

# STATE OF OHIO

## COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

January 17, 2003

The regular meeting of the Board was convened at 1:15 PM on January 17, 2003, by Dr. Frank O'Dell, Acting Chair, at the Board offices, 77 S. High St., Columbus, OH. Members present were: Mr. Glenn Abraham, Mr. Rocky Black, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Mr. Michael Davis, Dr. Frank O'Dell, Dr. Rose Quinones-DelValle and Ms. Penny Wyman. Absent: Ms. Gwendolyn-DaCons-Taylor, Ms. Hannah Dixon and Mr. Joseph Williams. Staff present: Ms. Laurie Allison, Ms. Beth Farnsworth, Mr. William Hegarty, Ms. Patricia Miller, Mr. Jason Schutte, Ms. Pat Sposito and Ms. Tamara Tingle. Also present: Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW, Ms. Lynne Kaufman, Ohio Rehabilitation Association and Ms. Barbara Petrella, Assistant Attorney General.

- I. Discussion and approval of Agenda. Mr. Davis moved to accept the agenda, Dr. Cluse-Tolar seconded. Carried.
- II. Mr. Davis moved to accept the November 22, 2002, minutes, Dr. Quinones-DelValle seconded. Carried. Mr. Abraham abstained.
- III. Election – Ms. Farnsworth reported the only letter received for Board Chair was from Dr. O'Dell. Mr. Davis moved to appoint Dr. O'Dell as Chair of the Board, Ms. Wyman seconded. Carried. Dr. O'Dell thanked the Board.
- IV. Executive Director's Report presented by Ms. Farnsworth.
  - a. Ms. Farnsworth distributed the budget report.
  - b. Ms. Farnsworth presented Ms. Miller with flowers and a fifteen-year service pin for the State of Ohio.
- V. Legal Summary presented by Ms. Barbara Petrella, AAG.

**MOTION:** Mr. Davis moved and Dr. Cluse-Tolar seconded a motion that the Board go into executive session. Voting Aye: Mr. Abraham, Mr. Black, Dr. Cluse-Tolar, Mr. Davis, Dr. O'Dell, Dr. Quinones-DelValle and Ms. Wyman.

At the conclusion of the discussion on pending litigation the meeting was called back to regular session.

VI. Investigative Report presented by Mr. Hegarty.

Mr. Hegarty reported;

- a. The Social Workers had three consent agreements, one disciplinary hearing and one licensure denial hearing.
- b. Social Workers and Counselors will have hearings in March.
- c. The Investigative Unit has traveled to Dayton, Cincinnati and Avon Lake.
- d. There are currently sixty-five open cases, forty-one social work, twenty-one counselor and three unlicensed.
- e. There are thirty new cases, seventeen social work, eleven counselor and two unlicensed practice.

VII. The Counselor Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis reported;

- a. The Committee had a light agenda.
- b. The Committee interviewed two candidates for licensure, one with a misdemeanor and one practicing without a license.
- c. The AASCB conference in Charleston, South Carolina was a good conference, major issue of portability was discussed. Also, met with NBCC to discuss the test contract.
- d. Dr. Quinones-DelValle was elected as Chairperson of the Committee.
- e. Mr. Black had questions on pre-approval, how it was working and Mr. Davis stated it was not a problem for counselors.

VIII. The Social Worker Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Ms. Wyman.

Ms. Wyman reported;

- a. Two hearings were held and one interview.
- b. Approved several licensees.
- c. Discussion on exempt settings with adoption/foster care . Ms. Farnsworth and Ms. Wyman will draft a letter to the Department of Job and Family Services.
- d. Reviewed programs and discussed a possible criteria for counselors and social workers to both use for approving programs.

IX. Old Business

NONE

X. New Business

- a. Ms. Farnsworth reported the Marriage and Family Therapists will be joining our Board and a coordination of schedules will be needed. Ms. Farnsworth and Mr. Hegarty will look into MFT ethics and then Mr. Hegarty will work with his staff to clean up the ethics section. The rules will be started in March. Mr. Hegarty will work out a schedule for his staff to work on the rules. Ms. Allison and Ms. Sposito will join these meetings.
- b. Ms. Farnsworth gave Dr. O'Dell a letter from PA requesting reciprocity with Ohio. Dr. O'Dell will talk with the SWPSC about this issue and then respond to PA.
- c. Dr. O'Dell spoke about the AASCB's consumer brochure and the possibility of the Board creating a brochure.
- d. Ms. DaCons-Taylor spoke of her issue of concern with the lack of timely response for reimbursements on travel expenses. Prior to the January Board meeting, she called and spoke with the DAS administrator regarding her concern about not receiving reimbursements, at that time it had been almost two months. She did receive her reimbursement a week before the January Board meeting. Once she was at the meeting and realized some of the Board members were having the same problem, the question was asked if we need to call in the DAS staff to discuss the reimbursement process. Again, Ms. DaCons-Taylor clarified she did not request training on completing a travel expense report; the issue at the time was on timeliness of reimbursement. I have always written the exact amount of money spent on all of my food on the expense report, and I have always submitted receipts with notations to that effect on the travel expense report. Ms. DaCons-Taylor thought it might be a good idea to have someone from DAS to speak with the Board so that we all could receive timely reimbursements, but now that the reimbursements are being received in a timely manner it is not necessary.
- e. Dr. O'Dell spoke of the CPSC and SWPSC becoming a closer group and thanking former Board members Dr. Jackson, Ms. Daroff and current member Mr. Abraham for bringing this together. Dr. O'Dell's goal is to strengthen the relationship of the Board.

XI. Adjourned

a. Ms. Wyman moved, seconded by Mr. Abraham. Carried.

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Dr. O'Dell  
Chairman