

North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board
Meeting Minutes
Raleigh, NC
August 25, 2023

Members Present: Flo Stein, Mike McGuire, Stephanie Robinson, Nyi Myint, Glenn Buck, Anita Daniels, and Kendra Davis

Members Absent: Johnny Bass, Kathy Allen

Staff: Barden Culbreth, Donna Strickland, Randolph Cloud, Catherine Lee, Carrie Duhon, and Grant Simpkins

Public: James McGoogan, Nick Dowgul, and Raina Coposky

Call to Order and Introductions: Chair Flo Stein called the meeting to order and asked those present to introduce themselves.

Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest: Flo read the North Carolina Ethics Awareness Statement and asked for conflicts or appearances of conflicts. Nyi Myint noted he had a conflict with the scheduled Hearing before the Board and would be recusing himself. No other conflicts were heard, and the meeting continued.

Hearing: The Board considered a recommended decision from the Office of Administrative Hearings to revoke the Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist license of Mr. James McGoogan. McGoogan was represented by his legal counsel Nick Dowgul and Raina Coposky. Following deliberation by the Board, Anita Daniels motioned to uphold the recommended decision to revoke the LCAS. Stephanie Robinson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

McGoogan's counsel left the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda: Flo asked to move the committee reports to the next item and asked for an approval of the agenda.

Myint left the meeting due to another commitment.

Standards Committee Report: Mike McGuire provided an overview of the 3-year review of Criteria C schools and a proposed review schedule. He reported that the Clinical Mental Health Counseling master's program at UNC-Pembroke was recently reviewed and approved.

Ethics Committee Report: Barden provided a report on the committee's work.

Quality Assurance Committee: Anita provided a report on their recent cases. There are two applicants who are appealing their application denials and will be appearing in October before the full Board.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes: Glenn Buck motioned to approve the minutes. Anita seconded and the minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Glenn motioned to approve. Kendra Davis seconded and the Financial Report was approved unanimously.

Flo talked about the need for more clinicians in underserved areas across the state.

Glenn stated that PORT Human Services recently hired 12 full-time employees. Anita talked about the need for dual credentialing. Stephanie and Mike talked about enrollment numbers for Criteria C masters' programs.

Board Office Report: Barden and Donna provided an update on the number of credentialed counselors and activity for the Fiscal Year. Donna shared that more than 370 applicants this year had criminal histories. Kendra noted that from a criminal justice perspective, these numbers show that the Board credential is a great job opportunity for persons with criminal backgrounds.

Mike noted that the number of LCAS's could double if LCAS-Associates were able to become LCAS. Discussion followed about the ability of people to pass the exam. Anita agreed that many people are having trouble passing the exam. Stephanie discussed her role as the IC&RC liaison and test development.

Kendra shared an upcoming free test prep program she is holding.

Government and Policy Report: Randolph presented on the state budget negotiations. He discussed gambling issues that were being discussed at the North Carolina General Assembly.

Flo reported that there was a new adolescent credential being offered by some national programs. Anita spoke about the difficulties professionals face working with adolescent clients.

Discussion followed on reimbursement rate parity between Medicaid and Private insurance. Discussion was also on gambling and how that treatment was reimbursed.

Flo thanked Barden and Donna for their work, including during the time when his father was ill.

Mike thanked the Board's legal team for their work and preparedness.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None.

Adjourn: Anita motioned to adjourn. Glenn seconded and the meeting ended.