

**North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board  
June 12, 2015  
Greensboro, NC  
Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Bert Wood, Flay Lee, Danny Graves, Lidia Bly-Herman, Mary Jane McGill, Helen Wolstenholme, Worth Bolton, Geri Miller, Nora Noel, Cheryl Gentile, Lynn Jones, Carol Hoffman, Jane Peck, Laura Veach, Fran Gordon, Wrenn Rivenbark, Clyde Ebron, Jessica Holton, Lynn Inman

**Non-voting members:** LaTasha Murray, William Faulkner

**Not Present:** Phil Mooring, Al Mooney, Johnny Bass, Bert Bennett

**Staff:** Barden Culbreth, Katie Gillmore, Mary Beth Rapp

**Counsel:** Ann Christian

**Consultant:** Randolph E Cloud

**Call to Order:**

Wood called the meeting to order, and requested the Board observe a moment of silence for Randy Thornton.

Christian read the Ethics Awareness Statement. Hearing no conflicts of interests, the meeting proceeded.

Wood welcomed our new non-voting members, LaTasha Murray and William Faulkner.

Wood introduced new staff member Mary Beth Rapp.

**Agenda:** Wood noted several addition items to the agenda.

**Election Results:**

Bolton announced the results of the election: Elizabeth Ramos, Kate Gomes, Dottie Saxon-Greene, and Dale Willets.

Motion to accept: Inman motioned, McGill seconded and the results of the election were accepted.

Wood announced the vacancy of a seat by Mike Vannoy. He had previously announced this through email. Lee reported that a runner up to the at-Large seat was John Sanders, who is in the Western District.

Miller nominated Steve Sorrells, from Recovery Ventures. Rivenbark seconded.

Inman motioned for John Sanders, Ebron seconded.

Graves motioned for Jeff Lefler, citing his credential as a CSAC. Peck seconded.

Inman motioned to close nominations. Beatty seconded and the nomination closed.

Sorrells: Ayes- 7

Sanders: Ayes- 5

Lefler: Ayes- 8

Those members would be invited to the July meeting in Annual Meeting.

With John Sanders receiving the lowest vote. A vote was held between Sorrells and Lefler

Sorrells: 9

Lefler: 7

Wood ruled that Steve Sorrell will fulfill Mike Vannoy's seat.

Lee asked that the Board consider cultural diversity in future appointments.

Wood reported that Inman would be leaving the Board this year. Inman nominated Mark Crabtree to fulfill this seat. Hoffman seconded.

Nominations were closed by acclamation. Mark Crabtree was appointed to fulfill this Board-appointed seat by voice vote.

Wood reported that the Bylaws stipulate that the Board form a Officer Nominations and Elections committee. Wood has asked Wolstenholme to chair this committee and it will develop a slate of candidates for the officers of Vice President and Treasurer. These officers would be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

### **Approval of the Minutes:**

Inman motioned to approve both minutes. Graves seconded and the minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Beatty presented the work of the Finance Committee and the committee would be presenting a FY15-16 budget at the Annual Meeting. Beatty presented that the Board was in excellent financial shape. Bolton motioned to approve report, Noel seconded.

Executive Director's Report: Culbreth presented on meetings with NCHHS, Governor's Institute, and Heuristics, Inc. he reported that he and Christian attended a Rules Review Training on May 19th. Culbreth presented the statistics of the last quarter.

Gilmore reported that IC&RC would be changing the testing company.

she reported that Heuristics is working on changing the application process with the LCAS procedure where the transcript is received first.

### **Educational Updates:**

Cloud reported on the budget negotiations between the NC House and NC Senate.

He reported on the role of Medicaid in negotiations and why addictions professionals should pay attention to this debate.

He reported that tax reform debate should also be followed by addictions professionals.

Noel asked about the status of a bill barring healthcare professionals from asking clients about possession and application for firearms. Cloud reported on the status of this bill.

### **Break**

### **Call to Order.**

### **Executive Committee:**

Wolstenholme reported on the contract approved by the Executive Committee and Randolph Cloud and Associates. The contract was presented to the Board for ratification and a voice vote was held and approved.

### **Ethics Committee:**

Inman reported on several serious cases that would be handled by Office of Administrative Hearings.

Inman reported that the committee had developed a definition of impairment.

He reported on the Self Report subcommittee that was developed by the Ethics Committee.

### **Quality Assurance Committee:**

McGill reported that persons fearful of using their credit cards in LearningBuilder. The Committee was working for a solution by purchasing pre-pay cards.

Hoffman is continuing work on the manual and proofing the flow the various Learning Plans.

### **Standards Committee:**

Bly-Herman reported on the UNC-W social work program approved for Criteria C, and they would be planning a site visit soon. She reported it was a goal of the committee to keep the site visits on a regular schedule.

The committee is also looking at persons who are registering for a second time.

She provided a detailed breakdown of the test results.

### **New Business:**

Adoption of Rules - Christian reported on the Rules open for final approval by the Board, following the May 6th Hearing. No fiscal note was required. Beatty motioned to adopt the Rules as published. Inman seconded. The Rules were adopted.

Beatty reported on his attendance at a conference in Alexandria on remote supervision.

Lee spoke about the IC&RC Conference in San Diego. Graves spoke on his participation in the CS and ADC (CSAC) Committees of the IC&RC.

**Deemed Status Report:** NAADAC would hold their legislative conference in DC in October 9-13th, and scholarships are available. Noel reported on her replacement from APA. Holton announced the NASW-NC's work to advocate for earning the LCAS.

Wood asked that the Board evaluate its meeting structure going forward. He also asked that the Bylaws be reviewed for revisions. The goal would be revisions for approval by September or December.

### **Presentation of Plaques**

Adjourn: Beatty motioned to adjourn and Veach seconded.

Barden