

**North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2017**

**Members Present:** Johnny Bass, Tony Beatty, Mark Crabtree, Cheryl Gentile, Kate Gomes, Dottie Saxon Greene, Carol Hoffman, Joe Leblanc, Flay Lee, Mary Jane McGill, Geri Miller, Al Mooney, John Sanders, Starleen Scott Robbins, Brenda Smith-Williams, Laura Veach, Dale Willetts, Bert Wood, Smith Worth

Members Absent: Fran Gordon, Elizabeth Ramos, David Turpin

**Staff Present:** Katie Gilmore, Mary Beth Rapp

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

Wood welcomed all members present. He recognized the absence of Ann Christian (husband having surgery), David Turpin (surgery), Barden Culbreth (mother gravely ill) and Randolph Cloud (family vacation previously scheduled). Staff purchased cards for Christian, Culbreth and Turpin.

**Approval of Agenda:** Wood asked if there were any items to be added to the agenda. Mooney suggested talking about the increase of opioid overdoses under new business.

**Election results:** Wood called on Willetts to announce election results. The winner of the Western region who will be taking Tony Beatty's seat is: Angie Banther. We will welcome her in September.

**Election of officers:** In March it was announced that the Officers' Nomination Committee nominated Laura Veach for VP and Johnny Bass for treasurer. Wood asked for other nominations from the floor. After hearing no other nominations Wood asked for a vote. Laura Veach was elected VP and Johnny Bass was elected as treasurer.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Grammar changes noted. Lee motioned to approve previous meeting minutes. Beatty seconded. Motion carries.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beatty presented the FY 17-18 budget.

Discussion followed. The motion to approve the FY '18 budget as presented is approved.

Wood presented a plaque to Tony Beatty and thanked him for his service to the Board and noted that he remains the chair of APNC.

No counsel report in Christian's absence.

Wood provided legal update. He summarized the policy update about HB615. Wood stated that additional contacts and support may be needed as the Senate considers the bill near the end of the legislative session.

**Administrators' Report:** Gilmore updated the Board on the last ICRC meeting in Sacramento. She presented at the recent APNC conference. Gilmore also noted that the new ICRC exam rule has gone into effect as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

### **Committee Reports:**

Standards Committee - Greene provided exam statistics for the previous quarter. The committee added a requirement that LCAS Criteria C programs have 1 LCAS faculty member.

Ethics Committee - Crabtree provided update on numbers of active and closed cases. Eleven cases were closed and fifteen cases opened. Currently 17 open. Crabtree noted some Complaints dealt with misunderstanding of scope of practice Lee suggested looking at other Boards to do a comparative study to see if they are having similar issues.

Crabtree also reported that at the March training, there was a Peer evaluation training, with possibility of more training events in the future. Board members further discussed intervention and responses for self-report.

Quality Assurance Committee – McGill presented about the QA committee. The committee is examining the CSAC process in the community colleges and questioning whether the 300-hour practicum would allow one year less work, like the LCAS Criteria C. QA wants to talk with Standards about this. It would help with getting more CSACs.

Nominations and Elections Committee – Willetts noted that no one applied for the scholarship to the APNC fall conference. The board discussed options and ideas to increase awareness about the scholarships.

### **Old Business:**

Annual Training - Wood spoke about the challenges and logistics for annual and other trainings. Wood notes that Willetts and a volunteer committee will meet with staff and come up with recommendations at the September meeting.

Bass provided update from the Finance Committee, which is reviewing proposals for investment management and will conduct conference calls with the companies. He expects a decision in the next few weeks.

### **New Business:**

Wood announced that Christian has submitted her retirement notice effective August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Wood would like the Executive Committee and staff to receive

recommendations on new counsel and/or how to meet the legal needs of the board after Mrs. Christian's tenure ends. Staff should meet with the Executive Committee and present any recommendations at the September meeting. Wood also noted that Mrs. Christian has been actively involved with this Board and our efforts since 1994. The staff and the Board will recognize that commitment and thank her for her service at the September meeting.

Dr. Mooney talked about the opioid epidemic. Discussion ensued about the Board's role.

**Adjourn-**

Beatty moved to adjourn and Saxon Greene seconded the motion. The motion carried.

