



Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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November 20, 2015

Chairperson, Ms. Margaret Knerr, at the Vern Riffe State Office Tower, 77 South High Street, Columbus, OH, convened the regular meeting of the Board at 1:00 p.m. on November 20, 2015. Dr. Matthew Paylo, Dr. Alan Demmitt, Ms. Erin Michel, Dr. Carl Brun, Dr. Christin Jungers, Ms. Lisa Haberbusch, Ms. Stephanie McCloud, Mr. John Heaton, Dr. Otha Gilyard, Ms. Anna Bomas and Mr. Ryan Pickut. Absent: Dr. Terri Hamm. Staff present: Mr. Brian Carnahan, Ms. Patricia Miller, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Ms. Tammy Tingle, Ms. Paula Broome and Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan. Also present: Ms. Melissa Wilburn, AAG, Ms. Dorothy Martindale, NASW, Mr. David Johnson, Ms. Kim Welter, Equality Ohio, Ms. Teresa Dement, Ohio University (OU), Ms. Bobbi Moore, Columbus State Community College (CSCC), Ms. Samorra Dower, OU, Ms. Anna Ferris, CSCC.

Ms. Knerr welcomed everyone. Ms. Knerr also encouraged everyone to visit the amazing Art Exhibit in the building by Ohio Prison Inmates, sponsored by the Ohio Department of Corrections.

- I. Discussion and approval of agenda. Ms. McCloud moved to accept the agenda with modifications, seconded by Dr. Jungers. Carried.
- II. Ms. Knerr moved to accept the September 24, 2015, full Board minutes with corrections, seconded by Ms. McCloud. Carried.
- III. **Executive Director Report presented by Mr. Carnahan:**

Mr. Carnahan reported:

1. A report was given to each of the Professional Standards Committees.
2. A letter from the American Counseling Association requesting the Board to ban Conversion Therapy was received.

IV. Investigative Report presented by Mr. Hegarty:

1. Thanked the staff and Board liaisons.
2. A discipline social worker licensure hearing was held.
3. Possible hearing in January 2016.
4. A request to conduct an investigation for the Respiratory Care Board was received.
5. Distributed a hand out on places traveled, forty new cases, two are MFT's. Competency is the most received complaint.
6. Met with the CPSC and SWPSC.

V. Legal Update by Ms. Wilburn:

1. Ms. Wilburn gave an update on the North Carolina Dental Board case involving board members overreaching their statutory limits. Ohio is keeping up with any updates but until an actual ruling from the Supreme Court no changes are being made. Mr. Carnahan added that a lot of press is focused on this topic and it is an issue of which the General Assembly is aware. Ms. Wilburn added that FARB is also looking at this issue. Questions should be directed to the Attorney General's office. Mr. Hegarty stated an unlicensed practitioner is sent to the local prosecutor's office. Ms. McCloud stated to add more public members to a board is not a solution, strong practicing members are needed to make decisions as they are more aware of what is going on.

VI. Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Ms. McCloud:

Ms. McCloud reported:

1. Discussed changing the board meeting dates.
2. Reviewed draft rule changes, would like to revisit the internet searching in eighteen months after reviewing stats. The newsletter should encourage some feedback.
3. Approved licensure applications.

VII. Counselor Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Dr. Junger:

Dr. Junger reported:

1. Approved a change to the reciprocity agreement with the Kentucky Counselor Board for licensure. If licensed in Kentucky through reciprocity the applicant must apply with Ohio through the endorsement process since Kentucky has reciprocity with other states.

2. Discussed the Executive Committee issues.
3. Reviewed files, endorsement, licensure applicants, continuing education.
4. Reviewed correspondences.
5. Will revisit policies and supervision from other states in the future.

VIII. Social Worker Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Ms. Michel:

Ms. Michel reported:

1. Thanked Mr. Frazier for joining the SWPSC.
2. Welcomed Ms. Bomas to the Board and SWPSC.
3. A hearing was held yesterday.
4. The SWPSC agreed that the 2016 board meeting dates should be kept as is unless a committee is unable to have a quorum.
5. Reviewed the form letters received on Conversion Therapy that were brought to the Board from Equality Ohio. Over four hundred were from concerned citizens requesting conversion therapy be banned.
6. Explored how to respond or take a stand to issues and will continue to look at conversion therapy.
7. Reviewed the draft rules.
8. Reviewed correspondences; Dept. of Medicaid, social workers observing medical issues and their scope of practice, and the creation of personal plans. Will discuss what the term "medical" means.

Ms. Knerr welcomed new board members; Ms. Bomas to the SWPSC and Mr. Pickut to the CPSC. Ms. Bomas is with Ohio Health and is from Marion. She works in home health care, loves being a social worker and is excited to be on the Board. Mr. Pickut is from Toledo, is a Clinical Director at Community Health Agency, and has worked in the youth setting for twelve years, residential settings is his background. Ms. Knerr thanked them both and had the staff introduce themselves as well as any visitors.

IX. Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Ms. Knerr

1. Discussion of the board meeting dates being changed, requesting to change the September dates. Dr. Jungers is requesting to keep the board dates as scheduled and is also glad this is being discussed before a decision was made. Mr. Carnahan stated one staff person and one board member will be attending the ASWB conference in November. Discussion of changing the September dates to the 22 and 23 took place. Ms. Haberbush moved to change the September board meeting dates in 2016 to the 22 and 23 to ensure the MFTPSC has a quorum and there is a full

Board for the meeting. Dr. Brun seconded. Carried.

2. Discussed how the agenda is set for the planning meeting. Is the topic relevant to all three committees. Dr. Brun suggested only two topics to give sufficient time for discussion. Ms. Knerr would like to add the topic of how the Board Chair is elected. The Board's relationship with the AAG, Ms. Wilburn's role was also an example of a topic from Ms. Knerr. The Executive Committee will decide which topics will be on the agenda.

3. The Ohio Chemical Dependency Board will present at the January board meeting on continuing education. Ohio Department of Medicaid is also presenting to the board. Both presentations will be kept to a specific amount of time. Dr. Junger asked if the information is pertinent to all three committees. Mr. Hegarty stated the counselors and social workers will need to respond as the Ohio Department of Medicaid is requesting their presence and a response. Dr. Brun added if presentations are only given to the committee then at the full board meeting everyone might not feel informed.

CEU Committee - Dr. Demmitt

1. Discussed the purchase of programs by providers and offering under their board approval. Weighed the quality against the process. Ms. Broome suggested revising the rule on provider status and granting a separate provider approval for offering already established programs that were not created by the provider. Mr. Pickut added that further discussion is needed.

2. Letters were sent out to licensed MFT's stating that post-program approval cannot be submitted after October 2016 for live in state programs. Letters were also sent out to providers regarding the requirements for supervision programs for MFT's.

X. Old Business:

Ohio Counseling Association expressed concern over the agreement with Kentucky, the CPSC added an education requirement. Reciprocity with Ohio does need to meet the educational requirement. The agreement is for two years and then will be reviewed again, also the agreement can be cancelled at any time. Kentucky will need to sign the revised agreement. Dr. Jungers moved to adopt the reciprocity agreement with the State of Kentucky Counseling Board with modifications, seconded by Dr. Gilyard. Carried.

XI. New Business:

The AASCB conference will cover the topic of mobility so it is important a representative from the Board attends. Ms. Michel moved to approve travel to the AASCB conference for one board member and one staff person in January 2016, seconded by Dr. Brun. Carried. Mr. Carnahan will talk to the CPSC to determine who will attend.

Dr. Jungers moved for a board representative to attend the FARB conference in January 2016 in Clearwater Florida that will include the topics of mobility and on-line testing, seconded by Dr. Gilyard. Carried.

Ms. McCloud moved to approve amended rules with changes, seconded by Ms. Michel. Carried.

Ms. McCloud moved to approve the list of draft rules, seconded by Dr. Brun. Carried.

The Board was approached to investigate a board member of another Board, Mr. Hegarty will handle the investigation. This raised the question of a Board policy. Ms. Wilburn would be consulted and possibly the Psychology Board or Chemical Dependency Board would be asked to lead the investigation for our Board. Ms. McCloud moved to approve 6.2 Complaints against a Board Member, seconded by Ms. Haberbusch. Carried.

Ohio Equality-Ms. Welter

Ms. Welter presented to the Board on the topic of Conversion Therapy. Ohio Equality understands the Board cannot ban conversion therapy but is requesting an open communication for future conversations regarding this issue and any future concerns. A large number of letters requesting a ban of this therapy were delivered to the Boards office. While many unlicensed therapists may be performing this therapy Ohio Equality is requesting to work together with Boards. Conversion Therapy is not counseling and is viewed as harmful. Forty percent of homeless youth are escaping from this therapy. November 20, is a memorial day of the loss of lives in the LGBTG populations. There is a need to educate parents and young people and give them a safe place to turn. Ohio Equality is asking the Board to support a statement and have approached the Psychology Board, School Psychologists, Psychiatric Practitioners and NASW. The LGBTG population have the impression that mental health practitioners are accepting of the therapy since they have not made a stand. Ms. Michel stated it is not the Boards role to ban therapies but to protect the public. Mr. Hegarty added that an actual client needs to come forward in order to investigate. Mr. Heaton brought up that while a licensee might not be using the practice, have churches and non-licensed groups been

approached. Ms. Welter responded that they are a small group and can only do so much. Ms. McCloud asked if the therapy is not done by a licensee then why start with Boards. Ms. Welter replied in the hope of getting the knowledge and education out there. Mr. Carnahan stated that the Board had received a letter from the American Counseling Association about its anti-Conversion Therapy stance. Ms. Michel gave a scope of the Boards ability. Mr. Carnahan stated the Board would investigate any complaints and is discussing harmful practices and how the Board can impact them. A rule change, which ensures sexual orientation and gender identity are consistent will be in both the education and ethical practice rules must go through JCARR.

Ms. Knerr thanked everyone for their hard work and wished a safe and happy holiday to all.

XII. Adjourned: 3:10 PM

Margaret Knerr, MS, IMFT-S

Board Chair

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