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State of Ohio Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting January 16, 2014

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

Staff Present: James Rough, Bill Hegarty, Tammy Tingle, and Simeon Frazier

Guests Present: None

The hearing that was scheduled for the day was canceled, so Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

I. Discussion/Approval of Agenda

Hamm added "Conference report" to the agenda.

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

II. Conference Report

Jungers shared that the 20/20 vision and "A Unified Counselor Identity" was discussed, along with creating a path to make PC licensure more portable across the states. 17 other states don't let counselors diagnose and treat mental and emotional disorders, independently.

The impact of the Affordable Care Act was discussed, but it will be outcome based, given the use of evidence based practices.

CACREP is pushing these themes and insurance companies are likely to follow, the committee believes. CACREP, as a standard, was strongly reiterated as the industry standard.

Rough entered at 9:25 a.m.

Jungers and Rough agreed that Maryland and Massachusetts, don't want to conform to CACREP standards as their belief is that their license is very strong sans CACREP.

Psychologists in TX are taking the MFT board to court to limit MFT's practice, as their statute doesn't have explicit language to diagnose and treat.

Rough mentioned that CMAC (another accreditation agency, outside of CACREP), has accredited 2 programs, but they haven't updated their website since 2011. In an article, it was suggested that Counselors' rise is adversely affecting counseling psychology. The article goes on to state that there are a number of students needed in a master's program to support a PhD program. "Counseling Psych" programs are losing students to counseling programs and threatening the Psychologists' existence.

Gilyard shared that, when the agencies are good, then it's helpful to have good competing accrediting agencies.

Cooper shared that insurance companies are sending out letters stating that, by October, the ICD-10 codes are being requested.

Rough shared that he signed up for the newsletter from a presenter on using electronic based mediums in mental health practice. He'll give a conference report at the next meeting.

Rough left at 9:50 a.m.

III. Executive Committee Report

Cooper reported that upcoming board vacancies were discussed.

HB 232 will be on the agenda before April '14. There appears to be a lot of support for it. There was a discussion regarding CEU Provider agencies issuing certificates without the names of the attendee. The committee expressed concern that legislation was needed to discipline an agency/attendee to list a name on the certificate, before submitting (Agency to the attendee and/or Attendee to the Board). HB-232 includes that change.

There was a discussion regarding "Peer Consultation," in addition to awarding CEUs for being a member of a national organization.

More articles will be written in the Board newsletter, regarding the importance of Peer Consultation.

There may, possibly, be a CEU course on how to conduct Peer Consultation.

The 5 year rule review was discussed.

With regards to the March outreach, programs will be targeted. A proposal will be drafted, that has each member solicit participants to complete a questionnaire, and have its findings discussed at the March meeting.

The committee reviewed the interview questions, and the consensus is that (Faculty-related) question #5 and (Student-related) question #6 should be removed due to it being repetitive and having limited relevance. They agreed that (Supervisor-related) question #2 should be removed due to site supervisors not having access to the information that was being requested. The committee agreed that (Supervisor-related) question #7 should be removed for appearing to be too aggressive/intrusive. The committee agreed that (Faculty-related) question #7 may need to be narrowed down, by limiting it to questions regarding "the state of the board's regulatory policies."

They agreed that (Supervision/Student-related) #9 should reflect a change.

Hegarty and Tingle entered at 10:29 a.m.

IV. Investigations

Hegarty shared that there were no hearings scheduled for today (1/16/14), and that there are none scheduled for March '14. He, then, thanked Venrick and Cooper for their work on each case. Hegarty passed out a listing of the closed cases, reviewed by Venrick and Cooper.

Cases included:

2013-219 Competency. Close with no violation.

2013-250 Competency. Close with a caution.

Venrick moved to close the two cases that she reviewed that did not rise to the level of needing public discipline. Gilyard seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

2013-163 Boundaries. Unable to substantiate the allegations.

Cooper moved to close the case that she reviewed that did not rise to the level of needing public discipline. Gilyard seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

A. *Proposed Consent Agreements*

1. Raymond Carter

He will surrender his license after having problem with keeping records. Gilyard moved to accept the consent agreement as written. Venrick seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Deborah Zuercher

The PC entered into a sexual relationship with a client of the agency. She self-reported. Her license will be suspended for 1 year, while she seeks counseling. Her counselor will be pre-approved by the board, and give reports of her progress.

Gilyard moved to accept the consent agreement as written. Venrick seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion was passed unanimously.

B. Case 2013-242

1. Cooper moved to request an Impairment Evaluation (Neurological). If, then, warranted, they'll mandate a mental health evaluation. Gilyard seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Audit Issue

I. Shawn Masters, PCC

There was no evidence of any hours being submitted to satisfy the audit. Hamm moved to revoke Masters' license, due to his audit failure. Jungers seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Rough and Tingle left at 10:44am
Gilyard left at 10:55am.
The committee worked on Programs and CEUs for the remainder of the day.

**State of Ohio
Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting
January 17, 2014**

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

Staff Present: Rena Elliott, Bill Hegarty, Tracey Hosom, Jim Rough and Simeon Frazier

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

Jungers called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

I. Discussion and Approval of Agenda

Venrick added “Student/Faculty supervisor Questionnaires.”

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

II. Approval of November 2013 Minutes

Venrick moved to accept the minutes, as submitted. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

Hegarty entered at 9:23 a.m.

IV. Counselor Application Coordinator’s Report

Elliott reported that, since the last board meeting, Frazier processed 535 Counselor Trainee/Clinical Resident applications and that she had sent 128 examination approvals. She reported that:

For the NCE, in October 2013, there were 37 applicants. 30 passed on their first try. 5 were unsuccessful on their first try. 1 repeat test taker passed on a repeated attempt. 1 repeat test taker was unsuccessful on a repeated attempt.

In November 2013, there were 60 applicants 51 passed on their first try. 4 were unsuccessful on their first try. 3 repeat test taker passed on their repeated attempt. 3 repeat test taker was unsuccessful on their repeated attempt.

For the NCMHCE, in October '13, there were 29 applicants 20 passed on their first try. 4 were unsuccessful on their first try. 3 repeat test taker passed on their repeated attempt. 2 repeat test taker was unsuccessful on their repeated attempt.

In November 2013, there were 54 applicants 32 passed on their first try. 10 were unsuccessful on their first try. 8 repeat test taker passed on their repeated attempt. 4 repeat test taker was unsuccessful on their repeated attempt.

The committee discussed the November '14 pass/fail rates for both exams.

Rough entered at 9:29 a.m.

Rough discussed some of the passage rate statistics, interpretations, and the merits of having practical experience when sitting for the NCMHCE.

V. Executive Director's Report

Rough reported that there are un-appointed Board members. The board, specifically, needs a male MFT/IMFT. Tom will leave the board in the Fall.

There will be a planning meeting that will include community outreach, whereby names will be given to board members, faculty & staff, soliciting survey takers to get feedback regarding the board and the climate of the profession. There will be a mix of private/state/schools and field participants.

Moving forward, the executive director's report will be written and submitted in advance.

Glenn Karr entered at 9:50 a.m.

Rough shared that the CSI process has been done to a lot of the rules, and that 4757-9-04 and 4757-19-04 will be addressed and filed with JCARR.

There were no problems with any of the other ones.

The five year rule review is beginning.

The ACA ethics draft is ready to go, and we are waiting to hear from OACES.

The AAMFT Ethical codes may be reviewed with regard to supervisors.

Gilyard complimented Rough on working with Charlie regarding the survey. He has high hopes regarding its effectiveness.

Paylo recommended getting surveys out to more site supervisors.

VI. Approval of Counselor Licensure Applicants

A. PC

Gilyard moved to approve the list of 79 PC applicants. Venrick seconded.

There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. PCC

Gilyard moved to approve the list of 28 PC applicants. Hamm seconded.

There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. Correspondence

A. Ashley Hinkle

She tried to locate supervisors. The committee derived that, though she may be a very good student, it's not certain whether or not she exhausted the possibilities of supervision. It is recommended to send her a list of supervisors in her county.

It was discussed that, as a Non-CT, she would be able to have an LISW supervisor, but that it wouldn't be acceptable with CT status.

It was, also, discussed that the situation was unique, as it's a distance learning program, with no in-state faculty.

Venrick moved to deny the request that the LISW-S be approved as a supervisor, as it's consistent with the rule and not deemed a sufficient hardship. Gilyard seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously, though Hamm recused herself as she is an employee of Walden, the out-of-state school in question.

B. Jacqueline Pollock

This was a request to grant a hardship request. The committee didn't believe that it qualified as a sufficient hardship.

Gilyard moved to deny the hardship request. Venrick seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Meeting Adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

The Meeting Reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

VIII. Hardship Revisited

A. Ashley Hinkle

The committee reconsidered the hardship, as, after reviewing her materials, further, and via Rough's verification, it was determined that Hinkle exhausted the possibilities of finding sufficient supervisors.

Gilyard moved to accept the hardship request and approve the award of an LISW-S as the training supervisor. Venrick seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously, though Hamm recused herself as she is an employee of Walden, the out-of-state school in question.

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Maureen Cooper, Chair