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Social Worker Professional Standards Committee (SWPSC) Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2009

Members Present: Mr. Tim Brady, Mr. Bob Nelson, Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee,
Ms. Molly Tucker
Staff Present: Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Tracy Hosom,
Ms. Jennifer Kreinbrink, Mr. Jim Rough
Guests Present: Mr. Kenneth Trivison, MFTPSC member, Mr. Jan White, CPSC member

1. Meeting Called to Order

Ms. Tucker called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

2. Discussion/Approval of January 15th & 16th, 2009 Agenda

Ms. Tucker asked if there were any changes or discussion of the January 15th and 16th, 2009 agenda. The Committee asked that the following items be added to the agenda: review of Mr. Rough's evaluation, look at the electronic service delivery paper, and topics for the July planning committee. Mr. Nelson made the motion to approve the agenda with the additions. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

3. Approval of November 20th & 21st, 2008 Minutes

Ms. Tucker asked if there were any changes or discussion of the November 20th and 21st, 2008 minutes. Mr. Brady made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Motion carried.

4. Investigations

(A) Closed Cases

Mr. Brady made a motion that the following cases be closed as he had determined no actionable offenses had been found. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2008-118	2008-166	2008-174	2008-189	2008-194
2008-199	2008-202	2008-207	2008-230	2008-231
2008-258	2008-261	2008-265	2008-271	2008-274
2008-282	2008-289			

(B) Correspondence

David Callan – Mr. Callan sent a letter to Mr. Hegarty in regards to doing telephone only therapy. The Committee reviewed and discussed his letter and draft advertisement of this service. Mr. Hegarty will send a letter to Mr. Callan and state that the Committee will set this issue aside and discuss it in further detail at the July planning committee meeting.

Patricia Leininger – Ms. Leininger requested permission to adopt her ex-client. The Committee reviewed and discussed her letter and the letter from Clinton County Department of Job and Family Services. The SWPSC approved her adoption request.

(C) Executive Session

Ms. Tucker requested that the SWPSC meeting go into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Hearing Officer Report, Notice of Opportunity for Hearings, Consent Agreements, and Goldman Reviews (Disciplinary and Licensure). Accepted by a Roll Call Vote – Mr. Brady –yes, Mr. Nelson – yes, Mr. Trivison - yes, Ms. Tucker - yes.

Ms. Tucker moved that the SWPSC come out of Executive Session at 10:22 a.m. Accepted by a Roll Call Vote – Mr. Brady –yes, Mr. Nelson – yes, Mr. Trivison – yes, Ms. Tucker – yes.

(D) Hearing Officer Report

Donna Sabo – Mr. Brady made a motion to concur with the hearing officer’s report and deny Ms. Sabo a license because she does not meet the 400 hour social service practicum requirement under the related degree rule. Seconded by Mr. Trivison. Mr. Nelson recused himself. Motion carried.

(E) Notice of Opportunity for Hearings

When voting, the committee members are not aware of the name of the licensee; the licensee’s name is provided after the motion has passed.

Lakesha Smith, LSW - A motion was made by Mr. Brady to approve the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ms. Smith. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Motion carried.

(F) Consent Agreements

Linda Hanley, LSW - A motion was made by Mr. Brady to accept the Consent Agreement between the Board and Ms. Hanley. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Motion carried.

Byron Swift, LSW - A motion was made by Mr. Brady to accept the Consent Agreement between the Board and Mr. Swift. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Motion carried.

(G) Goldman Reviews (Disciplinary)

Michelle R. Grant, LSW – A motion was made by Mr. Nelson to suspend Ms. Grant’s social worker license for non-compliance with a Board continuing education audit. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

Amy McDaniel, LISW - A motion was made by Mr. Nelson to revoke Ms. McDaniel’s independent social worker license for non-compliance with a Board continuing education audit. Seconded by Mr. Brady. Motion carried.

(H) Goldman Reviews (Licensure)

Susan C. Blanton - A motion was made by Mr. Brady to deny exam pre-approval to Ms. Blanton for not possessing a qualifying degree in social work. Seconded by Mr. Trivison. Mr. Nelson recused himself. Motion carried.

Vickie D. Humpert - A motion was made by Mr. Brady to deny exam pre-approval to Ms. Humpert for not possessing a qualifying degree in social work. Seconded by Mr. Trivison. Mr. Nelson recused himself. Motion carried.

5. Working Meeting

The SWPSC proceeded with a working meeting to Review Pending Applications for Licensure, Files to be Audited, CEU Programs and Providers, and Licensure Renewal Issues.

6. Approval of Applications for Licensure

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker to approve the following applications for licensure. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Motion carried.

LSW -	9 Applications Approved
LSW (Related Degree) -	2 Applications Approved
LISW -	3 Applications Approved

14 Applicants were Approved for Licensure by the SWPSC at the January 2009 meeting.

176 Applicants were Licensed by Staff prior to the January 2009 meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Tucker in regards to the other applicants. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Motion carried.

SWA -	1 Applicant was Issued an Intent to Deny Licensure
LSW (Related Degree) -	4 Applicants with a Related Degree Issued Intent to Deny Exam Pre-Approval

7. Email Correspondence

Ann Huth-Fretz – Ms. Huth-Fretz sent an email about a LSW at another facility performing the Mini Mental Status Exam (MMSE) as ordered by the facility’s doctor. The LSW said that she can perform the test but can not show the doctor the test itself – only the results or she may lose her license. The SWPSC discussed this issue. They determined that if the LSW has proper training through education, experience and supervised practice to do the MMSE, it is in her personal scope of practice. Then she can perform the test and show the results to the doctor and she will not lose her license.

Richard Johnson – Mr. Johnson submitted an email about Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) which was being used in Delaware County with adult offenders on probation. The SWPSC reviewed and discussed Mr. Johnson’s email. The SWPSC said that MRT is being used in an exempt setting and the Board has no jurisdiction. Also, if there are concerns about the quality of the program or its facilitators, then they need to bring this issue to the attention of the Delaware Adult Probation Department or the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County.

8. Executive Director's Evaluation

Ms. Tucker reminded the SWPSC that they needed to complete Mr. Rough's evaluation.

9. Planning Committee for July

The SWPSC would like the following topics to be discussed at the July planning committee meeting: phone therapy, CEUs that involve spirituality/religion, and CEU rules.

10. New Business

LISW-S Application Problems – Three LISWs submitted the LISW-S application during the grandfathering period. However, those applications were never received and those licensees did not receive the LISW-S. All three licensees submitted proof that they completed the LISW-S application and the SWPSC reviewed their materials. The SWPSC agreed to grandfather the following licensees into the LISW-S: Cathleen Bentley, Corinne Dameron, and Melinda Scheper.

Misdemeanor Conviction Applications – The SWPSC reviewed and discussed the request for Ms. Holleman, Ms. Kreinbrink, and Mr. Rough to approve applicants who have a misdemeanor conviction greater than five (5) years and no pattern of offense without the Committee's approval. The SWPSC discussed this topic and will permit those workers to approve the aforementioned applications.

11. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Brady to adjourn the meeting at 2:52 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Motion carried.

Social Worker Professional Standards Committee (SWPSC) Minutes

Friday, January 16, 2009

Members Present: Mr. Tim Brady, Mr. Bob Nelson,
Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Ms. Molly Tucker
Staff Present: Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman,
Ms. Jennifer Kreinbrink, Mr. Jim Rough
Guest Present: Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW Liaison

Ms. Tucker called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

1. **Old Business**

4757-23-01 (E)(1) Social Work Supervision – The SWPSC discussed adding the following language to 4757-23-01 (E)(1) as a last sentence: “Exceptions to this rule, due to hardship, shall be made in writing to the committee.” Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the aforementioned language. Seconded by Mr. Nelson. Motion carried.

Eugene Bauer – Mr. Bauer submitted an email requesting the SWPSC’s approval to supervise master’s level social workers who want to receive their LISW even though he has a PCC-S. He works at an Ohio Juvenile Correctional facility and they have no LISWs employed at the facility. The Committee determined that those mater’s level social workers need to be supervised by a LISW-S and the facility should consider hiring or contracting with one.

Mark Madry – Mr. Madry sent an email stating that he is employed with the VA and has an employee that would like supervision towards their LISW. However, they do not have a LISW-S in their unit because they have staff that is licensed to independently practice in other states as required by the VA. The SWPSC said that it was fine for someone other than a LISW-S to supervise this person. However, the supervisee needs to submit this request, in writing, for official approval.

2. **Executive Director’s Report**

HB 427 passed the House 5/22/08 and the Senate on 12/17/08. Governor Strickland signed the bill on 1/7/2009 and it will be effective ninety days after that date April 7,2009.

Mr. Rough stated that the Executive Committee planning goals are on the agendas for each professional standards committee.

Mr. Rough enclosed a copy in the Board mailing of his executive director performance review input form for Board members. The review period is 3/6/08-3/5/09.

He discussed the scope of practice and ethics rules with the Ohio Association of Social Work Educators and they thought of a better way of tying the two together. The scope of practice is for the “license” and each licensee has a personal scope of practice as defined by education, training, and supervised practice. He proposed adding the following to each scope of practice rules: Each licensee of the board has a personal scope of practice, which is determined by their education, training and supervised practice as defined in paragraph (A) of ethics rule 4757-5-02 of the

Administrative Code. This change should more clearly tie the scope of practice rule to the ethics rule on the same subject.

The laws and rules exam is up and running in the test mode. There are a few minor issues remaining before it goes live. Once the system is running well, Mr. Rough will ask the Board for a start date for all applicants.

MFT rules from the passage of HB 427 were enclosed in the Board mailing for the MFTPSC review. Mr. Rough said we can file the rules once the governor signs the bill and they can become effective ninety days after that signature. He hopes to have them in place as of April 7, 2009. Mr. Rough has had discussions with ODMH staff concerning changes to their rules concerning reimbursement. He has provided ODMH with the statute cites for needed changes and will have a meeting with ODMH to discuss these changes on 2/6/09.

Mr. Rough mentioned that the five year rule review items were enclosed in the Board mailing. The proposed rule changes are primarily for clarity or rule drafting standards. There is a separate set of rule changes requested by the committees as listed.

The request for a formal Attorney General opinion on the civil service exemption has been acknowledged and assigned to an AG office staff member. The Health Department has a potential issue with the use of social worker job titles and Mr. Rough is working with them to clearly understand the issue. He is waiting for a response from DYS and MRDD does not use any titles from our Board's licensees.

3. Executive Session

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee requested that the SWPSC meeting go into Executive Session at 10:27 a.m. to discuss the Executive Director's evaluation. Accepted by a Roll Call Vote – Mr. Brady –yes, Mr. Nelson – yes, Ms. Riesbeck-Lee – yes, Ms. Tucker - yes.

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee moved that the SWPSC come out of Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. Accepted by a Roll Call Vote – Mr. Brady –yes, Mr. Nelson – yes, Ms. Riesbeck-Lee – yes, Ms. Tucker – yes.

4. CEU Committee

Mr. Nelson reported about the CEU committee meeting. He said that licensed college faculty who construct CEUs for the college do not receive CEU credit and that this is in the rule. Mr. Nelson referred the SWPSC to the Louisiana Social Worker Board's guide for assessment of continuing education. They will discuss this form at the March meeting.

5. National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

Mr. Lustig mentioned that NASW is supporting the new administration and legislators. Mr. Nelson talked about paying for supervision. Mr. Lustig said that a while ago NASW had requested LISW's to sign up to do supervision. He will speak with a NASW representative about making a list of LISW's who will supervise for free. He said that they may also put something in the NASW newsletter asking for LISW-S supervisors.

6. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Brady to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Tucker. Motion carried.

Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Chairperson