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State of Ohio Counselor Professional Committee Meeting July 17, 2008

Members Present were: Dr. Victoria Kress, Mr. Jan White, Ms. Francine Packard

Staff Present were: Mr. Bill Hegarty, Mrs. Rena Elliott, Mr. Simeon Frazier.

Guest Present: None

Committee Chair Nomination and Election

White then moved that Kress be voted as chair of the Counselor Professional Standards Committee. Packard seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed unanimously.

Kress thanked the committee.

Approval of Agenda

Hegarty's position on the agenda was moved to an earlier time. .

White moved to approve the agenda as amended. Packard seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed.

Investigations Report

Huss was not in attendance, so Kress will recommend closing the presented cases.

Kress moved to approve the closing of all presented investigation cases. Packard seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed unanimously.

Hegarty advised that there would not be another hearing held if a second retreat is held, otherwise, they will have an afternoon hearing. He reminded the committee that they are backed up with hearings.

White shared that the committee suggested that there may not be an opportunity to have a retreat as a regular part of board meetings.

Hegarty recommended executive session. The committee went into executive session at 11:03am, with all answering roll call with "Yes."

The committee returned from executive session at 11:13

Regarding case 2007-176, White moved to move forward with the case regarding Renee Golowenski. Packard seconded, there was no discussion, as the motion passed unanimously.

Theresa Carman

White moved to accept Carman's consent agreement. Packard seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

Carol Easter

White moved to accept Easter's consent agreement. Packard seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

Eugene Altomare

Packard moved to accept Altomare's consent agreement. White seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

Drew Henderson

Packard moved to accept Henderson's consent agreement. White seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

Jennifer Jones

White moved to accept Jones' consent agreement. Packard seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

Michael Stalego

Packard moved to accept Stalego's consent agreement. White seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

Heather Holland

White moved to accept Hollan's consent agreement. Packard seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

Goldman Review for Harold Mizner

White moved to deny Mizner's request for PCC licensure. Packard seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed, unanimously. As the case reviewer, Kress abstained.

Goldman Review for Helen Gents

White moved to deny Gent's request for PC licensure. Packard seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

Goldman Review for Paula Gillotti

Packard moved to deny Gillotti's request for PCC licensure. White seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed, unanimously. As the case reviewer, Packard abstained from the vote. ***Amended at the September 19, 2008 CPSC meeting, due to Packard making original motion when she was the case reviewer***: White moved to Deny the request for PCC licensure. Gilyard seconded; as the case reviewer, Packard recused herself from the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Goldman Review for Jennifer Jackson

White moved to deny Jackson's request for PC licensure. Packard seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed, unanimously. As the case reviewer, Packard abstained from the vote. ***Amended at the September 19, 2008 CPSC meeting due to Packard seconding the motion when she was the case reviewer***: White moved to Deny the request for PCC licensure. Gilyard seconded; as the case reviewer, Packard recused herself from the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Hegarty reminded the committee that they will have a multitude of hearings.

Kress shared that she'd like to have discussions to more clearly define how they committee are operationalizing, as a committee, a "degree in counseling."
It will be placed on September's agenda.

Reviewing Applications

White shared that he reviewed the licensure applications on Wednesday July 16th.

Reviewing CEU/Provider applications

White shared that he reviewed all but 3-4 applications.
Kress expressed appreciation for White's efforts.

University Program Reviews

The committee had discussions about providing direction on how to proceed regarding what to do when felonies appear on the Criminal Records Checks. The consensus is, in most cases, it will be reviewed on a case by case basis, as the nature of the counseling

profession suggests that people can change; but the protection of the public is the highest priority to consider.

The committee continued to review University programs and the CEU providers until the meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

**State of Ohio
Counselor Professional Committee Meeting
July 18, 2008**

Members Present: Dr. Victoria Kress, Mr. Jan White, Ms. Francine Packard, Dr. Otha Gilyard

Staff Present: Mr. Jim Rough, Mrs. Rena Elliott, Mr. Simeon Frazier

Guests Present: Sam Wolfe (Ohio Counselor Association), Thelma Greaser (Ohio Counselor Association), Bill O'Connell (Ohio Counselor Association)

Dr. Kress called the meeting to order at 08:39 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

White added, under New Business, "Report of Executive and Personnel Committee."

Packard added "CEU Committee Report."

White moved to approve the amended agenda. Packard seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for May

Packard moved to approve the May Minutes . White seconded. During the discussion, it was determined that there were two typos on n page 3. "bull" was changed to bill, to read "The committee discussed whether or not it was legal/ethical to bill under a supervisor when the applicant is in private practice." And Kress was changed to Packard to read "Packard seconded."

The revised minutes were passed unanimously.

Approval of PC applications

White moved to approve the list of PC applicants. Packard seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

Approval of PCC applicants

White moved to approve the list of PCC applicants. Packard seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

Counselor Applications Coordinator's Report

Elliot reported that 163 exam packets were mailed, and Frazier processed 410 Counselor Trainee and Clinical Resident Agreements.

In May, 57 candidates took the NCE. 52 passed, 5 were unsuccessful.

9 candidates took the NCMHCE. 8 passed, 1 was unsuccessful.

In June, 51 candidates took the NCE. 48 passed and 3 were unsuccessful.

9 candidates took the NCMHCE. 5 passed 4 were unsuccessful.

Packard remarked that a lot of people pass the NCE, but not many sit for the NCMHCE. The committee discussed various reasons (private and professional). Kress requested a discussion of concerns and data surrounding the NCE/NCMHCE exam results at the September meeting.

Rough and Dr. Otha Gilyard entered at 08:50 am to meet the committee.

Rough suggested discounting, approximately the first 50 results since they were primarily out of state applicants, not from an Ohio school. They reiterated that they must discuss "What is a counseling degree, and when is a counseling psychology degree acceptable vs. when it isn't."

Kress requested the board's assistant attorney general be present.

Rough wants the discussion scheduled with a time to give to the AAG.

New Business

Hardship Requests: Exception vs. Consistency discussion

The committee agreed that they haven't been liberal with applying their ability to approve a hardship request. The discussion would be tabled until Dr. Huss is able to participate.

Guests from the OCA entered at 08:58am.

White suggested that the bigger issue, with regards to hardship, for the committee is that they value consistency so much that it serves as a barrier to utilize the rule. He also shared that, in most cases, the requests didn't appear to be a true hardship.

Kress shared that the committee may possibly support requests. She shared the professional organizations may want to take on the task, as the board may not have the resources.

Packard suggested educating the licensees that they may pay for supervision.

White shared that it may not be the board's responsibility to do this

Rough suggested putting it in the newsletter.

Executive Director's Report

Rough reported the budget for the next fiscal year, due before the next board meeting, the last time. It included late fees, fines for discipline cases, and fees for license verification for other states to be added. The Governor denied it. He'll ask for \$30 late fees for renewals.

White asked how it was decided that \$30 would be the fee. Rough shared that the created the number as a starting point that is consistent with what other boards have done.

Rough believes that this will prevent licensure fees from increasing.

He also shared that a fine may be imposed for CEU non compliance.

White shared that he was surprised that licensees were being so dishonest with regard to how many CEUs they completed.

He shared that IMFT Thomas McGloshen and LISW Tim Brady have state email accounts. He offered them to the committee members that want them. He's meeting with the Ohio Historical Society, regarding email retention that should be sent to them, including minutes, etc. They briefly discussed what types of documents should be sent (Precedent setting rules, policy, intent behind decisions, etc.)

Packard shared that the Marriage and Family Therapists were discussing a "Life Book" and this may be the CPSC committee's "Life Book," a tool that would particularly be helpful for new members.

Rough shared that the MFT language in HB427 passed in the house on 5/7/08.

The LISW supervisor applications are being tracked; anticipating an influx the last two weeks of August.

There is a rule memo the committee will want to review. 4757-13-04 will be deleted, as it has expired. Also, 4757-13-02, 13-06, and 17.01 must be cleared from referencing 13-04. 4757-5-13 is still included, but it won't be filed before the public discussion.

Kress suggested the guests provide feedback on the Electronic Service Delivery (ESD) material she submitted.

Rough came up with information regarding defining "Good Moral Character." With P.R. Casey.

He (Rough) will be doing an annual report for Governor Strickland. If he gets the approval of the board chair, he'll send them to the committee, and post it on the website under the heading "Year in Review."

He reported that Rep. Bacon has an Autistic son, and he had difficulty finding specialists. He'd like the licensing system here, for people that wish to participate, have

their specialty areas and contact information. He requested the licensee have the capability to update their file, with a User ID and password, and they would be responsible for the content.

Packard suggested that often times; insurance companies won't reimburse the licensee if MRDD is the primary diagnosis, and that the licensees may wish to use this list to connect with the MRDD constituency.

Kress and Rough discussed a disclaimer that would be listed to indicate that the information hasn't been validated by the board, to protect the public.

White shared that he believed it was appropriate to provide as much information as possible.

Rough shared that this will soon be a legislative requirement.

White stated that it looks as if this should've been done all along.

Rough reported that the Art Therapist Association met with him. He shared information suggesting they (Art Therapists) must do things consistent with how others are doing them to consider licensure. The discussion included whether or not art therapists should be included on each committee vs. a committee in and of itself.

The committee discussed that this will be an uphill battle that may take 10 years or so to achieve, along with having discussions with other professional organizations and address other issues.

This will be discussed with each committee and then the full board. The impression that he got was that no one was really against it, but it doesn't seem the number of licensees wouldn't justify placing them on the board, simply to protect the title.

Greaser asked if they're also asking that a PCC may not use Art Therapy in their scope of practice.

Rough clarified that they may, but may not call themselves art therapists.

White shared that he believes that the committee must have an internal discussion regarding where art therapy fits in as they (the committee) have struggled with this.

Rough shared that they would ultimately look for their own license.

Gilyard asked if there is any information defining their scope. Rough agreed to provide it.

Kress shared that she doesn't know if there would be enough participation to support a full time employee for the license.

Rough shared it wouldn't be a full time employee, as it wouldn't be a full time duty.

White wondered what role the board played in the MFT's arrival.

Rough shared that the board didn't advocate for or against the MFTs as they didn't believe it would pass, since it had been denied several times. Because they weren't involved, the language in their rule was different than that of other committees.

The audit was complete, and a full report hadn't yet been received. Copies will be mailed to the board members. There were no questions by the committee.

Bill O'Connell announced that he recently became president of the OCA. He shared it was a priority to attend the meeting. Wolfe and Greaser will be primary liaisons. If they seek a voice, they will look, 2 weeks in advance, to be put on the agenda. They'd like to promote a good working relationship.

Kress shared that Thursday is the work meeting, where more in depth conversations are held, but Friday morning is when the Executive Director gives his report and the vote is done. Also, the hearings are done on Thursdays.

Kress shared that the committee wants the OCA to have complete and accurate information to prevent misinterpretation due to lack of communication.

O'Connell shared a scenario where operating based on assumptions and myths have perpetuated dysfunction.

Kress requested feedback to be provided in a reasonable amount of time before the meeting.

CEU Committee Report

Packard reported a new definition of "Provider Status" will be drafted, to prevent the board from being circumvented, and the status being abused.

Kress shared a scenario where she was once contacted to use her department's approval number.

Packard shared that she was shocked to discover the non-compliance. She went on to share that she was audited and the system is working.

As license professionals, the process should be easily followed. The process is currently done by the honor system, and she is concerned about the number that may not be caught.

She stated that she also believes that CEUs should be based on therapeutic modalities that the board requires for licensure; adding that, although tai-chi and yoga would be fine, for extending their personal scope, but it shouldn't be a pre-approved counseling CEU.

White shared that there could be too much subjectivity with too broad of an exception with the CEUs.

O'Connell shared that there must be a connection with the license.

Packard shared that Medicaid wouldn't consider many of these as billable; there were provider complaints; and it was suggested that if an attendee is dissatisfied with the CEU, they should complain to the provider. Afterwards, the board may be contacted to formally complain.

Greaser agreed that complaints should be sent to the board.

Kress shared that she believes that some responsibility goes to the licensees, but if a provider is being complained about, often, the board should discipline them, also.

Executive and Personnel Committee report

White reported that it was discussed the personnel committee may be dissolved. At the full board meeting, a motion will be made to adjust policy 1.8 and policy 2.7 to dissolve the personnel committee, as the executive committee could discuss, both, the executive director, and personnel issues, with the board chair, who is a member, and must sign off. He also shared that it didn't seem right for 4 members to provide the evaluation of the full board involvement provided a more substantive evaluation of the executive director.

Kress will be the new Executive Committee member.

Correspondence

Jamie Stanforth-Choueiry

She submitted a hardship request to have an LISW supervise her. She has 6 months of hours that must be completed.

White asked if she's making an inaccurate assumption that their current supervisor had discipline against her that would cause the supervisor to lose the credential and her hours. It didn't appear to be a hardship, as much as an inconvenience.

White moved to deny the hardship request. Packard seconded. There was no discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

Jeanette Hall

White shared that the rural area issues have been the reason that the committee discussed hardship approvals to begin with.

White moved to accept the request for hardship. Packard seconded. During the discussion, Kress offered concern that, while attending Capella, she potentially never worked with an Ohio counselor. Also, much of her supervision was done over the phone, and online, so she has capabilities to do distance learning supervision.

Gilyard asked why they would approve this case. White shared the history of the rule was made to accommodate areas where there is a dearth of supervisors.

Gilyard suggested that it would cause a lot of problems if an acceptance were made. He isn't sure that this is an exceptional case to do this.

Packard suggested that the applicant may be inconvenienced, i.e. seeking supervision from a local college.

Gilyard suggested that he'd have problems accepting this case. Elliot confirmed she had a supervisor when she was a CT. White withdrew the original motion and moved to deny the request for a hardship request. Packard seconded. There was no additional discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

Kress discussed the concept of protecting the public as the ultimate goal. O'Connell shared that the OCA must provide feedback in September. He confirmed that Rough's initiative to update the website (with the applicant updating the website) was initiated by the House. He also asked for Kress' information that she amassed regarding ESD.

There was discussion on how necessary it is to pursue this issue.

He also confirmed that their interaction would be appropriate, inasmuch as they would ask questions when called on, and that they would also request to be placed on the agenda.

The committee continued to work on program approvals and CEUs until the meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Dr. Victoria Kress, Chairperson