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COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD

JULY 20, 2007

The regular meeting of the Board was convened at 1:00 P.M. on July 20, 2007, by Chairperson, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, at the One Columbus Building, 10 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH.

Members present were: Mr. Timothy Brady, Mr. Jose Camerino, Ms. Randi Cohen, Mr. Fred Dailey, Ms. Karen Huey, Dr. Susan Norris Huss, Dr. Victoria White Kress, Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Mr. Tommie Robertson, Ms. Molly Tucker, Mr. Kenneth Trivison and Mr. Jan White. Absent: Dr. William Mosier and Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey Dirck.

Staff present: Mr. James Rough, Mr. William Hegarty, Ms. Jennifer Kreinbrink, Ms. Patricia Miller, Ms. Tamara Tingle, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Rena Elliott, Ms. Tracey Hosom and Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan.

Also present: Atty. Peter R. Casey IV, Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW, Ms. Shonda Craft, OAMFT, Mr. Glenn Abraham, LISW, Mr. Daniel Cruikshanks, OCA, Mr. Robert Vule, Wellspring Counseling, Dr. Bill O'Connell, Xavier University/OCA, Mr. Bill Hills, JCARR, Ms. Carnie Kuruc Ellsworth, JCARR, Ms. Amanda Sines, OCA, Ms. Carolyn Towner, OCA, and Mr. Christopher Colburn, Ohio Psychiatric Physicians.

Dr. Norris Huss moved to elect Mr. Trivison as Chair of the Board, Mr. Dailey seconded. Carried. Congratulations to Mr. Trivison who thanked the Board.

- I.** Discussion and approval of agenda. Mr. White moved to accept the agenda, Ms. Cohen seconded. Carried.
- II.** Dr. Norris Huss moved to accept the May 18, 2007, minutes, Dr. Cluse-Tolar seconded. Mr. Brady and Mr. Robertson abstained. Carried.

Ms. Tucker moved to accept the May 16, 2007, minutes, Mr. White seconded. Ms. Riesbeck-Lee, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Brady, and Dr. Cluse-Tolar abstained. Carried.

Ms. Cohen added that she liked the meeting starting at 1:00 and thanked the SWPSC.

III. Executive Director Report presented by Mr. Rough:

Mr. Rough reported:

1. Welcomed Mr. Brady and Mr. Robertson to the Board, a good orientation session took place Wednesday including a review of the laws and rules, sunshine law and policies and procedures.
2. A draft of the MFT rule 4757-25-03/04 & 4757-29-01 are being worked on and should be sent out next week to Board Members.
3. Next week a press release will be distributed for discipline cases.
4. A public hearing today at 2:00 on the law and rules will take place.
5. HB 104, criminal background checks, was approved by the House and now moves to the Senate.
6. No comments on Mr. Rough's work plan were received.
7. FY 07 travel expense report from Ms. Miller was distributed.
8. Revenue report for FY 2007 was discussed. A final report will be given at the January 2008 meeting.
9. Hopefully, Dr. Mosier will be back in September.
10. End of the month reports for June and July licensees distributed. An increase in the number of licensees, the count is at over 30,000 at this point. Reviewed report for new Board Members.
11. Thanked staff for their hard work, appreciative of their efforts.
12. Regarding the State's lost computer data; the data in our office is well protected and very secure. Documents are all shredded, staff is very diligent. Mr. Rough is working on a subcommittee with other Boards to keep office data secure and protected.

IV. Investigative Report presented by Mr. Hegarty:

Mr. Hegarty reported:

1. Thanked his staff for their hard work.
2. Since May 15, 2007, forty-seven new cases have been opened, twenty-six social workers, and twenty-one counselors. Total cases opened from January 1, 2007, thru July 16, 2007, is one-hundred and forty three. The breakdown of the types and demographics were distributed to the Board. Complaints received are mostly regarding competency and renewals. The Cincinnati area has the most complaints.
3. The staff has traveled to Akron twice, Barberton, Cambridge, Canton, Cincinnati five times, Columbus four times, Dayton twice, Delaware twice, Elyria, Middletown twice, Salt Fork, Shaker Heights, Wooster, Youngstown, and Zanesville twice.
4. A counselor hearing for licensure denial will take place in September.

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

Atty. Casey reported:

1. No movement on the Robertson appeal, waiting on briefing.
2. Continuing Education provider INR, no answer on the briefing.
3. Arguments were heard in Cleveland for the Mulhousen case. The applicant applied for a MFT license and was denied, appealed the decision, oral argument heard. Applicant could appeal to the Supreme Court. Mr. Mulhousen is representing himself which has made the case difficult.
4. The SWPSC approved a consent agreement for Ms. Kurek, a difficult hearing. The first standard of care case for the Board. Dr. Cluse-Tolar helped a great deal. Suspension and CEU's are in the consent agreement. Thanked Dr. Cluse-Tolar.

VI. Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Mr. Trivison:

Mr. Trivison reported:

1. Thanked Ms. Adorjan for her hard work, welcomed Mr. Robertson and wished Dr. Craft good luck as she is moving to Minnesota to be a professor.
2. Licensed five MFT's, three IMFT's, reviewed six exam requests, approving four, denying one and requesting additional information for one.
3. Ms. Sharkey Dirck was elected as the new chair of the MFTPSC.
4. AMFTRB meeting in Atlanta, GA, in September. Requesting for Mr. Trivison and Mr. Rough to attend for an estimated five-hundred dollar expense for each.
5. Ms. Cohen moved to approve licensure for the five MFT's and three IMFT's, Mr. White seconded. Carried.
6. Dr. White Kress moved to approve the travel request for Mr. Trivison and Mr. Rough, Mr. Dailey seconded. Carried.

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

Mr. White reported:

1. Welcomed Mr. Brady and Mr. Robertson, congratulations to Mr. Trivison.
2. The election for CPSC chair resulted with Mr. White continuing as the Chair.
3. Worked on the rule review and hope to finish soon.
4. Closed cases.
5. Discussed licensure consent agreement.

6. Approved one-hundred and twenty-one PC licensure applicants, thirty seven PCC licensure applicants and mailed one-hundred and nineteen exam packets. In May sixty-five individuals took the NCE exam and five individuals took the NCMHCE exam.
7. Dr. Norris Huss gave a CEU report.

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

Ms. Tucker reported:

1. Welcomed Mr. Brady to the SWPSC.
2. Ms. Holleman and Ms. Kreinbrink processed four hundred applications for licensure.
3. Discussed pending applications, related degrees.
4. Tabled internet therapy and bartering due to working on the rules.
5. Four-hundred and thirty-two applicants total were licensed, forty social work assistant registrants, two-hundred and ninety three social workers, seven social workers with related degrees and ninety-two licensed independent social workers.
6. One thousand three hundred and fifty-five pre-approvals for the licensure exam have been processed since November, 2006.

IX. Old Business:

X. New Business:

Mr. Trivison acknowledged the hard work of Dr. Cluse-Tolar as Board Chair and hopes to live up to her performance. Thanked the Board and staff for their hard work.

BREAK TILL 2:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING (2:00 PM)

After the Public Hearing.

Mr. Rough proposed filing the rules except for the ones in question by the Ohio Counseling Association for counselors. Mr. Rough will meet with OCA to discuss these rules.

Dr. Cluse-Tolar requested to be made aware of the rules to be changed and any questions. Mr. Rough will send the information out to the Executive Committee. The rule filing can be on the JCARR agenda up to December 20, 2007.

Mr. Dailey asked why OCA is just now coming with responses which will delay the filing of the rules and if the information was not sent out in time. Mr. Rough replied the information was sent out in time. Mr. Dailey said issues need to be discussed before the hearing takes place.

Rules can be put in a time-out in JCARR to refile or make changes at a later date.

XI. Adjourned:

Mr. Dailey moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Camerino. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting is adjourned. (3:20 p.m.)

Board Chair
Kenneth Trivison