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COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Susan Huss, Chairperson at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present Were: Dr. Randi Cohen, Dr. Rose Quinones-DelValle, Dr. Susan Huss, Mr. Jan White and Mr. Joe Williams.

Staff Present: Mr. Peter R. Casey, IV, Ms. Rena Elliott, Mr. Simeon Frazier, Mr. James Rough.

Guest Present: Dr. Steven Fortson, Wright State University.

Denial Hearing: The Counselor Professional Standards Committee conducted a denial hearing for Maureen Goldblatt, an applicant who attended the University of Wisconsin and received a degree in Educational Psychology with an emphasis in Community Counseling. Ms. Goldblatt was denied a license due to failure to meet the educational requirements of the Revised Code. She was provided with guidance on what was needed to meet those requirements. Her degree was deemed appropriate but she was missing some specific courses as required.

Executive Director Issues: Mr. Rough reported that he received a call from Dr. Beebe from Youngstown State University regarding appropriate licensure for faculty members to teach practicum and internship. The committee reviewed the language of rule 4757-13-01 (c) "The counseling program must stand as a recognizable organizational entity within the institution and have a counseling faculty who are appropriately licensed as professional counselors or professional clinical counselors." and the interpretation of the AAG that that meant all faculty had to be licensees of the board. The question was then raised of whether a LPC could supervise practicum and internship. These issues were tabled for a later meeting.

Application Review: Committee members reviewed applications for licensure, CEU program applications and other correspondence.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Steven Fortson, Associate Professor and Chair at Wright State University presented his concerns regarding counselor trainee status for students after failing the examination. The Committee thanked Dr. Fortson for addressing his concerns and there will be further discussion regarding this issue and the Board will be in contact with Wright State University.

Change to licensure examinations: Discussion pursued regarding a two tier test, which was approved. The committee discussed the pros and cons of a two tier test. The committee wants to make sure that it meets the requirements of the statute in any examination changes that it makes. The following issues were discussed.

1. The two tier test provides a more appropriate measure of the entry level PC minimum competency while also providing a separate measure for the PCC minimum competency with a clinical only examination.
2. The down side is applicants have another examination to pay for although those costs can be spread out over two years. Also, there are about equal numbers of PCs (3537) and PCCs (3435), which indicates that not all PCs pursue a PCC license thus all are not faced with a second examination.
3. Counselors who pass the first examination, practice under supervision, and then do not pass the second-tier examination continue to maintain their status as PCs until such time as they pass the examination and fulfill all of the requirements for a license as a PCC. Failure to pass the examination for PCC has no impact on their PC license. This gives PCs the ability to continue to earn a living while preparing to retake the examination.
4. The Board accepts the evidence provided by NBCC regarding the reliability and validity of the examinations being proposed for use. NBCC provided public and confidential documents in response to the issues of validity and reliability. NBCC examinations are used in 49 of 50 states and Puerto Rico and Washington D.C. The NCE alone is used in 25 states, NCMHCE alone in 7 states, both are used in 15 states, NCE with EMAC in two states, PCLE in Ohio and one state and Virgin Islands do not use NBCC exams. Our current examination uses questions from the NCE as half of the exam and was proven valid for our PC license as part of the review of the contract with NBCC in 2003. Ohio will also have individuals working on the NBCC committees that update the NBCC examinations and have an intimate part in the development of replacement exam questions and scenarios.
5. Some concern was expressed about moving to a two-tier licensure examination, so soon after having changed examinations. The board reviewed this issue and determined the NCE is essentially the same as the PCLE for the non-clinical half and our students are well prepared based on the examination scores since January 2004. The board believes that the separate clinical examination gives PCs that extra two years of clinical experience to prepare and have the experience base to be more ready for the NCMHCE. This change also allows the board to be a better gate keeper for the profession.
6. Using the NBCC two tiered examinations will also improve portability for Ohio licensees moving to other states as well as those moving to Ohio.

Results of Application Review: The committee reviewed and signed off on 48 Professional Clinical Counselor Applications and 80 Professional Counselor Applications.

Results of CEU Program Review: The Committee reviewed all of the continuing education applications that were provided to them for review.

New Business: The Committee discussed having a special meeting on October 27, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. to review laws and rules that apply to supervision & additional items.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

Meeting was called to order by: Dr. Susan Norris Huss at 9:00 a.m.

Members present were: Dr. Randi Cohen, Dr. Susan Norris Huss, Dr. Rose Quinones-DelValle, Mr. Jan White and Mr. Joseph Williams.

Staff present: Ms. Rena Elliott, Mr. William Hegarty, Ms. Patricia Miller, Mr. James Rough, and Ms. Tamara Tingle.

Guest present: None

Dr. Huss requested the Board Members give a clear reason when making motions so the reasoning is in the minutes.

Mr. White brought up the issue of years ago the Board meeting lasting two and a half days and running through half of Saturday. The idea of possibly adding a half day on Saturday periodically was discussed and will be put on the agenda for the October meeting.

- 1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA:** Mr. White moved to accept the agenda with modifications, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.
- 2. APPROVAL OF July 22, 2005, MINUTES:** Mr. White moved to accept the minutes, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.
- 3. APPROVAL LIST FOR PC AND PCC APPLICATIONS:** Dr. Cohen moved to accept the PC licensure candidate list with the addition of Ms. Vanessa Brocco, Mr. White seconded. Carried. Mr. White moved to accept the PCC licensure candidate list with the addition of Ms. Jacqueline Hatten, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.
- 4. APPROVAL OF LIST FOR INTENT TO DENY, PC, PCC:**

Ms. Marie Tasker - Originally the transcript from Ms. Tasker, Lesley University, showed a degree in Expressive Therapy/Art Therapy and two months later the transcript read Art Therapy/Mental Health Counseling. Mr. White moved to deny **Ms. Marie Tasker's** request for a PC license due to lack of coursework, seconded by Dr. Quinones-DelValle. Carried. The Committee requested Ms. Elliott to complete a course review for Ms. Tasker.
- 5. TESTING UPDATE:** None

6. INVESTIGATIVE REPORT BY MR. HEGARTY:

Mr. Hegarty distributed cases recommended for closure by Dr. Huss. (See Attached)

Mr. Hegarty reported:

- 1.) Explained the numbering system of cases with the new computer system.
- 2.) Requested the Board send Ms. Elliott to the ASCB conference wherever the conference is held, currently planned for New Orleans but with Hurricane Katrina, the destination will probably change. Mr. Rough, Dr. Huss and Dr. Cohen will present on supervision.

MOTION: Dr. Cohen moved and Dr. Quinones-DelValle seconded a motion that the Committee go into executive session to discuss investigative matters. Voting Aye: Dr. Cohen, Dr. Norris Huss, Dr. Quinones-DelValle, Mr. White and Mr. Williams. Voting Nay: None. Motion passes unanimously. (9:20 am)

Dr. Huss declared the meeting out of executive session. (9:30 am)

Dr. Cohen moved to accept the consent agreement for **Mr. Melvin Johnson**, seconded by Mr. White. Carried.

- 3.) A counselor denial hearing will take place at the November meeting.
- 4.) The November Board dinner will be held at the Barcelona Restaurant.
- 5.) Dr. Huss requested the topic of transcripts stating the degree as a counseling degree even if the degree is not counseling be discussed at the October meeting. Also, before denying an applicant the courses must be looked at individually so the courses are consistent with the degree.
- 6.) The posting of the investigator position will close on Monday, October 3, 2005. As staff switch positions other openings will become available in the office.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT BY MR. JAMES ROUGH:

Mr. Rough reported:

- 1.) Distributed a memo reflecting his comments on the Clear Conference he attended in Phoenix, AZ, and reported on various sessions attended.
- 2.) HB 117, section 4783.03(A)(9)(B) was discussed and if the Board chose to oppose this bill, Mr. Rough will work with the Attorney General's office to draft a letter and Mr. Rough will testify.

- 3.) Dr. Huss clarified the process for a rule change. JCARR has no hearings in December. A vote at the full Board meeting regarding filing of the rules will take place to give Associations time to offer feedback.
- 4.) Dr. Cohen suggested 4757-17-01, #5 supervision, be added to the October meeting agenda. Dr. Huss requested Mr. Rough to e-mail rules to be looked at concerning supervision and CT status to the Board Members. A motion will be needed to delete 4757-13-01. Discussion took place concerning the intent and clarity of 4757-5-01. The Board will ask Mr. Casey about the use of the term "client".

Break (10:16 am)

Return (10:30 am)

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT BY MS. ELLIOTT:

Ms. Elliott reported:

- 1.) As of August 2005, fifty-six individuals took the licensure exam, thirty-five passed, twenty-one failed, nine were repeaters, six passed and three failed.
- 2.) Continue to send exam packets, at least thirty per week, counselor trainee agreements are coming in rapidly.
- 3.) At the request of Dr. Wantz from Wright State, Mr. Hegarty will present on ethics and Ms. Elliott on the licensure process.
- 4.) Many exam packet requests from out of state.
- 5.) Dr. Huss requested documentation of any questions coming into the Board so a consistent answer is given.

9. HEARING OFFICER REPORT: None

10. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.) **Mr. Raj** – The Committee had tabled his application but have found that under the law the Board will not be able to agree to his request to waive the test portion of licensure. Dr. Cohen moved to deny Mr. Raj's request to waive the test portion of licensure and Mr. Rough will draft a letter which will include that if the rules regarding testing change in the future the Board would encourage him to re-apply. Dr. Quinones-DelValle seconded. Carried.
- 2.) Mr. White asked if the new Board Member training is still in process. The Committee has been appointed and is in process.
- 3.) Dr. Huss will attend the October OACES meeting.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Remediation Plans

Ms. Theresa Braddy – Dr. Quinones-DelValle moved that if her coursework is different than what she has already taken then it will be accepted, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried. Ms. Elliott will call Ms. Braddy.

Ms. Elizabeth L. Batzel – Dr. Quinones-DelValle moved to accept her remediation plan, Mr. White seconded. Carried.

2.) Special Cases

Ms. Erica McDonald – Dr. Quinones-DelValle moved to add her to the PCC list since additional requested information relating to her offense was received, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.

Mr. Michael Perciful – Discussion was held and more information is needed.

Ms. Angela Dussia – Discussion was held and more information is needed.

Ms. Mary Briguglio – Additional information was received, a letter from her supervisor. Ms. Elliott will request additional information in writing.

Ms. Tracy Blankenship – Mr. White moved to add Ms. Blankenship to the PC list, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.

Ms. Jacqueline Hatten – Her 2003 supervision was approved under a LISW, this was not an exception but a clerical error, so Ms. Hatten will be added to the PCC list. Mr. White moved to approved Ms. Hatten on the PCC list, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.

Executive Director Issue: Mr. Rough had brought up with the MFT and SW Committee if there was a limit on the size of a group for supervision. This will be a topic for the October meeting. Ms. Elliott found that 4757-17-01(B)(5) states that for training supervision a supervisor may only have five supervisees registered with the board at one time; additionally 4757-17-01(A)(3) states that “Group supervision” is board approved supervision that consists of not more than five supervisees for one supervisor.

3.) Correspondence

Mr. Larry Alexander – Dr. Cohen was not able to complete the review, a clinical field evaluation was requested for the time frame of hours and not received.

Ms. Nadia Alamo – Mr. White moved to deny her request to be exempt from having a PCC as a supervisor as she should be able to find a PCC in her area, Mr. Williams seconded. Carried.

Ms. Becky Bro – No action required.

Ms. Christina Butler – Mr. White moved to deny Ms. Butler's request for the Board to accept her supervision hours by a supervisor who is not a counselor and to cite the rules in her letter, Mr. Williams seconded. Carried.

Ms. Susan Duskel – Dr. Cohen moved for Ms. Duskel to investigate other programs to take locally for her internship, Dr. Quinones-DelValle seconded. Carried.

Mr. Friedal Gilyard – Hardship request, failed the examination three times. Dr. Cohen moved to deny post-test hardship, encourage her to communicate a remediation plan that works with present circumstances then the Board will review, Dr. Quinones-DelValle seconded. Carried.

Ms. Jill Maloney – Dr. Cohen moved to deny her hardship request and to send a list of supervisors in her area, Mr. White seconded. Carried.

Ms. Lisa Marks – Dr. Quinones-DelValle moved to deny her request to waive coursework, to cite the law, Mr. Williams carried.

Ms. Jeanne Miller – Dr. Cohen moved to deny her request for hardship to have a psychiatrist as a supervisor and to send a letter for appropriate off site supervision, Dr. Quinones-DelValle seconded. Carried.

Mr. Richard Nutter – Mr. White moved to accept his request for video supervision and commend them on their current technology, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.

Ms. Elizabeth A. Osicki – Dr. Cohen moved to deny her request based on the law and that she can only accrue supervision hours after licensure, Dr. Quinones-DelValle seconded. Carried.

Ms. Sandra M. Pollino – Dr. Cohen moved to allow Ms. Pollino to take the exam one more time as a paper test at no cost and NBCC will be notified, Dr. Quinones-DelValle seconded. Carried.

Ms. Lisa Rogers – Dr. Cohen moved to deny her request to accept supervision hours, and to send her a letter about off site supervision, Mr. White seconded. Carried.

Mr. Dan Stavnezer – Mr. White moved to deny her request to waive two-hundred and fifty hours of supervision, Dr. Quinones-DelValle seconded. Carried.

Ms. Amy Ward – Failed the examination three times. Dr. Cohen moved to write a letter requesting a remediation plan be submitted to the Board for review and cite the paragraph in the Laws about remediation plans in her letter, Mr. White seconded. Carried.

Ms. Courtney Weng – Mr. White moved to deny her request to ignore her second test failure, Dr. Quinones-DelValle seconded. Carried.

Dr. Huss requested that in the future Ms. Elliott include correspondence letters in the Board mailing.

4.) **Degree Reviews**

Mr. Peter Mesrin – Dr. Quinones-DelValle moved to accept his coursework and degree and to allow him to sit for the PCLE exam, Mr. White seconded. Carried.

Mr. Paul Castelino – Dr. Quinones-DelValle moved to not act on his request until additional information is received, and Ms. Elliott will send out a letter, Mr. White seconded. Carried.

Mr. White moved to request a special meeting be held October 27, 2005 for the CPSC from the Full Board for purposes of allowing broader discussion of supervision and other issues that need more time for discussion that has been available during the past few board meetings, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.

Dr. Huss distributed a list of renewals to be discussed by Mr. Rough at the Full Board meeting.

12. ADJOURNED

Dr. Cohen moved, Dr. Quinones- seconded. Carried.
12:40 pm.

Dr. Susan Norris Huss
Chairperson