

MINUTES
NORTH CAROLINA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE BOARD
FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2012

Attendance: Tony Beatty, Lidia Bly-Herman, Worth Bolton, Mark Crabtree, Clyde Ebron, Joe Fortin, Cheryl Gentile, Danny Graves, Lynn Jones, Flay Lee, Karen McDonald, Mary Jane McGill, Phil Mooring, Nora Noel, Jane Peck, Wrenn Rivenbark, David Turpin, Dale Willetts, Bert Wood.

Board Members Absent: Bert Bennett, Al Greene, Dottie Saxon Greene, Jessica Holton, Lynn Inman, Helen Wolstenholme.

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

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 March 2012 Board meeting minutes.

Motion: Approve the March 9, 2012 meeting minutes.

Motion made by Worth Bolton/ Seconded by Clyde Ebron.

The motion carried.

Nominations and Elections Committee Report by Worth Bolton:

Four Board members, including Worth, counted the ballots. He announced the results: Mike Vannoy will represent the Western Region, Carol Hoffman will represent the South Central Region, Clyde Ebron will represent the North Central Region and Wrenn Rivenbark will represent the At-Large Seat. Two counselors requested consideration for the APNC scholarship. Ms. Garlande Powell was chosen to receive this year's scholarship.

David Turpin then presented the Slate of Officers for this next fiscal year. Flay Lee is on the slate for the office of President and Jessica Holton is on the slate for Secretary. Given the slate, if Flay is elected as President, then a vacancy would be created in the Vice President office. Danny opened the floor for additional recommendations. There were none.

President's Report by Danny Graves:

Danny stated that Mark Crabtree presented at APNC's Spring Conference. There were between 25-30 people at the track. Last week, Lynn Inman and Danny presented at the Al Greene Institute.

Executive Director's Report by Anna Misenheimer:

Anna reminded Board members that the dates for this year's Annual Board meeting in conjunction with the NC Summer School are July 31st and August 1st. The Board meeting will be held on that Wednesday at 10AM. A sheet is being circulated for members to indicate what nights they will need overnight accommodations at the downtown Wilmington Riverside Hilton. Anna asked each member to be sure and complete this sheet.

The Board's fiscal year ends on the last day of this month. As of last Tuesday, Anna received the final draft of the contract for FY 2012-2013. This was a huge relief in that the process of submitting proposals was a bit different this year and with the many, ongoing budget cuts, Anna feels fortunate that this process is almost finalized and behind her for another year.

Bylaws Revisions Report by Danny Graves:

A bylaws subcommittee was chaired by Lynn Inman.

Motion: Approve the bylaw revisions as presented to the Board.

Motion made by Phil Mooring/Seconded by Bert Wood.

The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report by David Turpin:

The reports for this fiscal year's third quarter were distributed via email. There have been some concerns over the Board's legal expenses. For this past quarter, 23% of all expenditures were for legal reimbursement. As a point of reference, Turp reported that the NC Psychology Board spent over \$100,000 on legal fees during this past year.

Motion: Approve the Financial Reports for the months of January, February and March.

Motion made by Tony Beatty /Seconded by Lidia Bly-Herman .

The motion passed.

Motion: Approve the proposed budget for FY 2012-2013.

Motion made by Lidia Bly-Herman/Seconded by Nora Noel.

The Motion carried.

Deemed Status Organization Reports

Joe Fortin (**NBCC**) stated that NBCC has a Foundation in which counselors can make donations. Ten \$3,000 scholarships were awarded this year stemming from these donations in an effort to help workforce development. This Foundation has been looking at the amount of money it costs to complete a master's degree program vs. the starting salary of a LPC.

Cheryl Gentile (**CRC-MAC**) reported that only 37 counselors with this credential exist. The department where Cheryl works recently changed its name to Vidant Health.

Jane Peck (**ANCB**) said that they are trying to increase their number of credentialed addiction nurses. At this year's conference, there will be an actual nursing certification prep track offered.

Nora Noel (**APA**) is looking forward to seeing everyone and having them at the NC Summer School. Her Department is building a bar with one-way glass to be able to study subject in this particular setting. A nationally-known psychologist is presenting a 6-hour workshop on ethics in an electronic era tomorrow in Chapel Hill. APA has continuing education workshops being offered regionally on ethics (and presented by Sally Cameron). Please contact Nora if you are interested in attending one of these.

Danny stated that he, Joe Fortin and Mark Crabtree will be presenting the Board's mini-track at the NC Summer School. Danny invited Board members to attend.

Mary Jane McGill (**NAADAC**) discussed their annual conference to be held in August.

Executive Committee Report by Flay Lee:

The Committee has met twice in the last two weeks. Passage of the bylaws now makes the Finance Committee a fully-functioning Committee of the Board. They will begin officially meeting from this point forward.

Ethics Committee Report by Barden Culbreth:

Helen Wolstenholme has served as Interim Ethics Chair in Bert Bennett's absence. Barden thanked Helen for her hard work during this time. Nine new cases have been opened. Cheryl commented on the informal hearing, in which she participated. She was impressed by the proceeding and thought it was a good representation of the Board. Cheryl felt that the informal hearing was very professional and she appreciated Ann's assistance and liked how she had time to review the case, etc. before the counselor addressed the group.

Danny stated that it is Board members' responsibility as well as counselors' responsibility to make ethical complaints if they learn of unethical behavior by any credentialed counselor.

Standards Committee Report by Lidia Bly-Herman:

There was urgency on behalf of the Board office to distinguish the difference between what school curricula qualifies one for Criteria A as opposed to Criteria C. The Committee began looking at the rule language to determine and decipher the Board's desire for each. In that process, the Committee studied rule .0214. A Curricula Review Subcommittee is mentioned in our rules and this group was named. This subcommittee is comprised of Lidia, Nora, Al, Worth and Phil. The Committee reviewed three school applications for Criteria C status. One was approved while one did not appear to meet criteria and we will request additional information from the third school.

Nora commented that Criteria C status is determined by program and not the university/school.

Lidia announced the third quarter exam results. There was a 68% passage rate on the CSAC exam, a 44% passage rate on the LCAS exam, 83% passed the CCS exam, no one passed the CSAPC exam and no one took the CCJP exam during this time.

Ann said that, in addition to evaluating our workforce via our exam, we are starting to consider the workforce in their educational settings.

Quality Assurance Committee Report by Mark Crabtree:

The Committee reviewed two extension requests. One request was to allow an extension for a credential that lapsed on January 1, 2012. Mark said that, from this point forward, letters will be mailed to counselors requesting an extension stating that once one's credential expires, he/she should not provide services until his/her credential is renewed.

Legislative Update by Randolph Cloud:

Randolph discussed the journey of HB 1081 which would amend all references to a "provisional" in our statute to an "associate". The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) no longer wishes to reimburse any services provided by a provisional licensee.

He discussed the gambling bill that is currently before the legislature. If this bill passes, then there will likely be an increase in the number of folks needing these counseling services. This will be a different population than those NCSAPPB counselors currently and historically have served.

The House has passed their budget, but the Senate's budget has not yet been finalized. There are a couple of concerns around addiction services. The Substance Abuse Federation met yesterday and touched on this. The Federation is currently gaining new members. Tim Hall co-chairs the Federation alongside Phil Mooring. Their terms end soon and Curtis Taylor will serve as the new Chair. Approximately 25-30 people attend these meetings.

As Board members may recall from a previous report, the Governor made a recommendation to reduce the number of boards and commissions. There were originally 300 boards named to be reviewed, but only 50 have been selected thus far for reduction. One of these is the MH/DD/SAS Commission. It has gone from 32 members to 18 members, and, now, is back to 20 members. David Turpin serves on this Commission.

New Business

It was suggested that the Board recognize and honor Mr. John Edwards with the creation of a scholarship or in some other manner.

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

Motion: The Board meeting is to adjourn.

Motion made by Mary Jane McGill/Seconded by Lidia Bly-Herman.

The meeting was adjourned.