



**North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board
Board Meeting
March 11, 2016
Durham, NC**

Members Present: Bert Wood, Laura Veach, Dottie Greene, Mary Jane McGill, Carol Hoffman, Dale Willetts, Mark Crabtree, Smith Worth, Joe Leblanc, Bert Bennett, Steve Sorrells, Al Mooney, Danny Graves, Jane Peck, Cheryl Gentile, Johnny Bass, Wrenn Rivenbark, Kate Gomes, David Turpin

Absent: Elizabeth Ramos, Tony Beatty, Clyde Ebron, Richard Hicks, Fran Gordon

Staff: Barden Culbreth, Katie Gilmore, Mary Beth Rapp, E. Ann Christian, Randolph Cloud

Call to Order: President Wood called the meeting to order and asked Counsel to read the Ethics Awareness / Conflict of Interest statement. Hearing no conflicts or appearances of conflicts, the meeting proceeded.

Wood made opening remarks and shared a Thank You card received from Treasurer Beatty.

Approval of Agenda: Gentile motioned to approve agenda. McGill seconded. The agenda was approved.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes: Sorrells motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes. Leblanc seconded and the minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Executive Director Culbreth presented the Financial Report. McGill motioned to accept the Financial Report. Turpin seconded, and the Financial Report was accepted.

Wood asked the Finance Committee to have a FY16-17 budget prepared for the June meeting in Greensboro.

Legal Update: Christian reported on the potential appeal of the Board's decision from the December 2015 Hearing.

Christian reported on the expedited Hearing scheduled for today at 10am.

Government and Policy Update: Cloud presented on the reform of occupational licensing boards at the NC General Assembly. Discussion ensued on this topic.

Administrators Report: Culbreth presented the statistics from the quarterly reports.

Graves asked the Board and office to look at the training approval process and automatic acceptance of other deemed status groups.



Associate Executive Director Gilmore reported on the upcoming IC&RC conference in New Orleans in April.

The Board went into recess at 10:05am.

"The Board resumed its session and held a hearing at 10:15 a.m. IN THE MATTER OF RONALD PAUL COX. The Board voted unanimously to suspend the credentials held by Respondent Cox, Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist and Certified Clinical Supervisor. His reinstatement would require that he satisfy the following conditions: (1) A written response to the 2014 Complaint; (2) Completion of an anger management assessment; (3) Completion of a psychological evaluation; and (4) Completion of all recommended treatment."

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:45am.

Committee Reports:

Standards Committee:

Chairwoman Greene reported on committee's study of passage rates for LCAS. The committee determined that the ICRC AADC test was doing its job ensuring competency. Associate Executive Director Gilmore was asked to contact the testing company to determine if any trends were found in their national data.

Greene reported the committee would be conducting a Criteria C site visit at UNC-W Social Work Program.

Ethics Committee:

Chairman Crabtree reported on the case work of the subcommittee.

The Committee is working to develop a peer assistance program and a standardized peer evaluation form; and training program track on how to do peer-evaluations. Gordon would be leading this work. Discussion followed.

The Board went into a brief recess.

The Board reconvened.

Quality Assurance Committee: Chairwoman McGill asked for a printed copy of the Rules to be provided at the meetings.

The Committee is reviewing two applicant cases.

The Committee is going to work on a Supervision Manual.



President Wood asked the QA Committee work with Graves the Board's acceptance of training from other organizations.

Nomination and Elections Committee:

Chairman Willetts reported on the election nominations period for new Board members between March 10 and May 10.

He reported on a conference call with Committee on the 2016 elections.

He reported on the scholarship applications received by the Committee.

President Wood asked that the Board members work to recruit candidates who represent the diversity of the addictions counseling workforce.

Officers Nomination and Election Committee:

Chairman Turpin presented the slate of candidates of the Officers Election in June:

President: Bert Wood (i)

Secretary: Carol Hoffman (i)

New Business:

President Wood opened the floor for discussion on the length of time and the cost of ethics investigations.

Old Business:

None.

Adjourn:

Sorrells motioned to adjourn, with a second from Greene. The meeting ended.