



## *Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board*

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### **State of Ohio Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting May 15, 2014**

**Members Present:** Mary Venrick, Otha Gilyard, Terri Hamm, and Christine Jungers

**Staff Present:** James Rough, Bill Hegarty, Rhonda Franklin, Tammy Tingle, Tracy Hosom and Simeon Frazier

**Guests Present:** None

Jungers called the meeting to order at 9:27 a.m.

#### **I. Discussion/Approval of Agenda**

Gilyard moved to approve the, agenda, as presented. Venrick seconded. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed, unanimously.

#### **II. Investigation Report**

Hegarty passed out cases that were reviewed by Venrick and Maureen Cooper.

Venrick moved to close the 6 cases that she reviewed. They included:

- 2014-20 Scope of practice: Closed with caution
- 2014-25 Competency. Closed with caution
- 2014-47 Competency. Closed with caution
- 2014-49 Custody case. Closed with strong caution
- 2014-71 Billing issues. Closed with no violation
- 2014-100 Non-Sexual boundaries. Close with strong Caution.

Gilyard seconded. There was no, additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

Venrick moved to close the 5 cases that Cooper. They included:

- 2014-28 Record keeping. Close with caution
- 2014-29 Harassment. Closed with no violation
- 2014-32 Custody case. Close with caution
- 2014-82 Non-sexual boundary issues. Close with no violation

2014-90 Confidentiality. Close with caution

Gilyard seconded. There was no, additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

**A. Notice of Opportunity for a hearing**

*1. Lynn Skunta*

Hegarty passed out case 2013-86. It was regarding multiple violations of incompetent practice.

Gilyard moved to move forward and publish the notice of opportunity for hearing.

Venrick seconded. There was no, additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

*2. Martin T. Williams*

Hegarty passed out case 2014-74. The violator was found guilty in federal court.

Gilyard moved to move forward and publish the notice of Opportunity for hearing.

Venrick seconded. There was no, additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

*3. Sheri Hamler*

Hegarty passed out case 2013-242. She failed to obtain the evaluation as ordered by the board.

Gilyard moved to move forward and publish the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing.

Venrick seconded. There was no, additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

*4. Mandy Ervin*

Hegarty passed out case 2014-26. There was an evaluation required, that wasn't adhered to.

Gilyard moved to move forward and publish the Notice of opportunity for hearing.

Jungers seconded. There was no, additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

**V. Consent Agreements**

*1. Colleen Mayo*

The committee agreed to suspend her license until the requested evaluation is obtained. Gilyard moved to accept the consent agreement, as written. Venrick seconded. There was no additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

## **VI. Goldman Review**

### **1. Kveta Eakin**

She didn't satisfy the renewal audit requirements, and haven't communicated with the board.

Hamm moved to revoke her license, based on the information contained in the documents. Gilyard seconded. There was no, additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

### **VII. Shari Farrar**

Jungers moved to revoke her license based on the information contained in the document. Gilyard seconded. There was no, additional, discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

### **VIII. Jacklyn Piccone**

She failed to terminate with clients and cooperate with the, corresponding investigation.

Hamm moved to revoke her license, based on the information contained in the document. Jungers seconded. There was no, additional, discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

## **III. Executive Committee Report**

Venrick reported that there is an MFT vacancy to be filled. When HB232 is enacted on July 10, 2014, there will be more eligible candidates to fill the position. The bill passed and is signed by the Governor.

The 5 year rule review is an issue.

The Peer Council review was discussed. Vicki Kress is the incoming OCA president, and peer consultation for independent practitioners is an agenda item.

Rough shared that he will retire, this year.

Gilyard shared that a search committee was discussed.

The committee discussed the 5 year rule review.

They, then, continued to review continuing education programs/Provider applications, until the left for the day.

**State of Ohio  
Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting  
May 16, 2014**

**Members Present:** Mary Venrick, Otha Gilyard, Terri Hamm, and Christine Jungers

**Staff Present:** Rena Elliott, Bill Hegarty, Tracey Hosom, Jim Rough and Simeon Frazier

**Guests Present:** Matt Paylo (OCA), Attorney Glenn Karr

Jungers called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**I. Discussion and Approval of Agenda**

Venrick added "Hiring Committee" to New Business.

Jungers added "CEU committee Report," also, under New Business.

Gilyard moved to accept the amended agenda. Venrick seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**II. Approval of March 2014 Minutes**

Venrick moved to accept the minutes, as presented. Venrick seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**III. Approval of Licensure Applicants**

**A. PC applicants**

Gilyard moved to approve the 45 LPC applicants. Hamm seconded. There was no, further, discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

**B. PCC applicants**

Venrick moved to approve the 68 LPCC applicants. Gilyard seconded. There was no, additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

Paylo asked if the OCA and Peer consultation had been discussed.

The committee agreed to add this to New Business.

**IV. Remediation Plans**

**a. Dawn Dontz**

She wants to take the test preparation workshop and an 8 hour course through the NCE Review.

Gilyard moved to approve the plan. Venrick seconded. There was no, additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

**b. Tim Smith**

He is requesting to take the NATBS workshop as sufficient remediation. Hamm shared concern that the self-study workshop may not serve him

well, if instructor directed courses, previously, haven't proven successful in the past.

The committee agreed to reject his proposal and recommend that he seek professional help to deal with his test anxiety.

Gilyard moved to reject the plan and recommend the approvable NCE review. Hamm seconded. There was no, additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

c. Teresa Stillwell

She wants to review areas of weakness and work with 2 people to deal with anxiety to pass the NCMHCE.

Gilyard shared that he is interested in helping those that didn't pass the NCMHCE, but has a greater concern for those that can't work because they didn't pass the NCE.

Gilyard moved to accept the remediation plan. Venrick seconded. There was no, additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

d. Patricia Stokes-Givens

She wants to obtain the NBCC study guide for the NCMHCE to review it with 3 different PCC licensees.

Gilyard moved to accept the plan. Venrick seconded. There was no, additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

## **V. Counselor Application Coordinator's Report**

Elliott reported that, since the last board meeting, Frazier processed 571 Counselor Trainee/Clinical Resident, and PCC-S applications. She shared that she sent 90 examination approvals.

## **VI. Correspondence**

### **A. Meredith Stefan**

Jungers shared that Bel-Aire is an "Underserved" area via the Ohio Department of Mental Health. She shared that with 35 years of experience and that she can show evidence of her PCC, and of trainings on her CV in supervision.

Venrick is fine with awarding a PCC supervisor sans the supervision credential.

Paylo shared that the "ALPS" designation in WV exists as a supervisor designation equivalent. The registered supervisor is an LSW.

The committee agreed not to vote, yet.

## **VII. New Business**

### ***A. Human Trafficking***

Venrick shared materials that she received at a workshop. She shared findings that she described as abhorring, and that the trends would rise.

She asked if there was a training that counselors would need to help identify these issues and if so, where it would be found.

Hamm shared that a similar workshop was in Toledo.

Karr shared that going after Johns are needed to reduce demand, but with the overcrowded prison system, it's tricky to address.

The committee agreed to make it an agenda item for the July meeting.

Karr shared that there's a law that shares that Counselors and Social Workers must report felonies, but HB232 may have an area that allows for not reporting it. Sex with a minor is reportable as it is child abuse.

*B. OAC 4757-5-12*

The committee agreed that the 3<sup>rd</sup> option is the best to ensure flexibility, since all options are listed.

Rhonda Franklin entered the room at 10:07

*C. CEU Committee Report*

Junger reported that Paula Broome shared that of the 477 audits, 61 renewed with non-approved hours. They received a caution letter.

She also shared that the committee voted to allow that a notice of action, for the audit, be given to the licensee as proof of extra (banked) hours, depending on when they were accrued.

The Committee agreed that banking is fine, since they are accepted hours.

*D. Franklin's Concern*

Franklin shared some additional insight with regards to the Versa system.

Versa, the new system is being constructed, but there are still questions. Their current procedure has licensees simply attest that they completed hours. The new system will have licensees upload proof of hours on the front end.

Karr asked if there was follow up if licensees are not renewed, as every person seen after their license award isn't renewed, and consequently, improperly practicing and fraudulently billing insurance agencies, as it already exists.

Essentially, the committee understands that it's not a fail-safe method, but it's best of all options available, if licensees enter their information on the front end.

Hamm shared that a newsletter article should be written identifying that practicing without properly renewing is insurance fraud.

*E. Inactive*

The committee agreed that an inactive status may be practical.

Franklin left at 10:39am

*F. Peer Consultation*

Paylo shared that common opinion is that this was, only, among LPCCs.

Hamm shared that this may be best, only, for LPCC-Ss.

The committee believes that the person bringing the case forward is the one that gets credit for the consultation, since they got the feedback. The other participants would get credit for a longer group session and would need to occur in order for more than 1 hour being given per presenter. 1 presenter of credit per hour is the recommended standard.

Hamm asked “Who can give the hour?” Meaning, who can consult? Her recommendation is that a PCC has at least 5 years experience to be on a panel. Jungers offered that a new licensee still has 2 years experience/training.

Paylo asked if a 1 hour training were offered by the OAC, would that be acceptable?

The committee believes that qualifications should include either, supervision credential or a special consultation training.

The OAC will construct training and submit it to the board for feedback.

The committee agreed a post approval form will be constructed for peer consultation.

#### *G. Hiring Committee*

Charlie is heading up the committee.

At 11:37, rough was still speaking with the SWPSC. The committee chose to read and discuss Rough’s pre-submitted report.

Rough entered at 11:45am

### **VIII. Executive Director’s Report**

Rough shared that evidence based trainings will center around qualifications & competence, and not which independence license (Psychologist, Psychiatrist, LISW-S, or PCC-S) is providing instruction, and since there isn’t on inculturation component (license specific).

The disclosure statement is gone after 7/10/14. Regarding fees, implementation will need to be such so that it doesn’t hurt practitioners. A fee schedule will nbe needed for private practitioners.

#### **Stefans (revisited)**

At 11:40am, Elliott entered with Meredith Stefan’s supervisor’s resume. The committee decided to allow supervision.

Gilyard moved to accept the supervisor with understanding that future supervision requires the Supervision credential. Venrick seconded. There was no additional discussion as the motion passed, unanimously. we’re waiting for 1 MFT to have all board members. There is 1 applicant.

Rough reminded members to complete/submit their financial disclosure statements.

The planning meeting went well, and will be on the agenda for the July meeting.

A licensee was requesting that a course be offered to explain the rule changes, and that there's a way to do that with the new system.

*Executive Director's report (continued)*

The PCS committees will be easier to populate, as there's more flexibility with appointing LPCs and MFTs.

The house bill passed. ACA published 2014 ethics, including a diversity core competency component.

A new licensing system will be enacted.

It will not allow to renew without the proper number of hours.  
CE program titles and providers will be listed.

The LPCC-S is changed to be "LPCC with Training Supervision Designation."

The Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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**Christin Jungers, Interim Chair**