

North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board
Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2025

Members Present: Kendra Davis, Stephanie Robinson, Kathy Allen, Anita Daniels, Lauren Quick, Flo Stein, Katie Salmons, Virginia Johnson

Staff: Barden Culbreth, Donna Strickland, Carrie Duhon, Grant Simpkins, Ryan Mitiguy, Randolph Cloud

Public:

Call to Order and Introductions: Board Chairwoman Kendra Davis called the meeting to order at 12:00pm, and asked all members to introduce themselves.

Ethic Awareness Statement and Conflict of Interest: Chair Davis read the NC Ethics Awareness Statement and asked for conflicts or appearances of conflicts with the business before the Board today. No conflicts were heard and the meeting continued.

Approval of the Agenda: Kathy Allen motioned to approve the agenda. Anita Daniels seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

Public Comment: None. Barden reported that an applicant, Janet Hall, reported she would appear but was not present.

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

Hearings – Consideration of Edwards Owens recommended decision.

Carrie Duhon presented the Final Agency Decision in the Owens case for consideration by the Board. Kathy motioned to accept the proposed decision. Katie Salmons seconded the motion, which then passed accepted unanimously.

Financial Report: Barden presented the report. Kathy motioned to approve. Anita seconded and the financial report was approved.

Board Chair Report: Kendra thanked everyone for their work on their committees and supporting the Board and profession.

Board Office Report: Barden Culbreth reminded everyone of their Board member requirements with the NC Ethics Commission.

Ethics Committee Report: Kathy presented a report on the complaint investigations of the committee. She provided a summary of the most common issues found in a complaint. The committee continues to meet monthly to investigate and resolve complaints.

Standards Committee Report: Stephanie Robinson presented her report from the committee, including a reminder to Criteria C schools to keep their contact information up to date. Donna is working to keep the website consistent and updated.

Stephanie asked Katie and Lauren Quick to speak on the committee's review of process addictions (eating, shopping, pornography, etc.) as a continuing education topic, and how this is related to scope of practice issues the Board is trying to address.

Katie reported her supervision groups often discussed process addictions and there were lingering questions about scope of practice.

Lauren noted that she felt dual licensure (i.e. LCAS and LCSW or LCHMC) was important for clinicians engaged in process addictions treatment. Anita agreed. Kendra reported that many LCAS' were currently working with client with process addictions.

It was suggested that changes be made to the Special Core Competencies in Addictions topics in the Board's rules to add to or clarify these requirements.

Carrie asked the Standards Committee to work with counsel to develop potential rule changes for the Board to consider.

Discussion followed on how many students were enrolled in Criteria C programs.

Kathy noted that she observed many social work students, as opposed to addictions or substance use disorder students, at a recent conference held by the Addictions Professionals of North Carolina. Kendra agreed and asked the Board members to encourage social workers to obtain an addictions certification or licensure to expand their patient scope.

Flo Stein shared the history and evolution of the addictions profession. She noted that there were no certified or licensed counselors thirty years ago.

Lauren shared how the committee is also considering changes to Deemed Status (Criteria D).

Quality Assurance Committee Report: Anita was recognized and spoke about the committee's work. Generally, they meet with 3-4 applicants each month, as a result of to

their criminal history or recent substance use history. On average about one applicant is denied each month, and even those who are denied are encouraged to reapply in the future.

Anita motioned to approve the committee reports. Stephanie seconded and the reports were approved.

IC&RC Update: Stephanie spoke about attending at the IC&RC conference in California. She noted that she was there during the earthquake. North Carolina administers the 2nd greatest number of examinations in IC&RC, after California.

New Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor (AADC) exam will be released in June. A new ADC Candidate Guide is also expected to be published soon.

Stephanie reviewed the passage rates for the exams.

Government and Policy Report: Randolph Cloud was recognized and provided an update from the NC General Assembly. The Senate has released their budget, but the House has yet to do so. It is expected that budget negotiations could last well into the Fall this year.

Randolph discussed some occupational licensing reforms being considered at the General Assembly.

Kathy asked if Randolph was aware of proposed changes being considered to general mental health law, including DWI laws. She noted that the entire section was under review, as well as considering raising the cap on DWI assessments. Discussion followed.

Legal Update: Carrie Duhon was recognized and shared the firm's work assisting the committees.

Grant Simpkins spoke about additional bills at the General Assembly to change NC Administrative Procedures Act and some concerns about "moral turpitude" as an application requirement.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

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

Next Meetings: July 25 and October 24

