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State of Ohio Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting September 18, 2014

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

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

Guests Present: None

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

I. Discussion/Approval of Agenda

Hamm added "Appointing a member to the CEU committee" to "New Business." Jungers moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Cooper seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Investigation Report

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

Venrick moved to close the 5 cases that she reviewed. They included:

2014-119 Competency. Closed with caution

2014-152 Unlicensed practice. Closed due to no jurisdiction (religious exemption)

2014-154 Competency. Closed with no violation

2014-168 Non-sexual boundaries. Closed with caution

2014-174 Record Keeping. Closed with caution

Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cooper moved to close the 7 cases that she reviewed. They included:

2014-116 Non-Sexual Boundary violations. Close with strong caution

2014-134 Scope of Practice. Closed with caution

2014-135 Competency. Close with no violation

2014-136 Non-sexual boundary issues. Close with strong caution

2014-182 Confidentiality. Close with caution
2014-197 Competency. Close with no violation
2014-219 Copyright infringement. Close with Caution

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

Tingle passed out the 3 notices for hearing

A. Notice of Opportunity for a hearing

1. Richard Johnson

Tingle passed out case 2013-266.

Gilyard moved to move forward and publish the notice of opportunity for hearing.

Jungers seconded. There was no, additional discussion. The motion passed, unanimously.

Laura Eschelman

Tingle passed out case 2014-09.

Cooper moved to move forward and publish the notice of Opportunity for hearing.

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

3. Emily Stanley

___ Tingle passed out case 2014-88.

___ Gilyard moved to move forward and publish the Notice of Opportunity for
___ -Hearing.

___ Jungers seconded. There was no additional discussion. The motion passed
___ unanimously.

B. Goldman Reviews

1. Kempsie Fisher

She didn't request a hearing after failing an audit. She didn't renew her license.

Cooper moved to revoke her license.

Jungers seconded.

There was no additional discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Mandy Irvin

She was ordered to have a mental health and substance abuse evaluation.

She did not comply.

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

Tingle, Hosom, and Carnahan left.

III. Executive Committee Report

Hamm reported the committee welcomed the new Executive Director, Brian Carnahan, discussing what has occurred with him, over the past month. They discussed issues that some of the committees found holes in. One included the informal appeals process.

People don't know of a process whereby they appeal, directly, to the board, as opposed to staff, for their decisions. In the future, it will be discussed, and possibly operationalized. Hamm passed out the report from the AMFTRB (Regulatory Board) national meeting in New Orleans, LA, from 9/9/14-9/10/14, discussing how the board is operating in a more concrete way.

Hamm passed out an outline for a document, from ICFT in Dublin, OH, outlining a pre-approved provider for peer consultation CEUs for 3 hours. The committee will look at the program formats of this (ICFT) and the OCA proposed format to vote on their acceptability. They agreed that multiple formats may be acceptable.

The committee decided to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. They entered executive session at 9:55am via a roll call vote, whereby each, answered in the affirmative.

They returned from executive session at 10:24am

IV. CEU Liaison

The committee discussed the best fit for the liaison, given the schedules and potential conflicts involved. It was decided that Gilyard was the best fit, after he volunteered. They shared with him that the meeting is at 1pm.

V. Peer Consultation

The committee discussed peer consultation. It was agreed that presenters should receive some credit, and that it would be nice if persons receiving information got some educational credit. The rationale is that during a visit for the Board Planning meeting, licensees in the field discussed that their best learning tool was peer consultation, so the board wants to promote that. They attempted to reconcile the merits and demerits of partial vs. full credit, based on levels of participation.

Margaret "Charlie" Knerr entered the room at 10:50am. She shared that there may not be a rule change needed, if providers simply created a program, within the current rules, and have an evaluation at the end.

Jungers shared that "supervision" could possibly be listed as a content area.

Knerr shared that she's not proposing that her model be adopted, but rather present that it can be done within the current rules. She wondered if "peer consultation" is a modality vs. supervision as a content area.

Gilyard left to aid the MFT committee so they could have quorum, to vote, at 10:56am.

The committee took a break for lunch at 11:00, and returned at noon. They worked on programs and CEUs until they left for the day.

State of Ohio
Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting
September 19, 2014

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

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

Guests Present: Attorney Glenn Karr

Hamm called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

I. Discussion and Approval of Agenda

Hamm added "Gilyard's CEU report" and, also, "Veteran Rule" to Old Business. Cooper added "CEUs to Board Members for Board Meeting Participation," also, under Old Business.

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

II. Approval of March 2014 Minutes

Venrick shared that the minutes didn't reflect that "Hamm" was the chair of the CPS Committee. After it was corrected, Venrick moved to accept the minutes, as presented. Jungers seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. CEU Committee Report

Gilyard shared that he recommended establishing an ending time on the front end for the meetings.

A \$40 fine, for failing an audit, was proposed by Paula Broom.

Patty Miller brought up a few items regarding "Out of State Presenters." The suggestion was that presenters be required to be an Ohio licensee in order to be eligible to present. Miller entered at 9:49am and clarified that the suggestion was with respect to the "In State Agency" have an out of state person overseeing the programs that a provider offers for Ohio licensees.

Venrick confirmed with Miller that they sent a resume in for this particular person.

Miller shared that Doug Warne was doing a Social Work, specific, supervision webinar. The committee agreed that the context needs to be shared with the committee in order for them to be able to decide whether or not they can endorse it for counselors.

Gilyard, also, shared that Venrick will assume the role of CEU liaison, moving forward.

IV. Approval of Licensure Applicants

A. PC applicants

Venrick moved to approve the 143 LPC applicants. Gilyard seconded. There was no, further, discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

B. PCC applicants

Venrick moved to approve the 44 LPCC applicants. Gilyard 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 607 Counselor Trainee/Clinical Resident, and LPCC-S applications.

She shared that she sent 112 examination approvals.

Elliott asked for clarification as an applicant for the LPC license. They have a C+ in a class, but attend a CACREP school.

The committee confirmed that a B- is the requirement, in spite of the institution being CACREP accredited, per law.

Jungers shared that a CACREP program could, theoretically, allow for 1 class being deficient in their last semester, but they, still, qualify to sit for the exam.

The committee shared that anything contrary to this is misinformation, per the law.

VI. Old Business

A. 5 Year Rule Review

The committee completed the counseling Rules in totality.

B. Peer Consultation/OCA Proposal

In summation, Hamm reiterated that the committee will not develop/create a new and separate rule for "Peer Consultation." They will approve Consultant Proposals, per program, that are consistent with the current rules.

The committee agreed that the OCA proposal is acceptable, as the OCA is a provider. The committee is open for them to give credit to, both, the presenter, and the consultant.

C. Veteran's Rule

It was reiterated that the rule reflects that veterans may have their CEUs waived, as the Board deems appropriate (e.g. in active service). It was determined that this was, already, in the rule. It was, only, moved to another are for clarity.

D. CEUs for Board participation

The committee drafted a proposal for the executive committee agenda, to present to the other committees. It will include Board member participation. It will warrant the award of 3 ethics hours, annually.

Glenn Karr entered at 10:12am

VII. Corrospondence

A. Jessica Howard

Hardship Request

Cooper shared that the area where she lives would have sufficient supervisors.

Jungers shared that retroactive approval was being requested, and that completion of an extra year should be required. She went on the state that it's important that the committee consider context and circumstances stronger, moving forward, when considering hardship requests, and that , perhaps, the committee poll the licensees to get a stronger handle on their status, particularly, when \$50-\$75/hr is the current rate for supervision, and the committee should be reminded of the experience.

The committee shared that those petitioning the board should be encouraged to come to the public meetings.

Jungers asked for the merits and demerits for giving partial credit for the request (2 psychologists and a psychiatrist providing training supervision).

Karr suggested asking the AAG

The committee discussed that the hospitals (like the VA, which had a recent hardship approval) is a social worker dominated field.

Cooper moved to award 1 year of supervision credit with another year being earned via a PCC-S as the training supervisor. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

B. Wilhetta McGowan

She received a C, twice, on her transcript, but she passed the exam.

The committee agrees that the rule can't be waived.

Cooper moved to deny waiving the rule and accepting Cs on a transcript.

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

C. Brian Wassil

The committee agrees that more information is needed. They agreed that the setting would probably yield better results with a boarder search.

Cooper recommended contacting the "Gentle Shepard Counseling Center" that has 2 independent counseling supervisors.

Cooper moved to deny the request, and expand the search. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

The committee reviewed programs until Carnahan arrived to give his Executive Director's report.

Carr left at 11:06am

Carnahan entered at 11:07am

VIII. Executive Director's Report

Carnahan shared that his first observation is "how hard the staff works."

There are areas ~~of~~ for improvement, but none requiring immediate action.

He submitted the budget for the next period. There's a projected 2-3% increase in revenues.

There was a requested increase for increasing insurance costs. Potential wage increases are not included in the budget. He has a meeting with the boards and commissions, next week. Some may be reappointed, and others may not. There should not be a quorum problem in November, though.

There's a minor controversy with the payment system provider, as some have been charged up to five times for the same renewal, due to a user error; that resulted from misunderstanding instructions.

The rules are in the pipeline; on Thursday, regarding the H.B. 232 rules, only one person came.

There is a hearing; today; at 1pm.

Some Ohio University counseling students will come to the hearing, and probably the full board meeting.

The 5 year rule review package hearing is 10/7/14.

The website may include more personalized links, including member bios.

Prior to applying for a board position, he applied to be a mediator in a pilot program for the State's EAP. The pilot is to last several months. The first mediation is in Cleveland. He will attempt to schedule any future mediations in the Columbus area. If he travels outside of Columbus, he may try to visit schools/agencies, etc. Venrick asked when we'll see a newer version of the website. Carnahan shared that it should go live within the next few weeks.

Hamm asked if the committee needs to go through the exercise of voting on the licenses that Rena processed and awarded.

Hamm shared that the committee believes that the board members should receive 3 ethics CEUs annually. Hamm will bring it up during the full board meeting, and would like it to be an executive meeting agenda item.

The Meeting Adjourned at 11:29 am



Terri Hamm, Counselor Professional Standards Committee Chair