



# *Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board*

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## **STATE OF OHIO**

### **COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD**

**JULY 22, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Board was convened at 1:00 PM on July 22, 2005, by Acting Chairperson, Dr. Susan Norris Huss, at the Board offices, 77 S. High St., Columbus, OH. Members present were: Mr. Glenn Abraham, Ms. Gwendolyn DaCons-Taylor, Ms. Linda Barson, Mr. Rocky Black, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Dr. Randi Cohen, Ms. Molly Michelbrink, Dr. William Mosier, Dr. Julianne Serovich, Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey, Mr. Kenneth Trivison and Mr. Joseph Williams. Absent: Dr. Rose Quinones-DelValle and Mr. Jan White. Staff present: Mr. Simeon Frazier, 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, Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW, and Mr. Glennon Karr, Atty.

Mr. Abraham moved to nominate Dr. Cluse-Tolar as Board Chair, Ms. Barson seconded. Carried. Dr. Cohen moved to close the nominations and to elect Dr. Cluse-Tolar as the Board Chair, Mr. Abraham seconded. Carried.

Dr. Quinones-DelValle spoke to the Board by speaker phone. Dr. Quinones-DelValle thanked the Board for her time as Board Chair, for their commitment, getting through the difficult times and all the good changes and the hiring of our new Executive Director.

- I. Discussion and approval of agenda.
- II. Ms. Barson moved to accept the May 20, 2005, minutes, Dr. Mosier seconded. Mr. Trivison abstained. Carried.

### III. Executive Director Report presented by Mr. Rough:

Mr. Rough reported:

- a. Ms. Holleman ~~had~~ has been on jury duty for five weeks but came into the office prior to her time on jury duty and afterward even though according to the OCSEA contract she did not have to come into the office at all. Mr. Rough recognized her commitment and thanked her.
- b. The Consolidation was a part of the final budget bill, the process has not yet started but the first meeting of the transition members will be sometime during the first two weeks of August. Dr. Cohen asked what part Mr. Rough will play with the Consolidation or if he will still be active even though he is not on the Committee. Mr. Rough plans to continue to be active with the Committee and receive updates weekly. The Transition Committee members include Ms. Ann Cunningham, Embalmers Board, Mr. Jeff Rosa, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board, and Mr. Chris Logsdon, Respiratory Care Board.
- c. The CAVU system is up and running, discussed some problems with hyphenated names. Over a thousand files have been scanned in the office. On August 15, a decision from the Controlling Board will be made regarding additional funds for the move of the Board office. Since there is a vacancy in the staff, two college interns will be hired to help with the scanning project.
- d. Dr. Mosier requested MFT be added to the CAVU system instead of just reflecting CSW. **Mr. Rough explained that the system used three letter identifiers for each board and it could not be changed.**
- e. Discussed budget issues.
- f. Previous issues have been resolved with Representative Kilbane and Representative Kearns and they have agreed to not block the diagnosis and treat issue.
- g. A strategic plan report will be given at the September Board meeting.
- h. A policy request was made from some of the employees, the OCSEA contract allows half hour, three quarter hour and full hour lunch periods but the Board adopted the DAS work rules which allows for an hour lunch only. Mr. Rough and Mr. Hegarty agree to the one hour lunch. One of the reasons is in the IG report it was stated that the Board would adopt the DAS work rules but Mr. Rough stated that doesn't mean they have to be followed one hundred percent. Also a couple of the employees would not have that option. Mr. Rough prefers the lunch rule remain as is.
- i. Discussed a CAVU report regarding the number of licensees that are active, expired and various other statistics.
- j. Receiving an e-mail as a receipt for the on-line renewal was discussed, and also some computer problems with the on-line renewal.

- k. Dr. Huss requested when someone wants a supervisor list, if a tutorial to find the supervisors on line can be e-mailed to them. Possibly put the tutorial on the Boards website.
- l. The CAVU staff is very busy and still has three Boards to convert.
- m. The staff is busy and working well.

**IV. Investigative Report presented by Mr. Hegarty:**

- a. Mr. Hegarty reported September will be a busy month, there is a social work disciplinary hearing on September 8 and the 19, a counselor licensure denial hearing and a marriage and family therapist licensure denial hearing on September 29, 2005.
- b. Mr. Hegarty reported Mr. Polovick left the CSWMFTB to start his new job at the Ohio Department of Education. Ms. Hosom has been doing a wonderful job filling in for the vacant position. Thank you to Ms. Hosom and Ms. Tingle.
- c. Since the May Board meeting there are twenty-six new cases open: eighteen social work, seven counselor, no marriage and family therapist and two unlicensed. There have been ninety-eight new cases opened from January 1, 2005 through July 22, 2005 compared to eight-eight cases last year at this same time.
- b. The Investigative Unit has traveled to Cleveland four times, Dayton four times, Akron, Columbus three times, Newark, Kettering, London, New Philadelphia, Canton and Kent.

**V. Legal Update presented by Mr. Peter R. Casey IV:**

Mr. Casey reported:

- a. The Brief for the Morgan case was filed in the beginning of July in the Appellate Court, the Board is fighting an appeal; a counselor was charged with misrepresentation and is appealing the court decision.
- b. A backlog of hearing requests is being worked on with Mr. Hegarty.
- c. The social work hearing scheduled for Thursday, September 21, was cancelled.
- d. In an upcoming hearing regarding a billing fraud a BCI handwriting expert will be involved.
- e. Thanked Ms. Hosom and Mr. Hegarty for doing a good job, it has been a pleasure working with both of them.

**VI. Social Work Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Mr. Abraham:**

Mr. Abraham reported:

- a. Revoked Mr. Donald Sloenik's license in a Goldman Hearing.

- b. Issued several notices of opportunity for a hearing, and several consent agreements
- c. Three hundred and five applications were reviewed, fifteen social work assistants, two-hundred and thirty-four social work, eleven related degrees, forty-five independent social work and two intent to deny.
- d. Ms. Sharon Hangar from the Advisory Committee from OSU, was a guest at the SWPSC meeting to discuss test scores and the decline in the passing rate. Ms. Holleman will look into the passing rate of other states.
- e. Ms. Michelbrink will attend the ASWB meeting in, Michigan as the delegate.
- f. Mr. Rough is in contact with ASWB about pre-approval to take the test.
- g. Ms. DaCons-Taylor will be attending the Dars Committee meeting in Virginia on Saturday and Sunday.
- h. The Committee discussed impaired practitioner issues. An issue Mr. Abraham feels all the Committees should discuss.
- i. A ten percent decrease in taking the basic exam from January 1998 up till the current date has been reflected. Mr. Abraham encouraged Ms. Michelbrink to look into this at the ASWB conference in the Fall.

**VII. Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Dr. Serovich:**

Dr. Serovich reported:

- a. Ms. Barson is the new Committee Chair.
- b. Approved one request to take the exam, and denied one request for a second temporary license.
- c, Reviewed one marriage and family therapist application and nine independent marriage and family therapist applications. Dr. Serovich moved to accept the list of licensees, seconded by Ms. Barson. Carried.
- d. Discussed educating people about the marriage and family therapist licensure in an attempt to increase the number of licensure requests.
- e. Discussion of CEU concerns and concerns about operating with rules not in place and getting the rules up and running.
- f. Discussed orientation for new Board members.
- g. Dr. Huss moved to accept the Marriage and Family Therapist Committee report, seconded by Dr. Cohen. Carried.

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

Dr. Huss reported:

- a. Dr. Huss has been elected as Committee Chair for a second term.
- b. Eighty-seven PC's and thirty-three PCC's were approved. Several after much discussion.
- c. An individual met with the CPSC Thursday who is trying to be licensed, the meeting changed the outlook the CPSC had on this individual but the laws and rules still do not make this individual eligible.
- d. The CPSC has agreed to go forward with the proposal for a rule change to have a two tier test, one test after graduation and then to test after three thousand hours of supervision. The passing rate for individuals taking the exam for the first time in 2005 has been seventy percent.
- e. Nine cases were closed, one license revoked, two remediation plans approved, one remediation plan denied, two notices of opportunity for a hearing, two consent agreements, and one ~~indent~~ intent to deny was sent and many correspondences were reviewed.
- f. Voted to develop a Task Force consisting of Board members, professional associations and individuals from the counselor education community to review supervision issues.
- g. Two delegates and Mr. Rough will attend the AASCB conference if the budget permits and will submit a program proposal to present.
- h. A strong recommendation was made for one person from each Committee and Mr. Rough to create a new Board Member training.

## IX. Old Business:

Dr. Cluse-Tolar stated that completing thirty hours only for having multiple licenses needed to be discussed. Mr. Rough requested a consensus concerning an individual with multiple licenses obtaining only thirty hours to renew their license **if all of the hours were approved for both licenses**. Mr. Trivison suggested some of the hours be specific to each of your licenses. If a dual license is held and a program is approved for both licenses, the hours would count toward both licenses. The CEU Committee will work this out before the full Board votes. Dr. Cohen checked with some other states and some national organizations and some do allow hours to be counted for more than one license. Mr. Rough requested a representative from each Committee bring their Committee thoughts to the Board. Mr. Trivison moved to take a vote regarding the continuing education requirements, seconded by Dr. Cohen. Carried.

Discussion took place. Dr. Serovich disagreed with combining the licensure continuing education requirements, she felt it watered down the process. Ms. Barson agreed with the hours covering both licenses. Dr. Cohen, Mr. Abraham and Mr. Trivison all disagreed with changing the requirements for renewal of your license. A show of hands reflected a five to five tie was reached as to whether or not to look into this issue. Dr. Huss abstained from voting, Dr. Cluse-Tolar broke the tie and the decision to look into this issue was made. Carried.

#### **X. New Business:**

Discussion took place in regards to forming a Statute Committee, one representative from each professional standards committee designated by the Committee Chair to form an Ad Hoc Committee.

Mr. Hegarty led a discussion regarding if a student is in therapy and the therapist feels the student should not be licensed does the therapist report this to the Board and should the student be told. Confidentiality and duty to warn were brought up. Mr. Casey will research this issue and report back to the Board in September.

Mr. Rough suggested the Board conduct an overnight meeting away from the office, at a state park, on a Thursday and Friday to discuss more rule issues. If interested, pick a date and let him know.

Mr. Rough had distributed a draft of the public notice listing all the rules to be filed, and the potential to add 4757-7-01. The rules will be put on the web-site next week, the Board will vote on them in September, file the rules in October, the public hearing in November and effective date will be January 1, 2006. Dr. Serovich requested to add rules, 4757-27-02, scope of practice for an IMFT, 4757-27-03 disclosure statement and 4757-29-01 MFT supervision. Appropriate supervision for a LSW can be an IMFT.

Dr. Huss moved to send two CPSC members and Mr. Rough to the annual meeting in January for AASCB, Dr. Mosier seconded. Carried.

Dr. Huss moved for a Committee to be formed consisting of one Committee member from each Professional Standards Committee to develop a new Board Member orientation, Ms. Michelbrink seconded. Carried.

Mr. Abraham moved for Ms. Michelbrink and Mr. Rough to attend the ASWB conference and since ASWB pays for the delegate to attend to send another Committee member, Ms. Barson seconded. Carried.

Dr. Mosier spoke regarding the turf disagreement with the College of Education, the Counseling Program, the Marriage and Family Therapist Program and the College of Liberal Arts at Wright State University and that by 2010, Wright State University will have a masters program in social

work. Dr. Cluse-Tolar discussed how long it took the University of Toledo to have a masters program in social work.

Dr. Cluse-Tolar appreciated the e-mails and support to be the Board Chair and hopes to do what is needed to be done.

Ms. Sharkey arrived late but wanted to add her vote for Dr. Cluse-Tolar as Board Chair.

**XI. Adjourned:**

Mr. Trivison moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Michelbrink. Motion passes unanimously and the meeting is adjourned.

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Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar  
Board Chair