

**North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board**

**12:00pm, January 28, 2022**

**Governor's Institute, Raleigh, NC**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Board members Present:** Flo Stein, Kendra Davis, Johnny Bass, Kathy Allen, Glenn Buck, Anita Daniels, Mike McGuire, Nyi Myint

**Public:** Quinton Byrd, Valerie Arendt

**Barden** Marcie, Katie, Randolph, Nelson

**Call to Order:** Chair Stein called meeting to order.

**Approve Minutes:** Kathy motioned to approve. Anita seconded and the minutes were approved.

**Approval of the Financial Report:** Treasurer Bass presented the mid-year financial report. Johnny explained some expense line items. Mike asked if there were any noticeable trends in revenue and expenses in the wake of COVID.

Kathy reported that many community colleges in her area were looking at SUD certificate programs and interest has seemed to increase during COVID response.

Kathy motioned to approve the report. Nyi seconded, and the report was approved.

Johnny presented a report on the investments. Kathy then thanked Johnny for his stewardship of funds. He spoke highly about Baird and Associates, the Board's investment manager.

**Consideration of the Professional Assistance Program (PAP):** Mike McGuire was recognized, and he presented a proposal from the PAP ad hoc committee which would move the Board ahead in its pursuit of a PAP. The proposed model would contract with a navigator who would develop the program for the Board and seek out appropriate vendors or design the program themselves.

Johnny spoke about an amendment he proposed which would remove the language quoting the Board's intended expense from the PAP proposal being considered. He stated that the current year budget had money allocated and was thus far unspent. Johnny was also concerned that stating our price would influence how much a vendor would ask for the contract.

Anita spoke about her experience with insurance panels. Kathy and Anita agreed that the Navigator should not be an employee of the Board.

Nelson was recognized and spoke about other boards and their impaired programs.

Johnny asked if Mike accepted his friendly amendment. Mike said he did and thanked Johnny for his review. Mike also thanked Laura Veach and David Turpin for their emeritus roles with the committee's work.

Kathy motioned to approve Mike McGuire's motion with the friendly amendment from Johnny. Secretary Kendra Davis seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Flo thanked the committee for their hard work and urged them to keep it going.

### **Hearings:**

The Board then considered two hearings.

Rhonda Lazenby - OAH judge recommended permanent revocation. Kathy motioned to permanently revoke her credential. Johnny seconded, the motion was unanimously accepted.

Jennifer Boeyinga – Non-response. Johnny motioned to permanently revoke her credential. Myint seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

The Board then returned to regular order.

**Chairs Report:** Flo thanked all their committees for their work. She reported that her work on Ethics has been very educational and she has new insight into the Board's committees.

**Government and Policy Update:** Randolph Cloud was recognized and provided an update on the NC General Assembly, and the ongoing legal tussle over redistricting maps. This has caused a delay in the elections. There is also a new DHHS Secretary, Kody Kinsley, and he is transitioning well into his new role. Randolph reported that many SUD agencies fared well in the state budget.

Discussion followed.

### **Committee Reports:**

Ethics Committee – Committee Chair Davis was recognized and reported that the committee was meeting regularly and there were 26 open cases.

Standards Committee – Committee Chair Daniels had an excused absence due to a funeral. Katie Gilmore presented on his behalf. The committee reviewed one master's degree for qualification for Criteria C. The committee is also working with Lees-McRae to develop a SUD certificate program that may one day become a Criteria C program.

Quality Assurance Committee – Committee Chair Anita Daniels reported that the committee has not had any new cases since they last met. She reported they are continuing to review and meet with applicants who have significant criminal histories. Flo thanked them for keeping cases moving.

**Unfinished Business:** Nelson reminded folks that he was retiring in the future, and he does recommend Quintin Byrd as potential legal counsel. Quintin has attended several meetings and has expressed interest in providing legal counsel to the Board.

**New Business:** Barden and Katie reported that the Board is printing newly designed certificates that will feature a pre-printed foil seal.

Barden reminded Board members of an upcoming hearing to receive comments on rule changes.

**Adjourn:** Kathy motioned to adjourn. Myint seconded, and the meeting ended.

Next Meeting April 22, 12:00pm at the Governor's Institute.