

STATE OF OHIO

COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD

JULY 18, 2003

The regular meeting of the Board was convened at 1:00 PM on July 18, 2003, by Chairman, Dr. O'Dell, at the Board offices, 77 S. High St., Columbus, OH.

Members present were: Mr. Glenn Abraham, Mr. Rocky Black, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Ms. Gwendolyn DaCons-Taylor, Mr. Michael Davis, Dr. Susan Huss, Dr. Rose Quinones-DelValle, Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey, Mr. Joseph Williams and Ms. Penny Wyman. Staff present: Ms. Laurie Allison, Ms. Rena Elliott, Ms. Beth Farnsworth, Mr. William Hegarty, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Ms. Patricia Miller, Mr. Jason Schutte, and Ms. Tamara Tingle. Also present: Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW.

- I. Discussion and approval of agenda. Mr. Davis moved to accept the agenda, Dr. Quinones-DelValle seconded. Carried.
- II. Ms. Farnsworth introduced the new Board Member, Dr. Susan Huss, PC, Counselor Educator from Bowling Green State University.
- III. Dr. Quinones-DelValle moved to accept the May 16, 2003 minutes, Mr. Black seconded. Carried.
- IV. Executive Director's Report presented by Ms. Farnsworth:

Ms. Farnsworth reported:

- a. Distributed a draft of the new certificate, discussion took place.
- b. Distributed and explained the budget report for the new Board member. Ms. DaCons-Taylor requested an exception be made for individuals with a need to lodge closer be permitted to stay at the Double Tree and the extra funds in the budget be used. Dr. O'Dell suggested this be discussed under new business.
- c. Presented Ms. Elliott with flowers for her fifteen years of service, Ms. Farnsworth and Dr. O'Dell complimented her on doing a good job.

V. Legal Update:

- a. The Board won the Thomas Schmidt case, no other court cases are pending.
- b. Thomas Pokorny – Mr. Pokorny petitioned the Board allowing him to review his test, the Board agreed to allow him to look at his test supervised by staff, but he cannot ask questions, copy, etc, only review.

VI. Investigative Report presented by Mr. Hegarty:

Mr. Hegarty reported:

- a. There are currently seventy-six cases open, forty-five social work, twenty-two counselor and nine unlicensed practice.
- c. There are twenty-seven new cases, fourteen social work, eight counselor and five unlicensed practice.
- d. The Investigative Unit has traveled to Cleveland three times, Gallipolis, Kettering, Findlay, Columbus, Lima, Zanesville, Akron, Lebanon, Ashtabula, Dayton twice, Heath and Kent.
- e. Thanked Mr. Schutte who has been working on the website with Ms. Franklin.
- f. Cases are two to three months behind because they are more complicated.
- g. Investigative Unit is scheduled to travel to Silver Lake, Lima, Syracuse, Xenia, Mason, Toledo and Cleveland.

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

Ms. Wyman reported the following discussions:

- a. Child and Youth Care Worker licensing bill.
- b. Rules assigning responsibility to agencies who hire inappropriate individuals.
- c. Ethics course guide lines, staff receiving many calls. Possibility of adding requirements to the website or a link to NASW.
- d. Extent of protection, liability of supervisors to protect individuals from things not in their control.
- e. One Intent to Deny was sent.
- f. Voted to renew ASWB contract.

VIII. The Counselor Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Dr. Quinones-DelValle:

Dr. Quinones-DelValle reported:

- a. Forty one PCC's and seventy four PC's were approved.
- b. Remediation plans were approved and hardships reviewed.
- c. ASCB sent a draft with regard to portability, Dr. O'Dell drafted a letter regarding coursework and supervision, very specific in some content areas.
- d. Mr. Davis is applying for ASCB Testing Committee position.
- e. Mr. Davis and Ms. Farnsworth will travel to Greensboro, NC, for a NBCC meeting with NBCC, Director Tom Clauson and Mr. Shawn O'Brien. Please submit names of individuals that could be item writers to Ms. Farnsworth.
- f. Ms. Farnsworth will contact the Texas State Board and Promissor.

IX. Old Business

- a. Ms. Farnsworth reported, only one change was received regarding the continuing education forms and she is requesting any ideas be submitted to her.
- b. Mr. Davis suggested a workshop for providers.

X. New Business

- a. Ms. Wyman moved to create a subcommittee to examine the assignment of the agency's responsibility for appropriate licensure and/or supervision of counselors, social workers or marriage and family therapists. Subcommittee should develop recommendations, would this enhance public safety? Laws and rules and whether authority to fine offenders (agency/individual), Ms. Dacons-Taylor seconded. Carried.
- b. Ms. Dacons-Taylor suggested with the sufficient budget that under special circumstances allow individuals to stay at the DoubleTree Hotel. Ms. Farnsworth will check with OBM on the policy and asked that individuals needing an exception contact her directly.
- c. Mr. Abraham moved to approve the ASWB contract extension with amendments, Dr. Cluse-Tolar seconded. Carried.
- d. Ms. Dacons-Taylor questioned the progress of the evaluation for Ms. Farnsworth, Dr. O'Dell explained a meeting took place and Ms. Farnsworth will provide her 2004 objectives.

- e. A discussion of providers being given ethics guidelines. Ms. Farnsworth will draft a letter and send out to the Board members.
 - f. Dr. O'Dell reported the Marriage and Family Therapist Board members will be at the next meeting in September. Discussion of trying to maintain the Committees working together. Dr. O'Dell welcomed Dr. Huss to the Board, congratulated Ms. Elliott on fifteen years of service and thanked everyone for the flowers, cards and e-mails during his recovery. Dr. O'Dell spoke with Ms. Jane Daroff, a previous Board Member who sent a hello to everyone.
- XI. Adjourned.
- a. Mr. Davis moved, seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Carried.

Dr. O'Dell
Chairman