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JANUARY 18, 2008

Chairperson, Mr. Kenneth Trivison, at the LeVeque Tower, 50 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH, convened the regular meeting of the Board at 1:00 P.M. on January 18, 2008.

Members present were Mr. Timothy Brady, Ms. Karen Huey, Mr. Jose Camerino, Dr. Victoria White Kress, Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Mr. Tommie Robertson, Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey Dirck, Ms. Francine Packard, Mr. Jan White and Ms. Molly Tucker. Absent: Mr. Robert Nelson. Staff present: Mr. James Rough, Mr. William Hegarty, Ms. Jennifer Kreinbrink, Ms. Patricia Miller, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Tracey Hosom and Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan.

Also, present Atty. Peter R. Casey IV, Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW, Ms. Erin Schaefer, OAMFT.

Mr. Trivison reminded everyone to please leave quietly after the meeting as we are guests of the Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board who are allowing our Board to use their conference room for our meetings.

- I.** Discussion and approval of agenda. Ms. Tucker moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Huey. Carried.
- II.** Ms. Sharkey Dirck moved to accept the November 16, 2007, minutes, seconded by Ms. Tucker. Ms. Huey abstained. Carried.
- III. Executive Director Report presented by Mr. Rough:**

Mr. Rough reported:

1. Introduced and welcomed Ms. Packard and Mr. Nelson to the Board. Three Board member vacancies remain.
2. The internet therapy rule is progressing.
3. Five year rule reviewed and final filed, pleased with the results and the improved relationships with Associations.
4. Representative Webster(R) and Representative Letson(D) introduced HB 427, MFT ability to diagnosis and treat was met with good support from the Chair of the House Health Committee,

lobbyists, and Associations working with our Board and ODMH has been very supportive.

5. LISW supervision application process has been bogged down by volume and system problems. The system problems have been fixed, but August will create more of a volume issue. Ms. Kreinbrink, Ms. Adorjan, Ms. Holleman and Ms. Broome shared some good ideas to deal with the volume.
6. When credit card ability is working for the laws and rules exam then it will be ready. Input will be sought from University professors and hopefully it will be ready by May and available in January 2009. The Board will have its own software.
7. Budget report discussed, still some problems with receiving information from OAKS. The budget report reflects \$21,000 for hearing rooms which is an error. Distributed a report showing the number of licensees which is slowly increasing.

IV. Investigative Report presented by Mr. Hegarty:

Mr. Hegarty reported:

1. Interesting counselor hearing was held on Thursday January 17, 2008. There will be an LISW hearing in March. Dr. White Kress will be the counselor liaison until it is known if Dr. Huss will be re-appointed to the Board.
2. Since November 15, 2007, thirty-four new cases have been opened, twenty-one social workers, thirteen counselors. Total cases opened for 2007, is two-hundred and sixty. The breakdown of the types and demographics were distributed to the Board. Complaints received are mostly regarding competency and custody disputes. The Boardman and Cincinnati areas have the most complaints.
3. The staff has traveled to Akron, Ashland, Cambridge, Cincinnati three times, Cleveland, Columbus twice, Findley, Lisbon, Sandusky, Strongsville, Toledo and Youngstown.

V. Legal Update presented by Atty. Casey IV, Esquire:

Atty. Casey reported:

1. Two cases are currently in the Appellate courts and are pending. Mr. Keith Robertson whose case is inactive but scheduled for a briefing in April 2008 and the Institute for Natural Resources appeal, Atty. Casey requested a dismissal but has not received a return of his calls from the court.
2. Hearing officer reports for two counselor cases will be sent to the CPSC members.
3. Will look into how to capture executive session in the minutes.
4. Atty. Casey requested to be kept updated on application changes.

VI. Counselor Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Mr. White:

Mr. White reported:

1. Welcomed Ms. Packard and Mr. Nelson to the Board. Both individuals are noteworthy additions. Also thanked Ms. Elliott and Mr. Frazier for doing a great job.
2. The CPSC was short two members but still did a great job.
3. Several cases were closed.
4. Ms. Packard gave a CEU report.
5. Seventy-nine PC's and thirty-four PCC's were licensed.
6. A discussion was held on endorsements.
7. Seven individuals took the clinical exam and six passed, seventy-three individuals took the general knowledge exam and sixty-eight passed and one hundred and three exam packets were mailed out.
8. Correspondence was addressed.

VII. Social Work Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Ms. Tucker:

Ms. Tucker reported:

1. Welcomed Ms. Packard and Mr. Nelson to the Board.
2. One hundred and eighty four applications were reviewed, twelve social worker assistants, one hundred social worker, twelve related degree social worker and sixty independent social worker applications for licensure were approved.
3. Requested Mr. Rough to get comments from the Governor regarding a statute change with exempt settings, and feedback from schools regarding clinical versus administrative requirements.
4. Requesting to send Mr. Nelson to the New Board Member Training.
5. Thanked the staff.
6. Ms. Riesbeck-Lee will be taking over as Committee Chair for Ms. Tucker for the March meeting.

VIII. Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Ms. Sharkey Dirck:

Ms. Sharkey Dirck reported:

1. Wished Ms. Tucker well with the arrival of her new baby.
2. Licensed three IMFT's.
3. Ms. Sharkey Dirck moved to deny one supervision hardship, seconded by Ms. Tucker. Carried.
4. Explained to the new Board members that due to a glitch in the law, approval from the Board is needed for marriage and family therapy licensure issues.
5. Thanked Ms. Adorjan for her hard work.

6. Progress with the MFT legislation will hopefully result in an increase in licensure requests. Thanked Mr. Rough for his hard work. Any help from Committee members would be greatly appreciated. It has been five years since 2003 when the house and senate passed two versions leading to the language diagnosis and treatment problems.
7. Mr. Camerino from the Ad Hoc Committee led a discussion on Internet Therapy.
8. Discussion on record keeping rule.

IX. Old Business:

1. **Internet Therapy** – Dr. White Kress reported two issues, the title “Internet Therapy”, possible change to Electronic Service Delivery and secondly, concerns in the laws and rules regarding focus areas and limitations. Will take possible changes to Atty. Casey and will have a report at the March meeting.

X. New Business:

1. Mr. Hegarty thanked Mr. Brady and Mr. Robertson for acting as the liaisons especially Mr. Brady considering the large number of investigations.
2. Mr. Rough thanked the staff whom continue to work well together.
3. Mr. White thanked the Personnel Committee.
4. Mr. Trivison welcomed the new Board members and thanked everyone for their hard work.
5. Mr. Trivison again reminded everyone to leave quietly.

XI. Adjourned:

Dr. White Kress moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Huey. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting is adjourned. (2:15 p.m.)

Board Chair
Kenneth E. Trivison