



## ***Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board***

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### **State of Ohio Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting March 19, 2015**

**Members Present:** Maureen Cooper, Mary Venrick, Otha Gilyard, and Christin Jungers

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

**Guests Present:** None

Jungers called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

#### **I. Discussion/Approval of Agenda**

Frazier added "CT Issues."

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

#### **II. Executive Committee Report**

Gilyard reported that there was discussion regarding the budget. The budget seems to be alright.

He shared that the Board office's move seems to be in June. The cubicles will be refurbished, and are within the budget. There will be a spare room for meetings, but it won't be a large enough space for the full board meetings.

The Ohio State University graduate data sharing agreement is going on, whereby OSU will have access to our public record database. Carnahan is looking at a telework policy.

Sen. Charleta Tavares is looking to add "Cultural Competency" as a CEU requirement, along with a name tag, identifying competencies.

Conversion Therapy was discussed. The committee discussed how hurtful it could be. The NASW wants it to be declared illegal.

Ad Hoc committees are going to be created for several topics.

#### **III. Investigator Report**

Hegarty discussed *Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation* (TDCS) and *Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation* (TMS) and needed to know what needed to be done in order to perform these modalities. It appears to be a medical procedure that, for now, is beyond the scope of practice for an LPC/LPCC. The Psychology Board in Ohio is not doing it. The committee agrees, accordingly.

**A. Reviewed Cases Recommended for Closure**

Hegarty passed out cases to the Committee that were recommended for closure, since they did not lead to formal discipline.

Venrick moved to close the 6 cases that she reviewed.

Cases included:

- 2014-280 Record Keeping; Close with no violation.
- 2014-283 Sexual harassment; Close with no violation.
- 2014-289 Non-sexual boundaries; Close with strong caution.
- 2014-293 Competency; Close with caution.
- 2015-6 Competency; Close as unsubstantiated.
- 2015-23 Competency; Close with no violation

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

Cooper moved to close the 3 cases that she reviewed.

Cases included:

- 2014-279 Custody Dispute; No violation found.
- 2015-193 Competency; Closed with caution.
- 2015-278 Non-sexual boundaries; Close with caution.

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

**B. Goldman Cases**

Hegarty discussed a Goldman case

*1. Morgan Kelly*

She is an MFT licensee (outside of Ohio) but is requesting an Ohio LPC license.

Cooper moved to deny her application based on deficiencies in the educational requirements. Venrick seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**C. Proposed Consent Agreements**

*1. Lynn Skunta*

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

**D. Proposed Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing**

1. *Benjamin Kelch*

He allegedly sexually harassed a client.

Gilyard moved to authorize the board to mail out the notice of opportunity for a hearing. Jungers seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**E. Hearing Officer Report**

1. *Diane Zieger*

She was found to be impaired. Her evaluation showed “low level impairment,” and, later, failed a tox-screening. After an amended consent agreement, she failed one, again. Through no fault of her own, she missed her hearing. It was re-done, and she tested negative. The hearing officer has recommended moving forward with a consent agreement.

Cooper moved to move forward with the current consent agreement and accept the hearing officer’s report. Jungers seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**F. Endorsement Consent That Went into Effect**

1. *The Following went into effect:*

- a. Ana Ashton (LPC)
- b. Jennifer Piede (LPCC)
- c. Rachel Haines (LPC applicant)

Hegarty, Hosom, and Tingle left at 9:52 a.m.

**IV. CT Issues**

**A. Hours Counted for Group Supervision**

The committee was asked how much credit would be given to each participant in a group supervision hour-long situation, whereby each supervisee was sharing regarding their respective caseloads. The committee agreed that each supervisee would get credit for the full hour, as they are, still, able to learn from hearing about the caseloads of the other supervisees.

**B. Joy Reid**

In January of 2013, the Counselor Professional Standards Committee agreed to an exception whereby Reid would be able to receive Counselor Trainee Status without being enrolled in an internship. Because the Board discontinued “Ongoing Status,” and the applicant does not have “academic term dates” by which to base the period of Counselor Trainee active status, the Committee decided to award the status for a period of 1 year since it traditionally takes that long to accumulate necessary hours for LPC licensure.

The committee continued to work on programs and application for the remainder of the work day.

**State of Ohio  
Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting  
March 20, 2015**

**Members Present:** Maureen Cooper, Mary Venrick, Christin Jungers, and Otha Gilyard

**Staff Present:** Brian Carnahan, Bill Hegarty, Tracey Hosom, Rhonda Franklin, 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**

Cooper added "Discussion regarding Independent Learning CEU form" to New Business. Jungers added "Licensure law in KY" to New Business.

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

**II. Approval of January 2015 Minutes**

The change was made to ensure that the portion of the minutes that discussed the AASCB Conference" reflected Junger's surprise regarding the underlying theme of the conference.

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

**III. Approval of Counselor License Applications**

**A. LPC**

Gilyard moved to license the applicants for the PC license. Cooper seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**B. LPCC applicants**

Cooper moved to license the applicants. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Executive Director's Report**

Carnahan reported that he testified regarding the Board's budget. He reported that it was difficult to fill board seats, but we were working closely with Boards & Commissions.

Stephanie McCloud has been re-appointed. He believed that the criteria may be making it difficult to get qualified members. The partisan and Gender requirements present a challenge.

The budget is tight.

SWAs had issue with the CE law. It wasn't changed, but the rule had been changed. An amendment to reduce CEU hours for SWAs is being discussed. Medicaid provisions and reimbursement percentages are being discussed to increase the industry standard.

Karr stated that counselors, now, exceed the number of psychologists in Ohio. Carnahan met with Senator Tavares' aid regarding HB 33 and 90. 33 is regarding "Cultural Competency," and 90 is regarding "Photo IDs." There's an exception regarding Clinical Settings. Carnahan shared that it may not be practical private practice. It will be discussed regarding institutional settings.

Inactive status is, now, an option. It can only be done for 5 years. It will be necessary to complete the 30 CEUs to reinstate it.

Jungers confirmed with Carnahan that there is a Cultural Competency component to the SW CEUs. Karr shared that the psychologists just approved it.

There will be no changes in the online system in the foreseeable future.

We are still working on plans to move to the Riffe Center.

Cooper asked about "Tele-work." Carnahan shared that with IT changes, it allows intermittent ability to access office databases and desktops from off site.

Cooper confirmed that other state agencies have this ability and policy.

Per Gilyard's request, Carnahan discussed that they are seeking members to serve on a planning committee to serve for site visits and planning meeting areas of focus.

We are expected to move by mid-June.

Regarding site visits, Cooper confirmed that there was discussion of visiting programs (i.e. The Ohio State University) rather than agencies.

Gilyard shared that his discussion with Steve Polovik included visiting smaller areas and programs that may be left out (Akron, Toledo, etc.).

Cooper asked if site visits are within the scope of the board's responsibilities.

Gilyard shared that he believes that it is as it aids to the board's broadening their understanding of what they regulate.

Hosom shared that it's important to make sure that it's done within the scope of practical application. Gilyard shared that Columbus receives a disproportionate amount of focus.

Cooper shared that the make-up of the board reflects various regions.

Gilyard shared that it's often easy to think one person can speak for an entire community when it's not always as strong a representation as when the group dynamic is included.

## **V. Counselor Application Coordinator's Report**

Frazier reported that, since the last board meeting, he processed 480 Counselor Trainee/Clinical Resident applications.

He reported the following statistics with regard to the 249 examination approvals that Rena Elliott submitted.

Regarding the **January NCE**:

**41** applicants took the exam. **28** passed, **5** were unsuccessful.

Regarding the **January NCMHCE**:  
28 applicants took the exam. 16 passed, 12 were unsuccessful.

Regarding the **February NCE**:  
27 applicants took the exam. 25 passed, 2 were unsuccessful.

Regarding the **January NCMHCE**:  
29 applicants took the exam. 23 passed, 6 were unsuccessful.

Carnahan shared that **Naloxone** may be made available for counselors to issue for counselors to their clients.

#### **VI. Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

#### **VII. New Business**

##### *A. Tele-Work*

The committee is fine with proposed changes to remove 4757-5-04, 03, and 5-02-B-5A.

Hosom re-entered at 10:22am

Regarding 5B, Hosom shared that this is appropriate disclosure, the example she used what was discovered created a bias.

Paylo shared that he did this while operating in a director's capacity in a prison. It was good practice. They were fine with the proposed draft of all submitted parts.

##### *B. Independent Learning CEUs*

Cooper shared that the form has inspired misapplication of the intent. The rule would need to be changed.

Gilyard moved to remove the "Independent Learning CEU" form from the website as a rule change. Cooper seconded. There was no additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

##### *C. Licensure Law Changes in KY*

Jungers shared that she spoke to a professor in a counseling program discussing reciprocity. His program didn't include "Clinical Mental Health" as their rule didn't reflect the requirements. Jungers would like Carnahan to reach out to KY to see if CACREP would allow for this reciprocal agreements could be reconciled with regards to "Community Counseling" in KY.

The various board Executive Directors could begin a conversation between KY, OH, WV, IN, MI, and PA.

## VIII. Correspondence

### A. Amy Blankenship

Gilyard moved to deny her request because she already has a supervisor, but her requested supervisor is not an LPCC-S, while seeking to secure electronic supervision. Cooper seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

### B. Jennifer Eulberg

She is requesting 26 hours of supervision.

Cooper moved to allow the LISW for the remaining 26 hours, as the licensee has secured the other hours under an LPCC-S, but no others were available. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

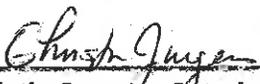
### C. Jacqueline Wynn

Cooper moved to allow Kathleen Cruise and Julie Hemmerich to have training supervisors other than LPCC-S to promote more counselors to specialize in autism spectrum disorders. Venrick seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

### D. Paul Williams

Venrick moved to deny the request to allow Williams' employer to supervise him given the area that he lives is sufficient to find proper supervision. Cooper seconded. There was no additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously..

The Meeting Adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

  
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Christin Jungers, Interim Counselor Professional Standards Committee, Chair March '15