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MARCH 17, 2006

The regular meeting of the Board was convened at 1:00 PM on March 17, 2006, by Chairperson, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, at the One Columbus Building, 10 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH.

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

Staff present: Mr. James Rough, Mr. William Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Ms. Patricia Miller, Ms. Rena Elliott and Ms. Tamara Tingle. Also present: Mr. Peter R. Casey IV, Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW Representative, Walsh University students Ms. Nikki Farson, Ms. Heather Schuning, Ms. Cheryl Hamilton, Ms. Billi Snyder.

- I.** Discussion and approval of agenda. Mr. White moved to accept the agenda, Ms. Barson seconded. Carried.
- II.** Ms. Barson moved to accept the January 20, 2006, minutes with modifications, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.
- III. Executive Director Report presented by Mr. Rough:**

Mr. Rough reported:

- 1.) Mr. Rough met with the Personnel Committee and reviewed a draft of Policies 1.2, 1.7 and 4.4 and approved the changes to the flow chart of Board positions, re-write of the security and safety plan for the Leveque Tower and changing the ceu audit to be done quarterly to help Ms. Franklin with her work load, licensees then have thirty days to respond. Dr. Cohen moved to approve the changes, Ms. Barson seconded. Carried.
- 2.) A three year testing contract with NBCC for the NCEMCH exam was reviewed by the CPSC and then signed by Mr. Rough.
- 3.) Consolidation will be discussed under new business.

- 4.) Several thousand files still need to be scanned, the quality assurance audit was done and so far the result is good.
- 5.) The meeting at Mohican State Park is scheduled for 4/20 and 4/21/06 to discuss counselor, marriage and family therapist and social worker issues. Any topics for the meeting should be submitted to Mr. Rough and then an agenda will be mailed out.
- 6.) Representative Evans is sponsoring a bill to change the language to match the practice of counselors and social workers to diagnosis and treat mental and emotional disorders. Previously, Representative Webster introduced a bill to have psychologists and psychiatrists treated equally.
- 7.) Changing the law for renewal regarding active/lapse status was discussed with Atty. Casey. The licensure system currently shows a gap if an individual renews late.
- 8.) The strategic plan includes working on investigation letters, consent agreements, etc. on the CAVU system.
- 9.) The staff is working well with the CAVU system. Testing of on-line applications will hopefully go live next month. A user ID was given so staff can check if transcripts were received and a check list can be reviewed on the system. Mr. Rough continues to offer CAVU training.
- 10.) The Budget is in excess this year, the scanning project and the move of the Board office were less than expected, also the Board is operating with a vacancy position.
- 11.) Continue to update and work on the website.
- 12.) Positive feedback was received for Ms. Hosom, Mr. Hegarty, Ms. Tingle and Ms. Holleman for their presentations. Staff continues to work well together.

IV. Investigative Report presented by Mr. Hegarty:

Mr. Hegarty reported:

- 1.) Thanked his staff for doing a good job.
- 2.) Thanked the Board for his trip to Chicago for the 2006 Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference and for Ms. Tingle's trip to San Diego, CA for the FARB conference. Very good information was obtained from both conferences.
- 3.) Since January 18, 2006, twenty-nine new cases were opened, nineteen social worker, nine counselor and one unlicensed. Total cases opened from 1/1/06 thru 3/13/06 is thirty four. The breakdown of the type and demographics was distributed to the Board. Competency is the number one issue.
- 4.) The staff has been busy on the road traveling to San Diego, Chicago, Columbus three times, Dayton three times, Cincinnati, Wheelersburg, Cedarville, Chillicothe, New Philadelphia, Kettering, Delaware, Toledo, Springfield, and Batavia.
- 5.) A counselor litigated licensure hearing is scheduled for May.

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

- 1.) An appeal is pending for Dr. Mulhousen, the MFTPSC denied his application for not meeting the requirements to be grandfathered, he appealed at the Court of Common Pleas in Cuyahoga county. Atty. Casey spoke with the judge in Cuyahoga county and submitted a motion to dismiss the case since Dr. Mulhousen did not follow the administrative law in filing his appeal.
- 2.) A social work licensure hearing took place yesterday and went well.
- 3.) Keeping busy with new cases.
- 4.) Traveling to Akron with Mr. Hegarty for three days for a counselor hearing.

VI. Marriage and Family Therapist Standards Committee Report was presented by Ms. Barson:

Ms. Barson reported:

- 1.) Ms. Barson moved to have one IMFT licensed, Mr. Trivison seconded. Carried.
- 2.) Ms. Barson moved to approve a consent agreement for Mr. David Kelner for practicing without a license as a social worker, Ms. Michelbrink seconded. Carried.
- 3.) Ms. Barson moved to conduct a Goldman Hearing for Mr. Kamran Gitiban who did not meet the grandfathering requirements, Ms. Riesbeck-Lee seconded. Carried.
- 4.) Approved one applicant to take the exam and one on-line coursework and degree.
- 5.) Discussed how to improve the number of providers and programs available for MFT's and IMFT's. Directed Ms. Miller to review all programs for MFT approval.
- 6.) Discussed the meeting at the Mohican State Park.
- 7.) Discussed legislative issues.
- 8.) Processing an application for an applicant with a degree from Japan.
- 9.) Discussed changes to the application for licensure.

VII. Counselor Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Dr. Huss:

Dr. Huss reported:

- 1.) Recognized the guests from Walsh University, Counseling Program and encouraged individuals to attend the Thursday meeting.
- 2.) Acknowledged the Committee worked hard till 5:00 on Thursday and till 12:00 noon today.
- 3.) Approved fifty-five PC's and forty-three PCC's.

- 4.) Signed a three year NBCC contract, put as many concerns in the contract as possible and the new test is in place. February had a 94% pass rate. If the NCE was taken less than two years ago the board will accept the scores, if failed 3 times but past the general knowledge then no remediation plan is needed.
- 5.) Closed ten cases.
- 6.) Approved one consent agreement, two remediation plans and approved several special licensee requests.
- 7.) Discussed several topics for the meeting at Mohican State Park, supervision, background checks, credentials of faculty at the Universities, and the similarities between the three licenses of counseling, marriage and family therapy and social work.
- 8.) Established that from 10:00 am until 11:30 am on Thursdays a discussion will be held on topics that need attention.
- 9.) Reviewed a letter from the MFTPSC requesting the inclusion of language to include diagnosis and treatment for Marriage and Family Therapists, the CPSC will support this language. Mr. Trivison thanked the CPSC.

VIII. Social Worker Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Mr. Abraham:

Mr. Abraham reported:

- 1.) Approved twenty-two social work assistant registrations, one hundred and one social work applicants, six related degree social work applicants and fifty-three independent social work applicants.
- 2.) Conducted three Goldman licensure hearings and one Goldman discipline hearing resulting in the license being revoked.
- 3.) Approved two notices of opportunity for a hearing, three consent agreements and one impairment assessment.
- 4.) Reviewed the applications for licensure and found some unique cases on some of the applications to be discussed at the meeting at the Mohican State Park as well as the topics of supervision and continuing education.
- 5.) Discussed out-of-state licensees.
- 6.) Thanked everyone for allowing Mr. Hegarty and Mr. Abraham to attend the Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference, Dr. Cluse Tolar's was sent by the University of Toledo.
- 7.) The ASWB Spring conference will be held in Portland, Oregon, the SWPSC requests to send Ms. Riesbeck-Lee and Mr. Rough at an estimated cost of \$1,500. Mr. Abraham moved to accept this request and Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.

IX. Old Business: NONE

X. New Business:

- 1.) **Consolidation** – Ms. Sharkey reported the public members of the Board feel that although they recognize the issues are legitimate

regarding the consolidation, the bill is moving forward and there are concerns with the MFT pending legislation, therefore the public members request to speak with the Governor before a decision is made to publicly make a statement against the consolidation. The bill currently shows the FY 07 budget and then for the Consolidation to take place. Dr. Huss stated to proceed carefully but to keep in mind what is good for the Board whether as an individual, board member or for Associations. Ms. Sharkey further stated her concern over the MFT bill stating that the Board's executive director already testified showing the Board's stance. Mr. Rough's concern is the changes that may occur years after the initial implementation of the Consolidation. Ms. Sharkey, Mr. Black and Mr. Williams will talk to the Governor. Further discussion took place.

MOTION: Mr. White moved and Ms. Barson seconded a motion that the Board go into executive session to discuss Personnel Committee issues. Voting Aye: Mr. White, Dr. Norris Huss, Dr. Cohen, Dr. Kress White, Mr. Williams, Ms. Barson, Mr. Trivison, Ms. Sharkey, Mr. Camerino, Mr. Abraham, Dr. Cluse-Tolar, Ms. Michelbrink, Ms. Riesbeck-Lee, Mr. Black. Voting Nay: None. Motion passes unanimously. (2:15 pm)

Dr. Cluse-Tolar declared the meeting out of executive session. (2:30 pm)

Mr. White reported the Personnel Committee shared the evaluation for Mr. Rough with the full Board and the Board agreed the rating was appropriate.

Mr. Rough stated he received more feedback in his first year with this Board than the six years on the Cosmetology Board. Mr. Rough has enjoyed his time with the Board and feels the give and take is great, the work and involvement of the Board is great and expressed his thanks. Mr. Trivison added the Search Committee did an excellent job finding Mr. Rough for the Executive Director position. Dr. Cohen agreed.

Dr. Cluse-Tolar thanked the Personnel Committee. Dr. Cluse-Tolar also wishes Mr. Powrie a quick recovery from surgery. Mr. Abraham and Mr. Hegarty represented the Board in Chicago at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Conference and did an impressive job. Looking forward to the meeting at Mohican State Park.

XI. Adjourned:

Mr. Williams moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Black. Motion passes unanimously and the meeting is adjourned. (3:07 pm)

Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar
Board Chair

