 1. a board retreat to set out a five year plan**
- 2. looking at credentialing for process addictions (i.e. gambling)**
- 3. making the EC function more on policy and less on reporting**
- 4. 30th anniversary of the board in October**

Flay suggested that a Task Force be named to plan something for the 30th anniversary.

Flay also noted that he is up for re-election as Vice President of the IC&RC and he wanted to know if the board would support him in a full term.

David Turpin moved and Kim Byng seconded a motion endorsing Flay for a term as Vice President of the IC&RC. The motion passed unanimously.

Carol-Ann also noted that more action needs to be taken on the Prevention Code of Ethics.

Joe Jordan gave a brief report from the Business Operations Committee. The full end of year financial report is in the agenda today. This is his last meeting.

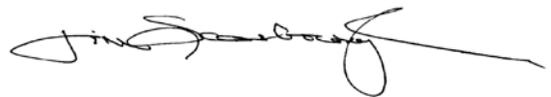
David Turpin and Jim Scarborough gave the Treasurer's Report. Flay moved and Joe seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Helen Wolstenholme was not present to report from the Ethics Committee. Leslie McCrory reported that the Ethics Committee had a teleconference last week to discuss an issue.

Jim reported that Reverend Richard Henderson of Northhampton County was appointed to fill the seat of Geraldine Miller. David Turpin was reappointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Joe Jordan announced that Joe Fortin will be appointed to fill his seat on the Board. Jim Scarborough announced that it appears that the CRCC will appoint Cheryl Gentile to take the seat of JoAnn Hummers.

With no further business, Joe Jordan moved and Flay seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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