



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

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### **STATE OF OHIO**

### **COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

**APRIL 20, 2006**

The meeting of the Board was convened at 10:00 am on April 20, 2006, by Chairperson, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, at the Ohio State Park Resorts and Conference Centers, PO Box 429, Perrysville, Ohio, 44864.

Members present were: Mr. Glenn Abraham, Ms. Linda Barson, Mr. Rocky Black, Dr. Randi Cohen, Dr. Susan Norris Huss, Dr. Victoria White Kress, Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Ms. Molly Michelbrink, Mr. Kenneth Trivison, and Mr. Jan White. Absent: Mr. Jose Camerino, Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey, Dr. William Mosier, and Mr. Joseph Williams. Staff present: Mr. James Rough, Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Tamara Tingle, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Ms. Rhonda Franklin, Ms. Paula Broome, Ms. Patty Miller, Mr. Simeon Frazier, Ms. Rena Elliott and Ms. Marcia Holleman.

Also present: Mr. Peter R. Casey IV, Assistant Attorney General; Ms. Elaine Stepp, NASW; Dr. Susan Sears, Licensee; Dr. Linda Barclay, Walsh University; Dr. Bill Nemeec, Licensee; and Dr. Nick Piazza, NWOCA, University of Toledo.

- I.** Dr. Cluse-Tolar welcomed everyone. Board Members, Staff and guest introduced themselves.
- II.** Dr. Cluse-Tolar hopes to clarify continuing education and the similarities between the three licenses. One area of difference is organizational practice, which is acceptable for social workers but not for counselors and marriage and family therapists, so a general list of programs would not be the same for everyone. Legislation can also be considered part of social work. These differences between continuing education program approvals seem to be a difficult task.

Dr. Cohen stated she struggles with what the MFT/IMFT goals are and needs clarification. Mr. Hegarty had questions on independent work and what the differences are? Also he had questions regarding advocacy therapy. Dr. Huss stated that more definition is needed to define advocacy which is considered working outside of the practice. Discussion took place about the differences between advocacy and therapy.

Dr. Piazza stated that counselor ethics can also be considered social service. He explained the custody evaluation role versus procedure as follows: advocacy is a role and custody is a procedure. Mr. Hegarty stated a rule change is needed to define and assist clinicians in this regard. Ms. Barson stated if subpoenaed for a custody case, it is difficult to stay in your role, since the lawyer tries to sway you. Even if the lawyer has a clear focus on what the clinician does they are trying to protect their client. She agrees this is an area that needs clarity.

Mr. Rough stated background checks are another topic to discuss. The Joint Group of Regulatory Board Directors wants to go forward with a joint effort to get statutory language to allow criminal record checks via fingerprints. What is needed for our Board is a criminal background check by BCII, which is done at the state and federal level through fingerprint submission. There is a possibility of all the boards combining under one statute to perform a background check. About fifteen percent of applicants at the Nursing Board that stated "no" on their application were found to have something on their records when checked. This process could be done prior to licensure but unexplained records will require explanations and in many cases court records will be needed. The Nursing Board, Chiropractic Board and Dental Board require applicants to submit fingerprints for records checks. The Nursing Board is discussing the possibility of rechecking every ten years. Dr. Norris Huss mentioned that teachers are currently required to do this and that the fingerprint checks could be done at the schools versus the Board. The background checks need to be discussed in the individual Committee meetings.

### **III. REVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN**

- Mr. Rough asked each committee to discuss the plan in light of what emphasis they wanted him to place on specific functions in the next fiscal year.
- Define the function of the Executive Director for the "Full" board, not the committees and the process should two committees be in disagreement.
- Charging a fee for approving programs and providers. Discussion took place as far as making the programs available in areas that are rural and what areas are needed to make up the thirty hours. Also, problems with licensees trying to distinguish if programs will count for the ethics requirement.

Adjourned:

Dr. Cohen moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Black. Motion passes unanimously and the meeting is adjourned.

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**APRIL 21, 2006**

Chairperson, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, at the Ohio State Park Resorts and Conference Centers, PO Box 429, Perrysville, Ohio, 44864.

Members present were: Mr. Glenn Abraham, Ms. Linda Barson, Mr. Rocky Black, Dr. Randi Cohen, Dr. Susan Norris Huss, Dr. Victoria White Kress, Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Ms. Molly Michelbrink, Mr. Kenneth Trivison, and Mr. Jan White. Absent: Mr. Jose Camerino, Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey Dirck, Dr. William Mosier and Mr. Joseph Williams.

Staff present: Mr. James Rough, Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Tamara Tingle, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Ms. Rhonda Franklin, Ms. Paula Broome, Ms. Patty Miller, Mr. Simeon Frazier, Ms. Rena Elliott and Ms. Marcia Holleman.

Also present: Mr. Peter R. Casey IV, Assistant Attorney General; Ms. Elaine Stepp, NASW; Dr. Susan Sears, Licensee; Dr. Linda Barclay, Walsh University; Dr. Bill Nemecek, Licensee; and Dr. Nick Piazza, NWOCA, University of Toledo; Ms. Jennifer Jones, EOCA; Dr. Lynne Guillot Miller, OACES; Dr. Thelma Greaser, and Mr. Brian Campbell.

**I.** Dr. Cluse-Tolar re-convened the Board back into session at 12:25 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to share the outcome of the three Professional Standards Committees meetings. Dr. Norris Huss moved that the Board forgo those reports until the May Board meeting and deal with the legislative issues, Ms. Barson seconded. Carried.

MOTION: Dr. Huss moved and Ms. Michelbrink seconded a motion that the Board go into executive session to discuss legislative issues. Voting Aye: Mr. Abraham, Ms. Barson, Mr. Black, Dr. Cluse-Tolar, Dr. Cohen, Dr. Norris Huss, Dr. White Kress, Ms. Michelbrink, Ms. Riesbeck-Lee, Mr. Trivison, and Mr. White. Voting Nay: None. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Huss declared the meeting out of executive session. (2:10 p.m.)

MOTION: Ms. Michelbrink moved that the full Board will not support any legislative action that negatively impacts and or restricts the scope of practice of licensees to include social work, counseling, and marriage and family therapy, Ms. Barson seconded. Carried.

Dr. Cluse-Tolar moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Michelbrink seconded. Carried. (2:13 p.m.)

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Dr. Cluse-Tolar  
Board Chair