

**North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 10, 2017**

Members Present: Johnny Bass, Mark Crabtree, Kate Gomes, Fran Gordon, Dottie Saxon Greene, Richard Hicks, Carol Hoffman, Joe Leblanc, Flay Lee, Mary Jane McGill, Geri Miller, Al Mooney, Jane Peck, Elizabeth Ramos, John Sanders, David Turpin, Laura Veach, Bert Wood

Staff Present: Barden Culbreth, Katie Gilmore, Randolph Cloud

Counsel: Ann Christian

President Wood called the meeting to order and asked that Counsel read the Ethics Awareness Statement.

Wood welcomed all members present.

Wood asked the Board to consider adding two items to the Agenda: Review the Annual Training – large demand and alternative means of providing. Review and recommend an amendment/revision the North Carolina General Statute. Lee motioned to accept these two items, Crabtree seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Gordon motioned to approve previous meeting minutes. Lee seconded. Counsel asked for a technical correction be added to the minutes as a friendly amendment. Amendment accepted. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Beatty presented the Investment Policy approved by the Finance Committee for review. Wood thanked Bass for his leadership developing this proposal.

Discussion followed.

Counsel read from the Bylaws regarding the duties of the Treasurer.

Wood restated the motion and recommendation from the Finance Committee. The motioned carried with one nay vote.

Legal Update: Christian provided an update on Ethics and the need for a Peer Assistance / Impaired Professionals Program.

Government and Policy Update: Cloud presented updates on activity at North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Attorney General's Office, and the General Assembly.

Turpin spoke about the Strengthen Opioid Misuse Prevention (STOP) Act of 2017 under consideration at the General Assembly.

Administrators' Report: Culbreth presented on the upcoming LearningBuilder workshop and new upgrades to the software.

Gilmore updated the Board on her work presenting at the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) and Addiction Professionals of North Carolina meetings and the Counseling and Rehabilitation Department at North Carolina A&T University.

#### Committee Reports:

Standards Committee - Greene reported on new procedures in place for reviewing Criteria C master's degree programs. The first program evaluated under this standard was the North Carolina Central University Criteria C Program.

Greene presented the testing data for the latest quarter.

Ethics Committee - Crabtree provided update on ethics cases. He reported no increase in ethical complaint receipts following the launch of the on-line Ethical Complaint form.

He summarized the committee discussion on supervisor notification.

Gordon will be drafting an article on ethical practice and social media.

Meeting Recessed.

Meeting reconvened.

Wood recognized Veach, who informed the Board about the American Psychological Association's public comment period on changes to Practice Guidelines for substance use disorder.

Quality Assurance Committee - McGill presented a motion for the Committees of the Board to work together on remediation plans for non-clinical degrees that do not qualify for the LCAS.

Discussion followed.

Motion passed unanimously.

McGill presented a second motion from Committee to have approved Community College programs where graduates would have a reduced number of experience hours required for certification. No discussion on this proposal.

Both APNC and the Quality Assurance Committees are working on a Supervision Best Practices training, and they will request a list of Certified Clinical Supervisors from the Board office.

Lee asked that former Board member Danny Graves be asked to participate in this.

Nominations and Elections Committee - Culbreth reported on the year's election cycle. One seat is open in the Western Region (Beatty seat). An election will be held this spring.

Lee and Hicks reported on two scholarships received by the Board.

Officers Nomination Committee – Wood recognized Committee Chairman Turpin to announce slate of officer candidates for Vice President and Treasurer: Laura Veach and Johnny Bass, respectively. The vote will occur at the June meeting.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Annual Training - Wood asked that the Board consider the overwhelming demand for the Annual Training and asked that alternative formats/options be explored. Discussion followed.

Wood named Dale Willetts to lead that task force. Other members who volunteered include Tony Beatty, Dottie Saxon Greene, Flay Lee, John Sanders, and Geri Miller.

Wood asked for a proposal by the next meeting in June.

Proposed General Statute Changes - Wood presented several proposed changes coming from the Executive Committee to the full Board. These included an increase in training hours as required by IC&RC, creation of a Peer Assistance Program, clarifying training definitions (online vs. classroom), and sunseting the Certified Substance Abuse Residential Facility Director credential.

Wood asked that the Board also consider looking at Board composition. His recommendation is to eliminate the Board appointed seats, but increase the appointments made by the Speaker, Senate, Governor.

Discussion followed.

Wood asked for a motion to have staff present the agreed upon bullet points to Bill Drafting at the NC General Assembly. Lee seconded.

Lee asked if there was an option to consider other statutory changes, specifically to clarify the scope of practice for licensed clinical addictions specialist.

Discussion followed.

Veach asked that the changes include clarification of Criteria C requirements.

Wood restated the motion and it passed unanimously.

Adjourn-

Beatty motioned to adjourn. McGill seconded and the meeting ended.



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