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Executive Committee Minutes

May 21, 2015

Board Members Present: Steve Polovick, Rev. Otha Gilyard, Charlie Knerr, and Erin Michel.

Staff Present: Brian Carnahan, Melissa Wilburn, Esq.

Mr. Polovick called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM.

- Ms. Michel moved to approve the agenda of the May 21 and 22, 2015 Rev. Gilyard seconded. Motion passed.
- Ms. Knerr moved to approve the minutes. Rev. Gilyard seconded. Motion passed.
- Mr. Carnahan discussed his executive director update as provided to the Board.
- HB 184 was discussed at length. The committee debated the use of music as a modality versus the use of music as the foundation of a profession. There was agreement that music therapy and other similar therapies are helpful in treating clients. Concerns were expressed regarding the possible scope of practice. Members agreed to discuss the bill further during each PSC meeting and report on Friday with feedback
- The Committee discussed moving the September meeting to September 24 and 25 to accommodate the AMFTRB meeting.
- Discussion of client contact hours. Mrs. Knerr was concerned any change in the definition of a client contact hour could reduce the amount of time trainees and interns spend on client contact. It was suggested that the contact hour remain a full 60 minutes for training purposes.
- The Committee discussed Conversion Therapy (CT). There is consensus that CT is a harmful practice, particularly for minors. Ms. Wilburn discussed the fact that administrative law must derive its authority from a statute. The Committee members were advised to discuss CT at the PSC meetings and to be prepared for a discussion at the Board meeting on Friday.

The meeting concluded at 9:45 AM.

May 22, 2015

Board Members Present: Steve Polovick, Rev. Otha Gilyard, Charlie Knerr, and Erin Michel.

Staff Present: Brian Carnahan

Mr. Polovick called the meeting to order at 8:15AM.

- The PSCs agreed to move the September meeting. Mr. Carnahan will follow up with the Board regarding other potential conflicts in preparation for setting dates for the CY 2016 meetings.
- The client contact hour should be the subject of an FAQ or similar guidance. No change in rules in necessary.
- The PSCs generally reached consensus that the Board should explore the implication of a music therapy license upon its licensees.
- Concerns regarding Board authority limitations, the impact of a ban on other therapies, and related issues related to Conversion Therapy were discussed. Mr. Polovick noted that Danielle Smith of NASW Ohio Chapter would be presenting at the Board meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9:20 AM.

Steve Polovick, Executive Committee Chair



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1:15-2:15 PM

CE Committee Minutes

Board Member Present: Ms. Mary Venrick, Ms. Lisa Haberbusch, Mr. Matthew Paylo, Ph.D., and Mr. Alan Demmitt, Ph.D.

Staff Present: Ms. Paula Broome, Mr. Brian Carnahan, Ms. Rhonda Franklin, and Ms. Patty Miller

Dr. Demmitt called the meeting to order at 1:15.

- Ms. Venrick moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Paylo seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Ms. Venrick moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Paylo seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Mr. Carnahan reviewed an inquiry regarding the acceptance of CEUs approved by the Ohio Chemical Dependency Board by the CSWMFT Board. After discussion regarding the standards applied by the OCDP Board, it was agreed Mr. Carnahan and staff would engage in discussions with the OCDP Board and review its standards to determine if CSWMFT can recognize the CEUs approved by the OCDP Board for its licensees.
- Ms. Broome reviewed the audit report. Audit results are improving with fewer licensees renewing with non-approved CE.
- A pilot of CE Broker was proposed by Ms. Broome. CE Broker is being used by two other State of Ohio licensing boards. CSWMFT would incur no commitment in agreeing to the pilot.
- The committee agreed with Ms. Broome's recommendation to require an official or unofficial transcript to verify audited coursework used for CEU.
- No objections were raised regarding the staff recommendation to eliminate the independent study method of earning CE. Dr. Demmitt clarified the college coursework called "independent study" would remain eligible for CEUs.
- Ms. Broome discussed some issues related to how certain licensees can use the Relias Learning System. Relias has been very responsive to the Board's questions and concerns.
- Ms. Miller discussed a provider issue involving a request to purchase an online program. The Committee agreed that the provider would have to follow existing requirements requiring the provider to be involved in the development of content.
- Ms. Franklin discussed the inactive status. Approximately 140 licensees have renewed as inactive.

The meeting concluded at 2:15 PM.

Committee Chair

Alan Demmitt, Ph.D., LPCC-S