

**North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board
Meeting Minutes
Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Durham, North Carolina
12:00pm, March 8, 2019**

Members Present: Laura Veach, Mark Crabtree, Mary Jane McGill, Dottie Saxon Greene, Dale Willetts, Carol Hoffman, Joe Leblanc, Kate Gomes, Lea Tackett, Al Mooney, Richard Hicks, Geri Miller, Anthony McLean, Angie Banther, Jane Peck, Starleen Scott Robbins, John Sanders, Flay Lee, David Turpin

Members of Public: Jeff King, Courtney Zono, Andy Edwards, Crystal Staton, Sarah Dunlap, Jae Cao

Staff: Barden Culbreth, Katie Gilmore, Randolph Cloud, Nelson Harris

Call to Order: President Laura Veach called the meeting to order at 12:16pm.

Ethics Awareness Statement: President Veach read the Ethics Awareness Statement and asked for conflicts and potential conflicts. Hearing none, the meeting continued.

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of the Agenda: Flay Lee motioned to approve the agenda. Mark Crabtree seconded, and the agenda was approved.

Hearing- Bennett Sliter. Carol Hoffman motioned to revoke, Angie Banther seconded. Mark Crabtree and Dale Willetts abstained from voting, in their role as former and current Ethics Chair. Credential was permanently revoked,

Hearing – Steve Tyndall. Dale Willetts abstained from vote. Angie motioned to revoke, David Turpin seconded. Motioned passed. Credential was permanently revoked.

Hearing – Sara Caudill. Geri Miller recused herself from Hearing. Credential revoked following motion from David Turpin, Jane Peck seconded. Dale Willetts and Mary Jane McGill recused themselves from vote.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Geri Miller motioned to approve previous meeting minutes. Starleen Scott Robbins seconded. The minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Treasurer Johnny Bass was unable to attend and asked Barden to present in his place.

Mark asked about some line items in Expenses which were above 100% of budget projection. Barden explained the consultant line item was higher than anticipated.

Mary Jane asked if all fee increases were now uniform across all credentials. Barden reported they were all in effect and uniform.

Flay asked if Board can explore new sources of revenue. Discussion followed.

Angie asked about Board reviewing insurance proposals. Barden reported that the office can do that.

Government and Policy update: Randolph Cloud provided update from the NC General Assembly and the state's budget process. Discussion followed.

Administrators Report: Barden reported on the annual LearningBuilder usage statistics and the upcoming LearningBuilder Academy. Katie updated the Board members on Marcie's new baby, Avaleigh.

Committee Reports-

Standards Committee: Dottie Greene reported on a new Criteria C application from UNC-Pembroke. There were some questions from the committee which will be addressed. The application will then be re-submitted for approval.

Ethics Committee: Dale Willetts provided an update on committee actions for the Quarter. The subcommittee continues to meet on a monthly basis and handle complaints and investigations.

Quality Assurance Committee: Mary Jane McGill presented to the Board on ongoing work from the committee. There was discussion of liability between supervisors and supervisees, which Nelson was able to assist. QA is also developing an action plan for moving persons out of Registered status to full license and certification. QA also discussed an improvement in LearningBuilder to remove Registered persons off database when they do not have supervision contract. McGill also provided update from the recent Clinical Supervision Task Force Meeting in Burlington at Cardinal Innovations.

Nominations and Elections Committee: Jane presented the 2019 Election schedule and announced that a scholarship was given to Donna Brown for participating in the Clinical Supervision Task Force survey.

Unfinished Business:

Rules – Barden will prepare another batch of Rules for review at the next meeting. Discussion followed.

New Business:

Barden reported that Elizabeth Ramos staffed a booth at NCSU School of Social Work's conference.

Geri Miller presented her concerns about schools and conferences that needed to embrace the Certified Peer Support Specialist (CPSS) in their curricula. Laura asked for a Task Force to be created to examine these concerns, to include CPSS engagement in the workforce.

Discussion followed.

Kate Gomes, Geri Miller, Al Mooney, and Flay Lee are tasked with leading this study. Laura asked that the Task Force also refer to the Practice Act and the Board's Rules for the limits of jurisdiction.

Barden presented a question to the Board, to clarify a Certified Substance Abuse Counselors' provision of problem gambling assessment and treatment to substance use disorder clients.

Discussion followed. The Board clarified that this problem gambling screening was within the scope of a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor according to the DSM-5.

Laura asked that the Board publish clarification on scope information for the public.

Laura asked that the Board members use their positions to urge the NC Attorney General to direct money from state opioid lawsuits against pharmaceutical manufacturers to prevention and treatment programs in the state to address opioid crisis.

Next Meeting: 12pm, Friday, June 14th, 2019. Sheraton Imperial, Durham.

Adjourn: Mary Jane motioned to adjourn. Dottie Green seconded and the meeting ended.