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JANUARY 20, 2006

The regular meeting of the Board was convened at 1:05 PM on January 20, 2006, by Chairperson, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, at the One Columbus Building, 10 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH.

Members present were: Mr. Glenn Abraham, Ms. Linda Barson, Mr. Rocky Black, Mr. Jose Camerino, Dr. Randi Cohen, Dr. Susan Norris Huss, Dr. Victoria White Kress, Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Ms. Molly Michelbrink, Dr. William Mosier, Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey, Mr. Kenneth Trivison, Mr. Jan White and Mr. Joseph Williams.

Staff present: Mr. James Rough, Mr. William Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Ms. Patricia Miller, Mr. Brian Powrie, and Ms. Tamara Tingle.

Also present: Mr. Peter R. Casey IV, Assistant Attorney General, Atty. Glennon Karr, Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW Representative.

- I.** Discussion and approval of agenda. Dr. Norris Huss moved to accept the agenda, Ms. Barson seconded. Carried.
- II.** Mr. White moved to accept the November 18, 2005, minutes, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.
- III. Legal Update presented by Mr. Peter R. Casey IV, Esquire:**
 - a.) Mr. Casey introduced himself for the new Board Members and gave a description of different cases investigated. Mr. Casey encouraged new Board Members to ask questions.
 - b.) Distributed a memo regarding confidentiality which is not to be shared outside of the Board.
 - c.) The case regarding Dr. Mulhousen, MFT, is in the Appellate Courts. Dr. Mulhousen's application was denied and a hearing was held. The Cuyahoga Court of Common Pleas will set up a briefing

schedule and then Mr. Casey will submit a motion to dismiss. Dr. Mulhousen did not include grounds for his appeal.

- d.) A hearing for a denial of a social work license took place yesterday and there will be one social work disciplinary hearing next week.

IV. Executive Director Report presented by Mr. Rough:

Mr. Rough reported:

- 1.) Welcomed new Board Members, Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Dr. Victoria White Kress and Mr. Jose Camerino. Their first meeting went well.
- 2.) Dr. Huss moved to change Policy 2.1 to include new Board Members training, Mr. White seconded. Carried.
- 3.) Consolidation – The Governor still supports the consolidation and there is no 2007 budget so far.
- 4.) All files out of the office for scanning are not back yet, about eight thousand have to be redone due to a computer error but hopefully by the end of January all files will be returned.
- 5.) Next month discussion of CEU issues that were brought to each of the Committees need to be discussed.
- 6.) Mohican retreat is scheduled for April 20 and April 21.
- 7.) The Statute Committee met December 16, 2005. Mr Rough is scheduled to meet with Representative Evans next week who will ask Representative White, the House Committee Chair, to hear the conflicting MFT bills at the same time. Mr. Rough and Mr. Powrie will put a storybook board together. LSC is drafting the bill.
- 8.) Topics for the Strategic Plan are CAVU licensure system and first draft of the social work application on line. The staff is doing well with CAVU. Mr. Rough and Mr. Hart from the Language and Speech Pathology Board gave a training on CAVU credential section that went well. Trainings will continue every other month. Mr. Rough is planning to put programs and providers on CAVU.
- 9.) The Query reports explain what licensure initials mean and what each status means and how to find total numbers of active licensees in each category.
- 10.) Dr. Mosier voiced his concern with the Boards initials of CSW still being used in the computer system and not reflecting the Marriage and Family Therapists. Mr. Rough explained it would be a costly venture to change the computer system which uses old identifiers. He stated that several boards have changed their names but are still stuck with the old three letter identifiers.
- 11.) Mr. Rough continues to work on pre-formatted CAVU letters.
- 12.) The budget is in good shape and the scanning project will be under the original budgeted amount.
- 13.) A draft of the Board Members phone numbers and addresses were distributed and Mr. Rough asked if any changes need to be made. The address given will be available to the public if requested.
- 14.) Reviewed current term dates of the Board Members.

V. Investigative Report presented by Mr. Hegarty:

Mr. Hegarty reported:

- 1.) Thanked his staff for doing a good job.
- 2.) Noted that Mr. White was in the office on Wednesday and heard how the staff is working well together. Mr. White commented how it reflected good leadership.
- 3.) Since November 15, 2005, twenty-two new cases were opened, ten social worker, nine counselor and three unlicensed. Total cases opened from 1/1/05 thru 12/31/05 is one hundred and sixty-five. The breakdown of the type and demographics was distributed to the Board.
- 4.) The staff has been busy on the road traveling to Columbus, Youngstown, Canton twice, Cincinnati four times, Dover twice, Cambridge, Portsmouth, Bowling Green and Wooster.

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

Dr. Huss reported:

- 1.) Welcomed the new Counselor Dr. Victoria White Kress.
- 2.) The CPSC closed ten cases, approved thirty-five PCC licensure candidates and forty-eight PC licensure candidates.
- 3.) Forty-eight candidates took the exam in November, thirty passed and eighteen failed. Forty-five candidates took the exam in December, twenty-seven passed, nineteen were first timers and eight were repeaters, eighteen candidates failed and twelve of those were first timers, one candidate was absent.
- 4.) General discussion was held about testing and the main issue of changing to two exams starting March 1, 2006.
- 5.) A candidate submitted an application for licensure which showed they were practicing counseling, this was turned over to Ms. Hosom, Investigator.
- 6.) A complete explanation of the issues attendant in child custody cases will be sent to schools and associations to be included in their teaching. The committee has had an unusual number of complaints in this area of late.
- 7.) Complimented the wonderful job the CPSC is doing.
- 8.) Dr. Cohen thanked the Board for her trip to the AASCB conference that was very informative and helpful. Mr. Rough mentioned the ACA (American Counseling Association) revised their ethics. Mr. Hegarty mentioned he tries to review various ethics when drafting the ethics for the Board.

VII. Social Worker Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Mr. Abraham:

Mr. Abraham reported:

- 1.) Welcomed the new Social Worker Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee. Mr. Abraham expressed it was nice to be re-appointed and back with the Board.
- 2.) Approved thirteen social work assistant registrations, eighty-six social work applications, seven related degree social work applications, forty-six independent social work applications.
- 3.) Approved two notices of intent to deny for social work registrations.
- 4.) Referred one case of practicing without a license to the investigators.
- 5.) Closed fifteen cases.
- 6.) Approved two notices of opportunity for a hearing, two consent agreements, and had two Goldman hearings, one for a social work assistant registration and one for a social work license.
- 7.) The ASWB Spring meeting will be held in April in Portland, Oregon, the SWPSC will be requesting the Board to approve two individuals to attend when an estimated cost is calculated.
- 8.) The SWPSC is operating well and appreciates Ms. Holleman's hard work.

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

Ms. Barson reported:

- 1.) Welcomed the new Marriage and Family Therapist Board Member Mr. Jose Camerino.
- 2.) Congratulated Dr. Mosier and Ms. Sharkey on their re-appointment.
- 3.) Reviewed two applications for licensure.
- 4.) Issued one intent to deny, and requested additional information on the other applicant.
- 5.) Reviewed a request to take the exam.
- 6.) Denied one hardship.
- 7.) Requested one individual from out of state to apply under endorsement.
- 8.) Closed one case, violation not substantiated.
- 9.) Discussed continuing education.
- 10.) Discussed Mr. Rough's evaluation performance to be completed in March by the personnel committee.
- 11.) Discussed pending litigation and the Committees role and who will provide testimony.
- 12.) Suggested reviewing the Inspector General's report and the State Audit report and making sure the Board is on track.

- 13.) The MFTPSC requests more information be given at the Mohican Retreat regarding the Consolidation and what effect it would have on the Board.
- 14.) Thanked Mr. Powrie for his hard work and he is doing a great job.

IX. Old Business: NONE

X. New Business:

- 1.) Mr. Rough reviewed Robert's Rules of Order. Any individual from the public wanting to speak at the meeting must make the request prior to the meeting.
- 2.) Dr. Huss asked if a motion is needed to review the inspector general and auditor report. No motion is needed.
- 3.) Mr. Rough reminded Board Members to complete and turn in their Financial Disclosure Statements.

XI. Adjourned:

Dr. Mosier moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Cohen. Motion passes unanimously and the meeting is adjourned.

Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar
Board Chair