

**North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board**  
**Sheraton Imperial, Durham, NC**  
**12:00pm, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Members Present:** Laura Veach, Mark Crabtree, Carol Hoffman, Johnny Bass, Kate Gomes, Elizabeth Ramos, Angie Banther, Starleen Scott Robbins, Cheryl Gentile, Lynn Jones, Danny Graves, Geri Miller, Stephanie Robinson, Fran Gordon, Sylvia Parsons, Lea Tackett, Al Mooney, Michael McGuire, David Turpin, Dennis Hagarty, and Anthony McLean. *Absent: Flay Lee, Brenda Smith Williams, Richard Hicks*

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

**Members of Public:** Joe Jordan, Professionals Health Program

**Call to Order:** President Veach called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

**Ethics Awareness Statement:** Veach read the Ethics Awareness Statement and asked for conflicts or appearances of conflicts regarding today's business. Hearing none, the meeting continued.

**Approval of Agenda:** Angie Banther motioned to approve. Fran Gordon seconded, and the agenda was approved.

President Veach recognized Joe Jordan, LCAS CCS, Director of the Professionals Health Program, to provide an overview of their services.

***Presentation by Joe Jordan, Professionals Health Program***

**Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes:** Geri Miller asked some clarifying questions on parliamentary procedure in the previous meeting and identified typos for correction. Kate Gomes motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Mark seconded, and the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Johnny Bass was recognized to deliver the Treasurer's Report. Johnny told the Board that an increase in end of the year renewals would close much of the deficit in revenue to expenses, resulting in net gain for the fiscal year, June 30, 2020. He provided an update on the Board's Investments and recommended the Board continue with its laddering of bonds.

Angie Banther described how the effects of the Board's historical July 1 and January 1 renewals would lead to peaks in revenue for the Board during the year. She asked if the new rolling dates for new credentials would stabilize revenue. Discussion followed, but it was agreed Board revenue would peak in December and June for the foreseeable future.

**Government and Policy Update:** Randolph Cloud was recognized for discussion of policy at the state and federal levels. Barden provided a summary on Senate Bill 537, with instructions on how board members are to be appointed in the newly constituted Board which would convene after July 1, 2020.

Discussion followed. Several Board members expressed confusion about how members would come off the Board, how appointments would work, how committees would be composed, etc.

Main Points:

- All current board member terms will end on June 30, 2020.

- Board members interested in serving on the new Board were encouraged to contact their state legislators during the upcoming legislative session (Spring - Summer 2020) and request appointment. They were also encouraged to contact the Governor's office.
- The new Board will need to evaluate and assess its bylaws to determine committee responsibilities.

Geri Miller asked the Board members to quietly reflect on the Board's history and the role it has played in the Board members' lives. President Veach then called for a moment of silence.

Further discussion followed, including when name changes would take effect (January 1, 2020), how Rules would be affected, and if there would be transition roles for Board members.

With no motion being considered, President Veach asked the Board to move forward with the business of the Board. Secretary Carol Hoffman volunteered to work with the Board office to draft an announcement to the larger professional field of the changes made to the Board.

**Standards Committee:** Committee Chair Kate Gomes was recognized. She described the Committee's work with an application for Criteria C from UNC-Pembroke. The committee also reviewed the procedures to review/renew Criteria C Schools on a 3-year rotation, and what information should be submitted for this requirement.

**Ethics Committee:** Committee Chair Elizabeth Ramos provided an update on the committee's work investigating and resolving ethical complaints. Board members asked how they could help reduce the number of ethical complaints. Discussion followed on how to standardize and elevate the role of supervision.

**Quality Assurance Committee:** Committee member Mark Crabtree reported on the committee's work as the Committee Chair Flay Lee was not in attendance. Specifically, the committee examined how recent legislative changes (House Bill 770) would change the way the Board handles applicants with criminal histories.

**Nominations and Elections Committee:** No committee meeting was held.

**Unfinished Business:** The Board continues to review its scope of practice regarding Gambling Disorder. No report was presented at this time.

**New Business:** President Veach reported that the NCLPC Board has also changed its name and is now authorized to contract for an impaired professionals' program. These changes were part of the same package legislation (S537) that changed the NCSAPPB.

Geri asked the Board to remember and acknowledge Worth Bolton's passing. The Board members each shared one word about Worth, as well as some brief stories. The memorial will be held on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the UNC School of Social Work at 2pm.

Discussion followed on Peer Recovery Certification. No action taken.

**Adjourn:** David Turpin motioned to adjourn. Mark Crabtree seconded, and the meeting ended.

**Next meeting: 12PM January 24, 2020 at the Sheraton Imperial in Durham, NC**