

**North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board
September 11, 2015
Durham, NC**

Attendance: Bert Wood, Mary Jane McGill, Laura Veach, Dale Willetts, Dottie Saxon Greene, Mark Crabtree, Kate Gomes, Wrenn Rivenbark, Bert Bennett, Smith Worth, Richard Hicks, Clyde Ebron, Danny Graves, Geri Miller, Steve Sorrells, Joe Leblanc, Jane Peck, Fran Gordon, Carol Hoffman, Tony Beatty, Elizabeth Ramos

Absent: Al Mooney, Cheryl Gentile

Staff: Barden Culbreth, Katie Gillmore, Mary Beth Rapp

Counsel and Consultants: Ann Christian, Randolph Cloud

Public: Flo Stein

Call to Order: Wood called the meeting to order and asked that Christian read the Ethics Awareness Statement. Hearing no conflicts the meeting continued.

Wood asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of those lost on September 11th.

New Board Members: Joe Leblanc was sworn in as Board member.

Approval of the Agenda: Hearing no changes, the agenda was accepted.

Approval of the Minutes: Some spelling corrections were requested. Gordon motioned for approval pending corrections made. Willetts seconded and the minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Beatty reported that the Board had received the YTD budget documents. Wood noted that the Board had also received the monthly FSR's for review. Gordon motioned for approval of the Financial Report. Ebron seconded, and the report was approved.

Legal Update: Christian presented an update on a case at the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Christian reported that two cases were handled or close to resolution involving the clinical application / 300 hour practicum piece.

Christian reported on the cases involving a number of compromised exams that were also before the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Public Comment: The President thanked counsel for the update and asked that the Board introduce themselves to the new Board members and members of the public present. Wood asked Flo Stein to speak to the Board and thanked her for attending the Board meeting.

Government and Policy Update: Cloud spoke on budget negotiations and Medicaid Reform proposals at the North Carolina legislature.

Executive Director Update: Culbreth reported on the work of the Board office during the last quarter.

He reported on upcoming updates in LearningBuilder to add disciplinary components and streamlining the supervision piece.

Gilmore reports on the upcoming IC&RC Conference in October.

Committee Reports:

Standards - Greene reported on the test passing rates for each credential. She reported the committee would be working on Criteria C schools.

Ethics - Crabtree thanked Lynn Inman, former Chairman of Ethics, for his guidance and provided an update on the Committee's work.

Quality Assurance - McGill thanked Hoffman for her work on the Credentials Procedures Manual. McGill recommended to the Board that the new version of the CSAC portion of the manual go on the website. She also recommended to the Board that the version of the Overview of Credentialing go on the website as well. The Board voted unanimously that this go on the website. McGill stated the statute says that test applicants must wait 90 days after they failed the exam. This 90 day window will start from now on.

The Meeting took a recess.

HEARING began at 10:20am

Crabtree recused himself from the Hearing due to his role as Ethics Chair.

Ron Cox, Respondent, is present for the Hearing.

Ann Christian, Board Counsel, and Ron Cox agreed to a motion of Continuance. Wood accepted the motion to Continue.

Hearing Adjourned.

Nominations and Elections Committee- Willetts reported the recommendation of recipient of the NCFADS scholarship, Jessica Tate. Recommendation was accepted.

Willetts reported on the upcoming Annual Training in December.

New Business:

Board Election: Wood reported on Helen Wolstenholme's recent vacancy. Graves nominated David Turpin to fill this seat. Ebron seconded and Turpin was appointed to the board by acclamation.

Appointment of Bylaws Revisions Committee: Willetts motioned, Sorrells seconded for the formation of this committee. Committee was approved. McGill, Beatty, and Willetts requested to be on the committee.

Wood reported on the Officers Nomination and Election Committee for FY15-16. This committee would be responsible for putting up a slate of candidates for President and Secretary. Each Committee is asked to put forward a member to serve on that Committee.

Wood opened the floor for discussion.

Ramos reported on the Face of Addictions Conference in Washington, DC.

Ramos reported that Jim Edmundson would be retiring from NCFADS.

McGill reported that all NAADAC hours were now recognized by NASW.

McGill reported on September being National Recovery Month.

Peck reported on the InstNSA conference in October would be held in Charlotte.

Peck spoke on the Addictions Nurses who developed an all-day course on passing the test. She urged the Board to look into something similar for repeat testers.

Bennett suggested making LearningBuilder alert the supervisor on-file that the person has not passed the exam.

McGill spoke about teaching courses on test prep.

Gordon asked that specific data to be shared with the Board on domains that persons were failing.

Culbreth reported that he could provide the Board with the raw data on testing results.

Beatty reported on an upcoming conference in Virginia.

Veach reported on an SBIRT conference coming up on clinical trials involving screening and prevention services.

Sorrells asked how the next year's meeting would be scheduled. Culbreth reported there was discussion about changing the meeting schedule. The Board would continue to meet the second Friday in March, June, September and December.

Adjourn: Gordon motioned to adjourn. Beatty seconded the motion and the meeting ended.