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Social Worker Professional Standards Committee (SWPSC) Minutes

Friday, April 20, 2007

Members Present: Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Ms. Karen Huey,
Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Ms. Molly Tucker
Staff Present: Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Jennifer
Kreinbrink, Mr. Jim Rough
Guests Present: Ms. Lesli Johnson, Mr. Henry Lustig, Ms. Penny Wyman

1. The SWPSC meeting was called to order by Ms. Tucker at 9:39 a.m. Seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Motion carried.

2. **Discussion/Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Tucker asked if there were any changes or discussion of the agenda. No changes or discussion were made. Dr. Cluse-Tolar moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

3. **Working Meeting For Rule Review**

The SWPSC reviewed and approved these proposed rule changes on the Draft of 4/11/07:

- 4757-1-01
- 4757-1-03
- 4757-1-04
- 4757-1-06
- 4757-3-01
- 4757-5-04
- 4757-5-05
- 4757-5-06
- 4757-5-07
- 4757-5-09
- 4757-6-01
- 4757-7-01
- 4757-7-02
- 4757-9-02
- 4757-9-07
- 4757-11-03
- 4757-11-04
- 4757-19-02
- 4757-19-03
- 4757-19-06
- 4757-19-07
- 4757-19-08
- 4757-21-03
- 4757-21-04
- 4757-99-01

The SWPSC requested that changes be made to the following rules:

4757-3-02: The SWPSC requested that “I.S.W.” and “S.W.” be removed from the abbreviations section. Members had no experience of any licensees using these initials.

4757-5-01: The committee decided to change the title of this section to “Standards of ethical practice and professional conduct.” They determined that the word “ethical” should remain in the title. This change is to differentiate association codes of ethics from board code of ethics, which will now be “standards of ethical...”.

4757-5-02: The SWPSC inserted, into (A)(5) of the first line, “in diagnosing and treating mental and emotional disorders” after the word “modalities.” Also, they wanted to insert, into (B)(4) at the end of the sentence, “and the consequences of that refusal.” In addition, under (C) of this section, the word “not” was removed from the first and second lines, “only” was added after the word “person” in the second line, and the word “or” in the last line was replaced by “and.” This change makes the rule an affirmative statement rather than a double negative. Mr. Rough will speak with Mr. Hegarty and/or Mr. P.R. Casey about the wording of 4757-5-02 (C). Finally, under (E)(3) of this section, the SWPSC inserted “for cause” after the word “terminated” in the first line and after the word “terminated” in the third line.

4757-5-03(A) (3): The SWPSC removed the words “supervisee, or student” from the second line. The rule addresses clients not supervisees or students.

4757-5-08(B): Mr. Rough will speak with CPSC about this section. The SWPSC wants to keep bartering and pre-approval in the rule.

4757-5-09(A): Changed from five to seven years to match HIPPA requirements.

4757-5-10 (A) (C): The committee inserted “acting in an unethical way” after the word “is” in the third line of section (A). Paragraph (C) should be changed to paragraph (B)(5).

4757-5-11: “Within 90 days” should be added after “address” in the second line.

4757-7-01(D): The committee added three hours of supervision CEUs for LISWs with supervision designation to reflect the changes in supervision from 4757-21-03.

4757-9-04: The SWPSC proposed 15 hours of distance CEUs instead of 10 hours. Mr. Rough will provide a definition of distance learning at the next meeting.

4757-9-05(A)(2)(a): Review by licensee for CEU program moved to (B)(4)(k) under provider requirements where it was originally intended.

4757-9-05(B)(4): The SWPSC agreed to universities automatically getting provider status with two year renewals and not limited by numbers of programs provided under paragraph (B)(5)(l).

4757-9-05(B)(5)(l): The SWPSC agreed to a minimum on program provider delivery of programs to retain that status.

4757-9-05(C)(1), (2) & (4): Deleted “graduate” coursework and added a new paragraph 4757-9-06(F)(3) to address appropriate courses.

4757-9-06(A)(10), (11) & (12): Mr. Rough will propose new definitions.

4757-19-01 & 02: The SWPSC modified doctoral degree acronyms. They added “related degree” language for wall certificates.

4757-21-02 & 03: The committee needs definitions for some SWA terms (“social assessment” and “intake, assessment and referral,” and possible other terms). The LSW terms that need definitions are “counseling,” “psychosocial assessment,” “intervention planning,” and “evaluation.” These definitions will be tabled until the May Board meeting.

11:05 a.m. **Lesli K. Johnson, LISW, The Voinovich Center for Leadership and Public Affairs was given time to speak to the SWPSC**

Ms. Johnson discussed her concerns with regards to the supervision designation for LISWs. Ms. Johnson stated that 55 counties in Ohio have 25 LISWs or less. She felt that there will not be enough LISW supervisors for each supervisee. In addition, Ms. Johnson was concerned with requiring a specific amount of supervision continuing education for every LISW supervisor. The SWPSC discussed these issues with Ms. Johnson and will take her comments/concerns into consideration when reviewing this rule changes.

4757-23-01(D): The SWPSC wants supervision designation for LISWs. Mr. Rough will design a grandparenting clause. Course definitions and the implementation date of the grandparenting will need to be determined. The committee determined that a good starting point would be a nine hour approved training that could be accomplished in a day and a half. Additionally, a three-hour course in supervision will be required for each renewal and that requirement reviewed at the next five-year rule review for revision. The numerous complaints in which licensees state that their supervisor provided bad advice, too much of which has been verified, is driving these changes. Mr. Rough will provide a course content outline for review at the May meeting.

4. Discussion Items for the 5/16/07 Special Board Meeting

The following items may possibly be discussed at the May 16, 2007 meeting per the request of the SWPSC:

- eTherapy
- Distance learning
- Bartering
- Coaching
- Philosophical similarities and differences between committees in values, CE, supervision, scopes of practice, and other areas. What areas can we agree on and stay true to each committees values given ethical practice rules apply to all as well as CE, etc.?

- Consumer education or awareness initiatives, responsibility in other areas of state law when aware of potential violations such as failure to declare income for taxation.
- What are our goals for this meeting?

The following items from the Executive Directors Annual Plan may also be discussed:

1. Effectively using computerized licensing system and document management system.
 - Decreasing processing time for license issuance and renewal
 - Evaluating fee structure to improve service while preserving a fair cost to licensees
 - Fully implement paperless office system
 2. Increasing the number of licensees in practice in Ohio
 - Raising student awareness of counseling, social work and marriage and family therapy
 3. Protecting consumer safety
 - Improving investigative efficiency
 - Improving compliance monitoring
 - Improving documentary record
 - Increasing consumer and licensee awareness of the Board's role
 4. Consider future state budgeting concerns and identifying and supporting methods to do more with less.
 5. Gain acceptance of Marriage & Family Therapists on the ODMH matrix.
5. The SWPSC meeting was adjourned by Ms. Tucker at 3:47 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

Ms. Molly Tucker, Chairperson