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MARCH 16, 2007

The regular meeting of the Board was convened at 1:30 PM on March 16, 2007, by Chairperson, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, at the One Columbus Building, 10 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH.

Members present were: Mr. Jose Camerino, Ms. Randi Cohen, Mr. Fred Dailey, Ms. Karen Huey, Dr. Susan Norris Huss, Dr. Victoria White Kress, Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Ms. Molly Tucker, Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey Dirck, Mr. Kenneth Trivison and Mr. Jan White. Absent: Dr. William Mosier. Staff present: Mr. James Rough, Mr. William Hegarty, Ms. Jennifer Kreinbrink, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Ms. Patricia Miller, Ms. Tamara Tingle, Ms. Rena Elliott, Ms. Marcia Holleman and Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan.

Also present: Atty. Peter R. Casey IV, Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW, Ms. Shonda Craft, OAMFT, Mr. John Coventry, OCA, Mr. Glenn Abraham, LISW, Ms. Pauline Singletary, Ms. Theresa Milnec, Ms. Marie Terraira, Mr. Tommie L. Folks, Ms. Cynthia J. Tilleg, Ms. Lucille Walker, Ms. Icie Alexander, Ms. Marie Thomas, Ms. Algnese Brown, and Ms. Emmit Albany.

- I.** Discussion and approval of agenda. Mr. White moved to accept the agenda, Ms. Cohen seconded. Carried.
- II.** Ms. Tucker moved to accept the January 19, 2007, minutes, Ms. Huey seconded. Carried.
- III. Executive Director Report presented by Mr. Rough:**

Mr. Rough reported:

1. Welcomed Ms. Holleman back. Reported the staff has been doing a good job. Ms. Holleman thanked everyone for their well wishes.
2. Discussion to change the board meeting dates was tabled for now.
3. Discussed a strategic plan meeting for June.
4. Provisional draft for a consumer brochure and how to distribute it was discussed, the professional standards committees are in favor of separate brochures for each committee. Mr. Rough will work with the committees and hopefully complete the brochure by summer.

5. The board still has two vacant seats, Mr. Rough spoke with the Governor's office and they are working on appointing an MFT and ISW.
6. Ms. Theresa Lampl from the Ohio Council of Behavioral Healthcare Providers would like to spend about thirty minutes explaining issues of licensure from their perspective to the board. Mr. Rough will schedule her for November board meeting.
7. Regarding the issues affecting the Marriage and Family Therapists law and rules, Mr. Rough has requested an appointment with the Governor's office and then plans meet with the House Health Committee members, and Rep. Webster. Once there is a clear plan for the House he will then speak with the senate. He has been working with Ohio Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Lobbyist.
8. The CPSC wants to eliminate the bartering issue from the law and rules and proposed a press release for disciplinary action to make the public more aware. The decision will take all three committees to agree.
9. The law and rules review continues for each committee.
10. Counselor trainee resident, professional counselor, and professional clinical counselor supervision has been added to the on-line application.
11. The Bill for background checks was introduced this week, previous issues were fixed and is available on the General Assembly web site under HB 104.
12. The board's website had 77,000 visitors in 2006 and over 4 million distinct hits.
13. Discussed with each committee regarding an e-mail received by Mr. John Cunningham, DAS, regarding the new administration and the Governor's priorities and to be mindful of the governor's priorities when making regulations or rules.
14. Mr. Camerino asked when a discussion for the creation of the brochure would occur, Dr. Cluse-Tolar put the discussion under new business.
15. Discussed the budget report and the new format, the board is in good financial shape. Dr. Cluse-Tolar appreciated the new budget report format.

IV. Investigative Report presented by Mr. Hegarty:

Mr. Hegarty reported:

1. Thanked his staff for their hard work.
2. Complaints received are mostly regarding competency. The areas of Akron and Wooster reported the most complaints.
3. There will be no hearings in May.
4. Since January 17, 2007, forty-three new cases have been opened, twenty-eight social workers, fifteen counselors, and one unlicensed.

Total cases opened from January 1, 2006, thru December 31, 2006, is two-hundred and four. Total cases opened from January 1, 2007, thru March 14, 2007, is forty-nine. The breakdown of the types and demographics were distributed to the Board.

5. The staff has been busy on the road traveling to Akron, Cambridge, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus three times, Dayton twice, Delaware, Kent, McArthur, Nelsonville, Newark twice, Sidney, Tallmadge, and Tiffin.

A short break was taken to accommodate seating for the guests who arrived. (2:15-2:25)

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

Atty. Casey reported:

1. Four cases are in the court system and there are no changes.
2. Mr. Keith Robert's case is new, the board was unable to locate him so a public notice was published in the Youngstown Vindicator. A Goldman hearing then took place to revoke his license. Mr. Roberts e-mailed his new address in Pennsylvania and has since filed an appeal, this case may come back to the committee and end up in a hearing.
3. A hearing continues with a continuing education agency, an update cannot be given as the case is still in process.
4. No changes in the cases in the court of appeals or the motion to dismiss a case.
5. A rather intense social work hearing took place yesterday.

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

Mr. White reported:

1. Complimented the committee on their hard work.
2. Programs and provider renewals were reviewed, one hundred and sixty-six exam packets have been mailed, thirty-nine applicants took the NCE exam and thirty-five passed, one applicant took the NCMHE exam and passed.
3. Responded to a large volume of correspondence, approved an intent-to-deny and worked on the law and rules review a large portion of the time.
4. Dr. Norris Huss added that she tried to get professional associations and educators more involved with the law and rules review by sending a rough draft out and received a lot of responses. This goal is being reached. Ms. Cohen commended Mr. Rough on his role with this goal.

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

Ms. Tucker reported:

1. Welcomed back Ms. Holleman and complimented both Ms. Holleman and Ms. Kreinbrink on their hard work.
2. A social work hearing took place yesterday.
3. Twenty social worker assistants were registered, licensed ninety-four social workers, twelve with related degrees, fifty eight independent social workers for a total of one hundred and eighty four applicants approved. Four social worker assistant applicants and one social worker applicant were denied.
4. Discussed investigations.
5. Closed two cases, approved a hearing officer report, seven consent agreements and had two Goldman hearings.
6. Reviewed numerous pieces of correspondence concerning subjects like assessment and testing instruments, professors having licenses and problems with finding supervision.
7. The Committee did not have time to review the proposed law and rules and is requesting to return for one day to work on the law and rules only. This will be brought up under new business.
8. Discussed ACE Committee for ASWB and will request for a board member to attend the conference in Mobile, Alabama.
9. Mr. Lustig stated that social workers will be in town for a lobby day with the issues of foster care, child health benefits and eliminating exempt positions.
10. Discussed issues for the June meeting such as strategic planning, supervision and e-therapy.

VIII. Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Mr. Trivison:

Mr. Trivison reported:

1. Approved three applicants for licensure, reviewed seven requests to take the exam, three exam requests were approved, two denied and additional information is needed on two.
2. Discussed bartering and the law and rule changes.
3. Reviewed continuing education providers and programs.
4. Discussed the brochure and felt one brochure should be made since the board is a blended board and then individual sections on each profession.
5. Ms. Shonda Craft from the Ohio Association of Marriage and Family Therapists was a guest at the meeting and was particularly helpful with establishing relationships with that professional organization.

6. Dr. Norris Huss moved to approve the three marriage and family therapist applications, Ms. Tucker seconded. Carried.

IX. Old Business:

1. Dr. Norris Huss moved to have a strategic planning meeting in June to set goals, Ms. Cohen seconded. Ms. Tucker agrees with this decision feeling that many issues could be resolved. Dr. Norris Huss added that a plan for future board members to have a framework for clarifying policies and other issues in the future is needed. In June Mr. Casey will be out for paternity leave and Ms. Sharkey Dirck will be on vacation. Discussion took place to have board members meet one day prior to the scheduled board meeting in May; all board members are available. Dr. Norris Huss changed her motion to have a strategic planning meeting on May 16, 2007, Ms. Cohen seconded. Carried. Mr. Rough will set up a facilitator for the meeting. The board decided not to use a facilitator, if a specific agenda is made with timeframes for each topic. Ms. Huey stated the Vern Riffe has meeting rooms with no charge to the board. Dr. Norris Huss moved that the Executive Committee make the agenda, Ms. Tucker seconded. Carried. Ms. Tucker requested a written statement for missing work on Wednesday. Mr. Rough will add the meeting on the web-site.

X. New Business:

1. Ms. Tucker moved to send Dr. Cluse-Tolar to the ASWB spring conference in Mobile, Alabama which will cover the topics of supervision and e-learning. There is no registration fee but the board will have to cover the expenses of airfare, food and lodging which is estimated at \$600.00. Ms. Cohen seconded. Carried. Mr. Rough will also attend but his expenses will be covered by ASWB since he is on one of their committees.
2. Ms. Tucker moved for the SWPSC to meet one day, April 20, 2007, at 9:30 so as to not have the expense of staying overnight with the only topic of the law and rules review, Ms. Riesbeck-Lee seconded. Carried.
3. Dr. Norris Huss moved for the CPSC to meet for one day in April to work on the five year rule review, Mr. White seconded. Carried.
4. Discussion took place on whether license suspension, revocation and reprimands should be distributed via press releases and if so how to handle media questions. Also discussed was which categories of discipline should result in a press release.
5. Mr. Rough requested input from each committee on what they would like in the brochure regarding their profession. Ms. Sharkey Dirck stated she would provide information about marriage and family therapists.

6. Dr. Cluse-Tolar reported the Executive Committee needs to meet and would like to schedule a time at the May meeting and so Mr. White can attend to not have the meeting conflict with the Personnel Committee meeting as Mr. White is on both of these committees.
7. Dr. Cluse-Tolar thanked the guests for attending the meeting.

XI. Adjourned:

Mr. Dailey moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Trivison. Motion passes unanimously and the meeting is adjourned. (3:15 pm)

Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar
Board Chair