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State of Ohio Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting January 15, 2015

Members Present: Maureen Cooper, Mary Venrick, Otha Gilyard, Terri Hamm, and Christine Jungers

Staff Present: Brian Carnahan, Bill Hegarty, Tammy Tingle, Tracy Hosom and Simeon Frazier

Guests Present: None

Hamm called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

I. Discussion/Approval of Agenda

Venrick added that a hearing was scheduled for 1 pm.

Gilyard moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Jungers seconded. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed, unanimously.

II. Investigation Report

Hegarty passed out cases that were reviewed by Venrick and Maureen Cooper.

Venrick moved to close the 4 cases that she reviewed. They included:

2014-256 Record keeping. Close with strong caution.

2014-261 Custody issues. No violations found.

2014-268 Non-Sexual boundaries. Close with caution.

2014-274 Unlicensed practice. Close due to lack of jurisdiction.

Gilyard seconded. There was no, additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

Cooper moved to close the 2 cases that she reviewed. They included:

2014-255 Sexual Boundaries. Close due to lack of jurisdiction.

2014-275 Competency. Close with No violation.

Gilyard seconded. There was no, additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

Hegarty passed out the 3 notices for hearing

A. Joanne Loos

Hegarty shared that Loos failed to cooperate with an investigation and she didn't respond requesting a hearing.

Cooper moved to revoke her LPC license. Venrick seconded. There was no additional discussion as the motion passed, unanimously

B. Emily Stanley

Hegarty discussed the proposed consent agreement as Stanley tested positive for marijuana routine drug screening. The consent agreement proposes to suspend her license for 3 months, as she does everything else that is asked of her.

Gilyard moved to accept the consent agreement. Jungers seconded. There was no additional discussion as the motion passed, unanimously.

- C. The committee agreed that Dana Grande, John Prospal, and Rainer Franke are required to do the designated coursework in order to be able to receive/renew their license, per their consent agreement.

Hegarty & Tingle left the meeting at 09:16am

Hamm moved the CEU report to Friday since the meeting was scheduled for 3pm Thursday.

III. Executive Report

Hamm shared that the committee needs feedback. She shared that there were board appointments, 2 reappointments and 1 appointment. 2 MFTs, 1 MFT Public member, and 1 Social Work Public member are needed.

The board meeting will be moving to the Southeast side of the 24th Floor of the Riffe. We'll need to pay for the. We'll have to go to the State controlling board for the additional monies, even with the surplus in our budget due to savings in insurance.

Hamm shared that Carnahan has been putting together a policy and procedures manual. He'll make it available for the board to see.

The next board meeting will include ethics training.

Wallet cards will be discontinued, in lieu of online verifications. The Counselors are in agreement with this.

Proposed rule changes include the following:

- 1) Social Media: Rule 4757-5-03; clarifying social media driven relationships when it comes to engaging with clients and ex-clients on social media.

Jungers suggested that this is in line with the ACA code of ethics.

The committee agrees that this is a likely area of concern in the future, with delicate implications.

- 2) Confidentiality highlight: Confidentiality is different when it is court ordered.
- 3) Doug Warne suggested removing "Good standing" from the rule. Not paying fines to a university can prevent a transcript release to get a job if not "in good standing," etc.
Cooper suggested continuing addressing in a case by case format, rather than mandating anything.

IV. Evaluation Feedback for Carnahan

Everyone didn't respond to the evaluation, however, unofficial consensus opinion of the committee is positive. Carnahan appears to be motivating/encouraging that the staffs' gifts & talents be used, while also being open to feedback.

Jungers left at 10:10 and returned at 10:12
Carnahan left at 10:13

V. AASCB Conference

Jungers reported that she was a bit surprised that the underlying theme of the conference was LGBTQ issues. She was wondering why this appeared to be the focus of the entire conference. There was a topic/main theme in several breakout sessions, also.

The meeting was adjourned @ 10:33am for lunch, and the 1pm hearing.

**State of Ohio
Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting
January 16, 2015**

Members Present: Maureen Cooper, Mary Venrick, Otha Gilyard, Terri Hamm, and Christine Jungers

Staff Present: Rena Elliott, Bill Hegarty, Patty Miller, Tracey Hosom, Brian Carnahan and Simeon Frazier

Guests Present: Attorney Glenn Karr, Matt Paylo (OCA)

Hamm called the meeting to order at 9:10a.m.

I. Discussion and Approval of Agenda

Venrick added "Human Trafficking" to Old Business.

Jungers moved to accept the amended agenda. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

II. Approval of November 2014 Minutes

Cooper moved to accept the minutes, as presented. Jungers seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Hamm distributed handouts from Carnahan for committee review. They were a rough draft of his Goals for 2015. One of the items listed was a CE Advisory Committee. Discussion ensued with respect to how much to align with "National discussions and standards" vs. "State Standards" as an example of the types of discussions that would occur with the advisory committee. The committee believes that the advisory committee should be absorbed into the CEU committee.

Venrick left at 9:25 and returned at 9:28am.

Hamm, also distributed 2 articles that Carnahan will have published in an online journal.

III. CEU Committee Report

Venrick reported that there were 3 agenda items:

- 1.) Broome presented her audit. 224 people (including committee members), down from 400+, due to her commitment to developing the website.
 - A. The "Non-Disciplinary Fee" alert will not go away until the licensee pays. If unpaid after 60 days, licensure renewal will not be allowed to be implemented 3/1/15.
 - B. There has been a discounted way to save on postage.

Patty Miller advised to complete post-program approval form when attending conferences.

Hegarty entered at 9:35.

2.) Wallet Cards were discussed: a random group of licensees were sampled, requesting that they answer questions regarding the value of the wallet card. Out of 46 responses, 31 licensees wanted wallet cards.

The renewal process brings in 85-90% of the revenue. The renewal process costs in excess of \$15,000. Post cards will be sent. 600-1800 cards will be sent per month.

3.) "Inactive Status" for various reasons, i.e. retirement, maternity leave, etc. for up to 5 years, a licensee may place their license in "Inactive status" with a committee deciding what is needed afterwards, including 30 hours CEUS (3 hours in ethics) and 6 hours of supervision based CEUs, going in effect 1/31/15. There is a waiting list to get this status. It will be listed as "Escrow, Non-Practicing."

IV. Approval of Licensure Applicants

A. PC applicants

Cooper moved to approve the 71 LPC applicants. Gilyard seconded. There was no, further, discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

B. PCC applicants

Cooper moved to approve the 34 LPCC applicants. Venrick seconded. There was no, additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

V. Counselor Application Coordinator's Report

Elliott reported that, since the last board meeting, Frazier processed **455** Counselor Trainee/Clinical Resident, and LPCC-S applications.

She shared that she sent **84** examination approvals.

Elliott shared that for the month of **November**, there were **56** candidates to sit for the NCE. **52** passed, and 4 were unsuccessful.

There were **29** candidates for the NCMHCE. **19** passed, and **10** were unsuccessful.

Elliott shared that for the month of **December**, there were **59** candidates to sit for the NCE. **53** passed, and **6** were unsuccessful.

There were **29** candidates for the NCMHCE. **19** passed, and **10** were unsuccessful.

Gilyard asked if it was Carnahan's intention to have a similar relationship/interest with the NBCC, as Jim Rough did. Carnahan shared that he intended to continue the relationship.

VI. Old Business

A. Endorsement Response/Endorsement Applicant:

It was confirmed that endorsement applicants must take both tests, if they hadn't passed the NCMHCE.

Paylo asked "What to do if they've passed the NCMHCE with a license and had experience. Would they need to take the NCE?" He was told "No."

Elliott shared that, in order to license via endorsement, if the NCE wasn't taken and the applicant wanted to be an LPCC, they must take both tests. Post graduate work experience for 5 years and a license (not necessarily licensed for 5 years) will qualify for endorsement.

Applicant will need to take the BCE if seeking the LPC, and they will need to take the NCMHCE if seeking the LPCC. Other decisions will be made case by case.

B. Human Trafficking

Venrick shared that January is Human trafficking month. There was a conference at the state house. There was a recent bust in a massage parlor. There was one in Powell, OH as well. Venrick is a member of the Clark County Human Trafficking Task Force.

A lot occurs along I-70/I-75 highway and Canada. It's occurring with a lot of runaways, 12-14 being the average age, beginning and keeping for an average age of 7 years before cycling out. She shared that drugs may only be sold once whereas humans may be traded repeatedly with upwards of 15 johns per night.

VII. OCA Survey Responses

Paylo discussed a survey response (72 responses, small sample).

75% was in favor of requiring CR status.

63% indicated that, for various reasons, they were not in favor of having more than 6 training supervisees.

It showed that, regardless, there should be a maximum.

It's believed that the psych board has 4 maximum supervisees.

Regarding requiring CR status, it wasn't necessary.

Regarding the supervisee limit, 6, is from the CACREP regulations, based on quality of supervision. It won't deviate.

Paylo shared that the committee should be encouraged to reach out to the OCA if they need opinions.

VIII. Remediation Plan

I. Tim Smith

He's not taken a review workshop prior to taking the exam for the 3rd time. Elliott shared that he got 83 (he needed 92), 89 (he needed 92), and 88 (he needed 94) respectively. He's requested to take a review workshop.

Gilyard moved to approve the NCE review, but share that there may be concerns for adequacy, and recommended Association for Advanced Training in the Behavioral

Sciences (<http://www.aatbs.com/>). Jungers seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.
Carnahan entered at 11:13am.

IX. Executive director's Report

Carnahan reported that Jungers, Michel, and Knerr were reappointed, and Lisa Haberbusch was appointed.

We are stalled on a new licensing system. The state exploratory committee is exploring going to a new direction (eg. salesforce.com), "inactive System" must, now, be added to CAVU.

We'll be moving to the Riffe.

Gilyard questioned Carnahan if he'd be interested in advocating for a higher passage rate for Ohio applicants with the NBCC, with regards to stay in touch with them and trying to influence/push back with some of the things to make the exam more reasonable.

Also, Gilyard shared that not all programs are the same, and it would be good to share which universities do a good job at training people to succeed on the exam.

Jungers and Paylo shared that CACREP programs must share passage rates.

Carnahan shared of attempts to reach out to schools and interact with them to make sure that the Board and schools are synergized with the goal of protecting the clients and training counselors. Carnahan shared that he's in agreement that advocacy is required.

The Meeting Adjourned at 11:28 am



Christine Jungers, January '15 Interim Counselor Professional Standards Committee Chair