



Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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JANUARY 19, 2007

The regular meeting of the Board was convened at 1:30 PM on January 19, 2007, by Chairperson, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, at the One Columbus Building, 10 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH.

Members present were: Dr. Randi Cohen, Mr. Fred Dailey, Ms. Karen Huey, Dr. Susan Norris Huss, Dr. Victoria White Kress, Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Ms. Molly Tucker, Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey Dirck and Mr. Jan White. Absent: Mr. Jose Camerino, Dr. William Mosier, Mr. Kenneth Trivison. Staff present: Mr. James Rough, Mr. William Hegarty, Ms. Jennifer Kreinbrink, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Ms. Patricia Miller, Ms. Tamara Tingle and Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan.

Also present: Atty. Peter R. Casey IV, Assistant Attorney General and Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW

- I.** Discussion and approval of agenda. Dr. Cohen moved to accept the agenda, Mr. White seconded. Carried.
- II.** Dr. Norris Huss moved to accept the November 19, 2006, minutes with modifications, Ms. Tucker seconded. Ms. Huey abstained. Carried.

Dr. Cluse-Tolar welcomed Mr. Fred Dailey, public member for the CPSC and Ms. Karen Huey, public member for the SWPSC to the Board. Dr. Cluse-Tolar also welcomed the Committee Chairs, Ms. Tucker, Mr. Trivison and Mr. White, who were all re-appointed to the Board for another term.

III. Executive Director Report presented by Mr. Rough:

Mr. Rough reported:

1. The Governor's office is hopeful that a MFT and LISW Board appointment will be made by the March 2007 Board meeting.
2. A meeting will take place next week with Representative Webster regarding the diagnosis issue for marriage and family therapists.
3. Very happy with the rule review progress made to date.
4. On-line social work trainee applications are going well and plans on the counselor on-line trainee forms are next.

5. Mr. Rough, Dr. Norris Huss and Dr. Cohen attended the AASCB conference in Sarasota, Florida. The conference was interesting and covered supervision, rule review, portability, and the future of counseling licensure. A good perspective was given on other states' practices.
6. A draft for the criminal background check is being worked on by Representative Core and the two lead executive directors representing the seventeen boards seeking this change.
7. Discussed the budget report and about using a different excel spread sheet with greater detail.
8. Welcomed and introduced Ms. Kreinbrink, MSW with an LSW license, to the Board. The board hired Ms. Kreinbrink as a Certification Licensing Examiner 2, and she has been doing a fabulous job especially with Ms. Holleman being out. Mr. Rough also acknowledged the continued teamwork and efforts of all of the staff.
9. Mr. Rough requested a moment of silence for Ms. Holleman's husband who is gravely ill.
10. Monthly license print out was explained in detail and a simpler print out is being worked on.
11. Personal checks submitted to Chase lockbox office are occasionally processed in error causing problems that we are attempting to resolve.

IV. Investigative Report presented by Mr. Hegarty:

Mr. Hegarty reported:

1. Thanked his staff for doing a good job.
2. Complaints received are mostly regarding competency, practicing without a license and breach of confidentiality. The areas of Dayton and Cincinnati reported the most complaints.
3. A social work licensure denial hearing is scheduled for March.
4. Ms. Kreinbrink will be handling compliance and a FY report will be provided at the July meeting.
5. Since November 14, 2006, twenty-nine new cases have been opened, fourteen social workers, eleven counselors, and four unlicensed. Total cases opened from January 1, 2006, thru December 31, 2006, is two-hundred and four. Total cases opened from January 1, 2007 thru January 16, 2007, is six. The breakdown of the types and demographics were distributed to the Board.
6. The staff has been busy on the road traveling to Brooklyn, Centerville, Cincinnati three times, Columbus three times, Dayton, Findlay twice, New Philadelphia, Norwalk, Richmond Heights and Wooster.

V. Legal Update presented by Atty. Peter R. Casey IV, Esquire:

Atty. Casey reported:

1. The appeal on the Mulhousen case, denied a MFT license, was won in the Court of Common Pleas but has been appealed to the

- Court of Appeals and Mr. Casey submitted a brief last week to dismiss.
2. The Elder Care case involving a complaint resulted in no findings but the complainant involved has filed an appeal with the county court of appeals. Filing to dismiss.
 3. The Institute for Natural Resources is appealing to the Court of Common Pleas regarding the Board's decision to deny their request to be a provider of continuing education. Under section 119 of the Ohio Revised Code they do not have this right. The Board is willing to review their programs on an individual basis.
 4. Mr. Casey and Dr. Cluse-Tolar are working on a discipline case that will be going to hearing soon, Dr. Cluse-Tolar is unable to vote on the outcome as she is the reviewer on that case, so she will be helping with the case.
 5. Welcomed Ms. Huey and Mr. Dailey to a great Board that they will enjoy being a part of.

VI. Social Work Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Ms. Tucker:

Ms. Tucker reported:

1. Welcomed Ms. Huey, Mr. Dailey and Ms. Kreinbrink to the Board and thanked Ms. Kreinbrink for doing a great job.
2. The Committee licensed eighty-four social workers, eight related degree social workers, thirty-two independent social workers, and twenty social work assistants.
3. Approved one consent agreement and reviewed a Goldman Case.
4. Discussed the five year review, lobby day in March for NASW, exempt settings and paid supervision.
5. Mr. Rough was elected to be the Administrator Forum Chair for ASWB.
6. Ms. Tucker will be a part of the ACE Committee.
7. Thanked the Committee for all their hard work.

VII. Marriage and Family Therapists Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Ms. Sharkey Dirck:

Ms. Sharkey Dirck reported:

1. Welcomed Ms. Huey and Mr. Dailey as public members to the Board.
2. Well wishes for Mr. Trivison and Mr. Cameron who are absent due to family illness.
3. Dr. Mosier is still in Iraq.
4. Hopeful the fourth member will be appointed soon to the MFTPSC.
5. A conference call took place with Mr. Trivison and Mr. Camerino to license two marriage and family therapists.
6. Ms. Sharkey Dirck moved to approve two licensure applicants, Dr. Norris Huss seconded. Carried.
7. Thanked Ms. Adorjan for all her help and work.

8. Dr. Cluse-Tolar thanked Ms. Sharkey Dirck for her efforts with being the only MFT Board member present.

VIII. Counselor Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Mr. White:

Mr. White reported:

1. Welcomed Ms. Huey and Mr. Dailey to the Board.
2. Thanked Dr. Cohen for representing the Committee at the November Board meeting.
3. Discussed the rule review, reviewed continuing education programs and providers, and reviewed a Goldman disciplinary case.
4. Dr. Cohen and Dr. Norris Huss discussed the AASCB conference they attended.
5. Licensed seventy professional counselors and thirty-five professional clinical counselors, and closed eight cases.
6. Went into executive session to discuss a consent agreement.
7. Fifty-five applicants took the NCE exam and fifty-two passed, one applicant took the clinical and passed.
8. Numerous discussions on independent contractors, supervision issues, faculty credentials, bartering, continuing education waivers, university program review and the executive director's review.
9. Dr. Cohen thanked the Board for sending her and Dr. Huss to the AASCB conference which was very insightful.

IX. Old Business:

1. Mr. Rough went over the 2006 travel expenses for the Board and Staff requested by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Ms. Huey requested individual totals.
2. Cards for Mr. Camerino, Mr. Trivison and Ms. Holleman are being passed around.

X. New Business:

1. Mr. Rough suggested the ASWB three day training be attended by new Board Members, Ms. Huey, Ms. Riesbeck-Lee and Ms. Sharky-Dirck who have not attended. ASWB will pay for three Board Members.
2. Ms. Sharky-Dirck reminded Mr. Rough regarding the new ethics ruling. Mr. Rough stated the ruling was discussed in the Committee meetings.
3. Dr. Norris Huss brought up the idea of another retreat for the Board. The last retreat was bogged down with issues and not the future of the Board. If the budget allows would like to plan a retreat. Mr. Rough will look into the budget. Dr. Norris Huss also brought up adding an additional day to a meeting, if the retreat was not possible this year. Mr. Rough requested the Board Members bring issues or concerns and availability to the March Board meeting.

4. Dr. Cluse-Tolar agreed that a retreat or extra Board day is a good idea. Also looking forward to the new appointments.

XI. Adjourned:

Mr. Dailey moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Motion passes unanimously and the meeting is adjourned. (3:00 pm)

Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar
Board Chair