

STATE OF OHIO
COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPIST BOARD

JANUARY 21, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board was convened at 1:30 PM on January 21, 2005, by Acting Chairperson, Dr. Julianne Serovich, at the Board offices, 77 S. High St., Columbus, OH. Members present were: Mr. Glenn Abraham, Ms. Linda Barson, Mr. Rocky Black, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Dr. Randi Cohen, Ms. Gwendolyn DaCons-Taylor, Dr. Susan Huss, Ms. Molly Michelbrink, Dr. William Mosier, Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey, Mr. Kenneth Trivison, Mr. Jan White and Mr. Joseph Williams. Absent: Dr. Rose Quinones-DelValle. Staff present: Ms. Rena Elliott, Mr. Simeon Frazier, Mr. William Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Ms. Patricia Miller and Mr. Steve Polovick. Also present: Ms. Juliane Barone, Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Nicole Moss, Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW, Ms. Nancy Nickelson, ODMH, and Mr. Jonas Thom, Director of Ohio Coordinating Center for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT).

Dr. Serovich welcomed Dr. Cohen to the Board.

- I. Discussion and approval of agenda with addition of the Search Committee and there is no legal update, Ms. Barson moved to accept the agenda with modifications, Mr. White seconded. Carried.
- II. Ms. Barson moved to accept the November 19, 2004, minutes, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.

III. Deputy Director's Report presented by Mr. Hegarty:

Mr. Hegarty reported:

- a. Mr. Hegarty introduced Mr. Jonas Thom, Director of Ohio Coordinating Center for Assertive Community Treatment who requested to speak to the Board about issues of concern with the Ohio Certification Rule Act. ACT is a multi-professional group to provide care to treat the most disabled mental disorders in adults and develop certification to provide this care. Concerns of dual relationships were discussed with the previous Director of the CSWMFTB so

safeguards are being worked on. Dr. Frank O'Dell, former Board Member was hired by ACT as a consultant. They are trying to limit liability and received a grant to go towards a peer support training of specialists. Mr. Thom wanted to make the Board aware of their progress and give an update. They are planning to add MFT's to the rule.

- b. Thanked staff for their hard work, Ms. Paula Broome, Office Assistant 2 and Mr. Brian Powrie, Customer Service Assistant 2 are two new employees. Ms. Hosom and Mr. Polovick will be attending the Investigative Training next week in Daytona, Florida. Dr. Mosier moved to approve Ms. Hosom and Mr. Polovick attending the CLEAR conference for Investigative Training in Daytona, Florida, Dr. Serovich seconded. Carried.
- c. The W-2 forms have just been released and will be mailed out to everyone.
- d. The Budget Report reflects the Board is in good standing. Mr. Hegarty will be filing the Financial Impact Statement with OBM.

IV. Investigative Report presented by Mr. Hegarty:

- a. There are twenty-eight new cases open: thirteen social work, eight counselor, and seven other. There have been two-hundred and thirty-two cases opened since January 19, 2004; about one-hundred and sixty-two cases were opened by this same time last year.
- b. The Investigative Unit has traveled to Canton, Dayton, Cuyahoga Falls, Lisbon, Toledo, Cincinnati and Massillon.
- c. There will be a Social Work Disciplinary Hearing in February, but there will be hearings at the March Board meeting as well.
- d. Thanked Ms. Barone for a great job.

V. Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Ms. Barson:

Ms. Barson reported:

- a. Distributed list of licensees approved, four Independent Marriage and Family Therapists and three Marriage and Family Therapists. Mr. White moved to approve the list of licensure applicants, Ms. Michelbrink seconded. Carried.
- b. Denied one applicant to take the examination.
- c. Closed one investigation.

- d. Received one request for a hearing on a licensure denial.
- e. Dr. Mosier moved to discuss an issue when the Board goes into Executive Session, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.

VI. Counselor Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Dr. Huss:

Dr. Huss reported:

- a. The Committee had two hearings.
- b. Forty- eight PC's were licensed and twenty-nine PCC's were licensed.
- c. Nine cases were closed.
- d. One consent agreement was approved and one notice of opportunity for a hearing was also approved.
- e. There was one hearing officer report, approved one remediation plan and denied one remediation plan.
- f. Two Committee Members will attend the New Board Member Training.
- g. Discussed testing site issues.

VII. Social Work Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Ms. DaCons-Taylor:

Ms. DaCons-Taylor reported:

- a. The Committee approved two notices of opportunity for a hearing and three consent agreements.
- b. Closed twenty-two cases.
- c. Reviewed one hearing officer report.
- d. Approved twelve social work assistant applicants, eighty-four social work applicants and thirty-three independent social work applicants.
- e. Mr. Abraham or Mr. Black will be attending the ASWB conference in Boston, MA, with Ms. DaCons-Taylor.
- f. Mr. Lustig, NASW, will be bringing in more information on foster care.

VIII. New Business:

MOTION: Mr. White moved and Ms. Barson seconded the motion that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Voting Aye: Mr. Abraham, Ms. Barson, Mr. Black, Dr. Cluse-Tolar, Dr. Cohen, Ms. DaCons-Taylor, Dr. Huss, Ms. Michelbrink, Dr. Mosier, Dr. Serovich, Ms. Sharkey, Mr.

Trivison, Mr. White, and Mr. Williams. Voting Nay: None. Motion passes unanimously.

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

Dr. Cluse-Tolar moved to take away the Acting Director's discretion with regard to the two union employees named in the IG report, Mr. White seconded. Carried.

Dr. Mosier moved to rescind disciplinary action that was voted on at the November Board meeting against two union employees, seconded by Ms. Michelbrink. Carried.

Dr. Huss moved that based on new information from OCB, a letter of reprimand shall be placed in the two union employees personnel file and that the Acting Executive Director be directed to sign this letter at the direction of the Board, seconded by Mr. White. Ms. Barson abstained. Ms. Sharkey, Ms. DaCons-Taylor and Mr. Trivison opposed. Carried.

Dr. Huss moved that all employees be given a copy of the policy and procedures manual with a letter stating they know it's contents, seconded by Ms. Barson. Carried.

Dr. Cluse-Tolar moved that the Search Committee will provide copies of resources to the entire Board for their review of the final candidates after the interviews that will take place on Thursday, February 17, 2005 and will take questions for candidates from Board Members for the final interviews that will take place on Friday, February 18, 2005. Also, that the Search Committee will forward the name of the candidate selected to fill the Executive Director position at a meeting of the Board in the afternoon of February 18, 2005, Dr. Huss seconded. Carried.

IX. New Business:

None

X. Adjourned:

Dr. Cluse-Tolar moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Barson. Carried.

Dr. Julianne Serovich
Acting Board Chair