

North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board
Meeting Minutes
8:30am, June 8, 2018

Board Members Present: Bert Wood, Laura Veach, Carol Hoffman, Dottie Saxon Greene, Mark Crabtree, Starleen Scott-Robins, Smith Worth, John Sanders, Geri Miller, Cheryl Gentile, Jane Peck, Elizabeth Ramos, Mary Jane McGill, Al Mooney, Joe Leblanc, Kate Gomes, Angie Banther, Flay Lee, David Turpin, Johnny Bass, Brenda Smith Williams

Excused Absence: Fran Gordon

Board Staff: Barden Culbreth, Katie Gilmore, Marcie Blevins, Nelson Harris, Randolph Cloud

Public Members: Kaitlin Sexton, Nicole Ferguson, Stephanie Black, Susan Turner, Jeff King

Call to Order: President Wood called the meeting to order at 8:40am. He welcomed the guests from the Central Piedmont Community College Human Services PACT program.

Ethics Awareness Statement: Wood read the Ethics Awareness Statement and asked for conflicts of interest on matters before the Board or appearances of conflicts.

Board members Starleen Scott Robbins and Smith Worth recused themselves as employees of the North Carolina Division of MH/DD/SAS ("Division"). The Division provides some funding to the NCSAPPB through the federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant ("Prevention Block Grant" or "the Contract") that will be considered.

President Wood announced the news of Anthony Bourdain's death and used the opportunity to speak about suicide stigma and awareness. Mooney presented the Board with data on the correlation between alcohol use and mortality.

Approval of the Agenda: Wood presented the agenda for consideration. He asked for amendments to the agenda. No changes were recommended, and the meeting continued.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: Flay Lee motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Carol Hoffman seconded and the minutes were approved.

Board Member Election: Barden Culbreth announced the results of the 2018 Board Member Election; Laura Veach and Geri Miller. The Board thanked all people who ran for office and asked them to consider running again.

Treasurer's Report: Wood asked the Board to consider the YTD March 2018 Report. Angie Banther motioned to approve. Mark Crabtree seconded. The motion carried.

President Wood asked that the Board consider the proposed FY18-19 Budget. Starleen Scott Robbins and Smith Worth then left the meeting.

Bert described the recent conversations between the Board and the Division regarding the reduction and eventual discontinuation of the Board's funding from the Prevention Block Grant. The leadership of the Board considered this request of the Division and presented a recommendation from the Executive Committee and Finance Committee to not renew the Contract in FY18-19.

Johnny Bass, as treasurer, presented the projected three-year revenues and expenses for the Board.

Carol Hoffman asked if the Budget being considered today included fee increases. It was reported that it did.

Culbreth reported that no immediate fee increases were going to be voted on today but confirmed that the vote on the budget did consider fee increases in the future.

President Wood asked the Board to vote on the presented budget, including a recommendation to not renew the Contract in with the Division in FY18-19.

The Board approved the FY18-19 Budget, and the recommendation not to renew the Division Contract unanimously.

The Board asked Scott Robbins and Worth to come back to the Board and they returned to the meeting.

Government and Policy Update: Randolph Cloud spoke about recent actions in the state budget at the NC General Assembly. He also spoke on occupational licensing boards and legislation to regulate their financial reporting. Some Boards were under consideration to be consolidated and other proposals were to alter Board structure and composition.

Angie Banther asked if there was possibility of later sessions in the year.

Laura Veach asked about the HOPE Act.

Mary Jane McGill asked if the Board's composition could be affected by the NC Legislation. Cloud responded that there was always the possibility of the Board's composition being examined and altered.

President Wood recognized Jeff King and the students from CCCC PACT Program who were in attendance.

Administrators Report: Culbreth and Katie Gilmore distributed the new brochures. Culbreth presented the quarterly activity report of the Board office. Gilmore is working with a new test registration system.

Culbreth provided an update on the Rules.

Executive Committee: Veach reported that the committee did meet and reviewed the budget which was approved earlier in the meeting.

Standards Committee: Dottie Greene reported that her committee met but did not have new items for the Board to consider.

Ethics Committee: Mark Crabtree provided an update on the actions of the Ethics Committee. Nelson Harris reported that the Board had several cases going to the Office of Administrative Hearing.

Geri Miller asked what the Board response should be to the news article from Reveal News regarding Jennifer Warren. Harris responded that the Board revoked her license in 2011 and had no more jurisdiction. Discussion followed. Scott Robbins reported that Health Service Regulation has authority over the agency in question.

Quality Assurance Committee: McGill reported that they discussed three cases and would review them with counsel for his recommendations.

Nomination and Elections Committee: Flay Lee recommended the approval of three scholarships. There was no discussion or opposition and they were approved.

Election of Officers: Wood presented Laura Veach and Carol Hoffman for the offices of President and Secretary. He opened the floor for nominations and hearing none, the slate was approved with a unanimous vote.

Old Business: Kate Gomes asked the status of the Survey. McGill provided an update.

New Business: Culbreth presented a card signed by the Board members to Bert Wood. He thanked the Board for their patience and help through the years. Wood then recognized Veach who recognized Miller and Elizabeth Ramos, who presented him with gifts. Wood then gave remarks of appreciation.

Following these remarks, he resigned as Board member and asked that his seat be considered for appointment based on diversity of the field and state.

Swearing in of Board Members: Geri Miller and Laura Veach were sworn in for their new terms as Board members.

Swearing in of Officers: Carol Hoffman was sworn in as Secretary of the Board. Laura Veach was sworn in as President of the Board.

President Veach gave brief remarks about Vice President vacancy and Board member vacancies and that she would be weighing many options.

Adjourn: Ramos motioned to adjourn and Cheryl Gentile seconded, ending the meeting.

