

# STATE OF OHIO

## COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

**March 21, 2003**

The regular meeting of the Board was convened at 1:00 PM on March 21, 2003, by Chairman, Dr. Frank 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. Frank O'Dell, Dr. Rose Quinones-DelValle, Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey, Mr. Joseph Williams and Ms. Penny Wyman. Absent: None. Staff present: Ms. Laurie Allison, Ms. Rena Elliott, Ms. Beth Farnsworth, Mr. William Hegarty, 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. Cluse-Tolar seconded. Carried.
- II. Dr. Quinones-DelValle moved to accept the January 17, 2003, minutes with corrections, Ms. Gwendolyn DaCons-Taylor seconded. Carried.
- III. Executive Director's Report presented by Ms. Farnsworth.

Ms. Farnsworth reported:

- a. Welcomed Ms. Sharkey to the Board as a Public Member.
- b. The Ethics Commission Reports need to be submitted.
- c. Discussion of a personnel issue in executive session.
- d. A letter of resignation was received from Ms. Hannah Dixon.
- e. Senator Kearns and Representative Schmidt were present at the Health and Human Services hearing. The 4K9 fund was discussed and the hearing went well. The hearing before the Senate will be in the next month or so.
- f. Distributed the budget report.
- g. A purchase order will be submitted for two scanners to enable the Board to scan records and save space in the office.
- h. Ms. Farnsworth and Mr. Hegarty are working on a disaster recovery plan.
- i. Discussed the letter on Adoption Assessor.
- j. Mr. Shawn O'Brien was contacted for the contract with NBCC for developing a new test for the counselors.

**MOTION:** Dr. Cluse-Tolar moved and Dr. Quinones-DelValle seconded a motion that the Board go into executive session. Voting Aye: Mr. Abraham, Mr. Black, Dr. Cluse-Tolar, Ms. DaCons-Taylor, Mr. Davis, Dr. O'Dell, Dr. Quinones-DelValle, Ms. Sharkey, Mr. Williams and Ms. Wyman.

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

IV. Investigative Report presented by Mr. Hegarty.

Mr. Hegarty reported:

- a. Distributed Code of Ethics Research, discussed moving the Research section to the end of the Ethics section. Research issue will be a May Board meeting topic.
- b. There are currently seventy-two cases open, forty-three social work, twenty-six counselor and three unlicensed practice.
- c. There are nineteen new cases, twelve social work, six counselor and one unlicensed practice.
- d. The Investigative Unit has traveled to Cleveland, Lima, Cincinnati, Milford and Dayton.
- e. A meeting is scheduled for April 7, to discuss revising the code of ethics.
- f. Working with Mr. Abraham to talk to Nursing Home Administrators regarding unlicensed practitioners such as social workers.
- g. Mr. Abraham commented on Mr. Hegarty's good and entertaining presentation at Dayton University.

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

Ms. Wyman reported:

- a. Three consent agreements were approved.
- b. The SWPSC discussed reviewing applications to ensure individuals are eligible to take the exam.
- c. The SWPSC feels listening to individuals in an informal meeting and then again at a formal hearing, makes the Committee tainted.
- d. Ms. Farnsworth and Ms. DaCons-Taylor will be attending the ASWB conference in Buffalo, NY.
- e. Mr. Black was thanked for his suggestions on continuing education and it was agreed a better system of reviewing programs is needed.

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

Dr. Quinones-DelValle reported:

- a. The CPSC feels the Board is on the right track concerning continuing education.
- b. The first time a supervisor will be disciplined and an article will be submitted to OACES and the newsletter.
- c. Dr. O'Dell continues with the Portability issue, sending invitations to PA, WV, KY, MI, IN to come to Ohio to discuss portability.
- d. There is no contract with NBCC yet, Mr. Davis will be traveling to Greensboro in August to meet with NBCC.
- e. Dr. O'Dell received a request from PA for portability but there is a difference in the clinical area requirements.

- VII. Old Business

NONE

- VIII. New Business

- a. Mr. Davis volunteered along with Dr. Cluse-Tolar , Ms. Wyman, Mr. Black and Ms. Farnsworth to be on the subcommittee for continuing education.
- b. Board Members changing to the Adams Mark Hotel will need to contact Ms. Miller so she can change your hotel reservations.
- c. Dr.O'Dell welcomed Ms. Sharkey to the Board.
- d. Dr. O'Dell wished everyone a Happy Spring and he will see everyone in May.
- e. Ms. DaCons-Taylor read a statement to the Board that she did not request a training for travel reimbursement but for a quicker travel reimbursement.

- IX. Adjourned

- a. Mr. Black moved, seconded by Mr. Davis. Carried.

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Dr. O'Dell  
Chairman

