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MAY 19, 2006

The regular meeting of the Board was convened at 1:30 PM on May 19, 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. Jose Camerino, Dr. Randi Cohen, Dr. Susan Norris Huss, Dr. Victoria White Kress, Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Ms. Molly Tucker, Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey Dirck, Mr. Kenneth Trivison, Mr. Jan White and Mr. Joseph Williams. Absent: Dr. William Mosier.

Staff present: Mr. James Rough, Mr. William Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Ms. Patricia Miller, Ms. Rena Elliott, Mr. Brian Powrie and Ms. Tamara Tingle.

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

I. Discussion and approval of agenda. Mr. Abraham moved to accept the agenda, Ms. Tucker seconded. Carried.

II. Ms. Sharkey Dirck moved to accept the March 17, 2006, minutes, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.

III. Executive Director Report presented by Mr. Rough:

Mr. Rough reported:

- 1.) Mohican minutes will be voted on in the July meeting.
- 2.) The safety procedures for the LeVeque Tower have not been received yet.
- 3.) New Chairpersons will be needed for each of the Committees at the July board meeting.
- 4.) After the scanning project is complete a matching process will be done.
- 5.) Senator Webster's language was emailed to everyone and Mr. Rough hopes to send a response by e-mail.

- 6.) Discussed the five year rule review.
- 7.) The Personnel Committee feels the strategic plan is the Executive Directors job; Mr. Rough will present a plan in July.
- 8.) No plans to hire additional staff, possibly a compliance person part time or add that responsibility to Mr. Powrie's job. Ms. Holleman is also in need of assistance. The budget reflects funds are available.
- 9.) License count is steady at 29,000.
- 10.) Fees will be discussed under new business.

IV. Investigative Report presented by Mr. Hegarty:

Mr. Hegarty reported:

- 1.) Thanked his staff for doing a good job.
- 2.) Mr. Hegarty assisted with an investigation for the Psychology Board.
- 3.) A social worker disciplinary hearing will be held next week, and a three day counselor disciplinary hearing is scheduled for June.
- 4.) Since March 14, 2006, forty-two new cases have been opened, twenty-five social work, fourteen counselor and three unlicensed. Total cases opened from January 1, 2006 thru May 15, 2006 are seventy-seven. The breakdown of the type and demographics was distributed to the Board.
- 5.) The staff has been busy on the road traveling to Toledo twice, Akron twice, Wooster three times, Circleville, Cincinnati twice, Dayton, Columbus four times, Maumee, Cleveland, Elyria, Deer Creek State Park, Wilmington, Batavia, and Cedarville.

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

Atty. Casey reported:

- 1.) An appeal is pending for Dr. Mulhousen, the MFTPSC denied his application for not meeting the requirements to be grandfathered; he appealed to 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. The motion was denied, a brief is due June 7, 2006.
- 2.) A social worker disciplinary hearing is scheduled for next week.

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

Mr. Abraham reported:

- 1.) Topics discussed at the meeting held in April at Mohican included certifying supervision, expired licenses with a related degree and continuing education.

- 2.) One hundred and twenty-three applicants were licensed, three social work assistants, seventy-nine social workers, six social workers with a related degree, and thirty-five independent social workers. Eleven cases were closed, four consent agreements approved, one social work assistant registration rescinded and several correspondences reviewed.
- 3.) The ASWB conference held in Portland, Oregon was a very good conference.
- 4.) Thanked Ms. Holleman and the Committee for their hard work.

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

Mr. Trivison reported:

- 1.) Filling in for Ms. Barson who had to leave to attend a funeral.
- 2.) At the meeting in Mohican, there was not a quorum so no formal action was taken but continuing education was reviewed, supervision, legislative clean up and the limited number of providers offering continuing education was discussed.
- 3.) Licensed two marriage and family therapists, reviewed three requests to take the exam and denied all three, reviewed two endorsement licensure requests and denied both.
- 4.) Requested Mr. Rough to send Senator Webster the statutory clean up language and to not need the full Board's approval for licenses approved and to also not create any difficulties with the Board or general assembly.
- 5.) Mr. Trivison moved that the Board accept the language and to not need the full Board approval for applicants to be licensed and to not create any difficulties with the Board or general assembly, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.
- 6.) Thanked Mr. Powrie and members of the Committee for their hard work.

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

Dr. Huss reported:

- 1.) Thanked the staff for their hard work.
- 2.) A six hour hearing took place yesterday regarding an art therapy degree and no decision has been made.
- 3.) Eighty PC's were licensed, forty PCC's, eleven cases were closed, and one remediation plan approved.
- 4.) A passing rate of 94% on the NCE, 100% fail rate for the NCMHCE but only two people have taken the exam.
- 5.) Spent a lot of time on the program review form.
- 6.) The counselor specific rules will be reviewed before the next meeting.

- 7.) The topics of supervision, increased training, program review, revising forms, first hand knowledge on supervision and other topics were discussed at the April meeting held at Mohican.
- 8.) Dr. Cohen and Dr. Huss attended the OACES conference.
- 9.) A decision was not made on endorsement licensure.
- 10.) The committee is in favor of criminal records check.
- 11.) Discussed the Jurisprudence exam.
- 12.) Concerns were discussed regarding fees for providers.
- 13.) Checking credentials of faculty from universities.
- 14.) The definition of advocacy was discussed as well as the Executive Director's role regarding advocacy.

IX. Old Business:

- 1.) Dr. Huss moved to proceed with investigation of criminal record checks for applicants, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried. Discussion took place. All Regulatory Boards may engage with BCII and FBI services and charges would be \$69.00. Legislative changes would be needed and the hope is all regulatory boards in need of the change will work together on a single bill.
- 2.) Ms. Tucker moved that continuing education hours for a single course can be used for counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists if approved for all three, Mr. Camerino seconded. Mr. Trivison is in favor of this, Mr. Abraham and Dr. Huss feel thirty hours should be completed for each license. The motion was voted down.
Mr. Trivison moved that thirty hours of continuing education be taken regardless of the number of licenses held, Dr. White Kress seconded. Ten Board Members against this motion and one Board Member for this motion. Ms. Sharkey Dirck moved to table this discussion until July board meeting, Mr. Abraham seconded. Carried.

X. New Business:

- 1.) Dr. Cluse-Tolar requested Dr. Huss as Chair of the Board. Dr. Cluse-Tolar moved to increase licensure fees, application fees, and renewal fees by ten dollars for everyone but social work assistants, making their fee increase only five dollars, to start in FY 08, Ms. Tucker seconded. Carried.
- 2.) Dr. Huss moved for a thirty dollar renewal late fee for licensees and a twenty dollar late fee for social work assistants starting in FY 08, Mr. Trivison seconded. Carried.
- 3.) Dr. Huss moved for a twenty-five dollar charge per request for out-of-state licensure verification beginning FY 08, Mr. Trivison seconded. Carried.
- 4.) Dr. Huss moved to institute fines up to one thousand dollars per violation starting FY 08 as an option, Ms. Tucker seconded. Carried. Dr. Huss and Mr. Abraham opposed. The funds would go into the budget for the Board.

XI. Adjourned:

Mr. Williams moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Trivison. Motion passes unanimously and the meeting is adjourned. (3:00 pm)

Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar
Board Chair