

STATE OF OHIO
COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPIST BOARD

MAY 21, 2004

The regular meeting of the Board was convened at 1:30 PM on May 21, 2004, by Chairman, Mr. Michael Davis, at the Board offices, 77 S. High St., Columbus, OH. Members present were: Mr. Glenn Abraham, Ms. Linda Barson, Mr. Rocky Black, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Ms. Gwendolyn DaCons-Taylor, Dr. Susan Huss, Ms. Molly Michelbrink, Dr. William Mosier, Dr. Rose Quinones-DelValle, Dr. Julianne Serovich, Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey, Mr. Kenneth Trivison, Mr. Jan White and Mr. Joseph Williams. Staff present: Ms. Laurie Allison, Ms. Rena Elliott, Ms. Beth Farnsworth, Ms. Rhonda Franklin, Mr. Simeon Frazier, Mr. William Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Ms. Patricia Miller, Mr. Steve Polovick, and Ms. Tamara Tingle. Also present: Attorney Glennon Karr, Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW, and Ms. Lynne Kaufman, Ohio Rehabilitation Association, and Ms. Juliane Barone, Assistant Attorney General.

- I. Discussion and approval of agenda. Mr. Black moved to accept the agenda with modifications, Ms. Dacons-Taylor seconded. Carried.
- II. Dr. Serovich moved to accept the March 19, 2004, minutes, Ms. Michelbrink seconded. Carried.

Mr. Davis welcomed Ms. Barone, Assistant Attorney General to the Board.

- III. Executive Director's Report presented by Ms. Farnsworth:

Ms. Farnsworth reported:

- a. Distributed the budget report. Scanning the licensure files is being looked into, 3SG estimated \$40,000 for the job.
- b. Presented Mr. Polovick and Mr. Frazier each a card and a gift of money to celebrate each of their upcoming marriages.
- c. Requested the budget cap to be raised. The budget for FY 06/07 is due July 15, 2004, and copies will be sent to the Board members.

- IV. Legal Update presented by Ms. Barone:

Ms. Barone requested the Board go into Executive Session.

MOTION: Mr. Davis moved and Mr. Black seconded the motion that the Board go into executive session. Voting Aye: Mr. Abraham, Ms. Barson, Mr. Black, Dr. Cluse-Tolar, Ms. DaCons-Taylor, Dr. Huss, Ms. Michelbrink, Dr. Mosier, Dr. Quinones-DelValle, Dr. Serovich, Ms. Sharkey, Mr. Trivison, Mr. White, and Mr. Williams. Voting Nay: None. Motion passes unanimously.

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

V. Investigative Report presented by Mr. Hegarty:

Mr. Hegarty reported:

- a. Thanked Ms. Barone for her hard work at the Goldman hearings which ran smoothly and efficiently.
- b. Numerous hearings are being scheduled.
- c. Ms. Stansberry is taking several computer courses.
- d. Staff is keeping busy.
- e. There are thirty-six new cases open: twenty-four social work, seven counselor, three unknown licensure and two both licenses.
- f. The Investigative Unit has traveled to Marion, Solon, twice to Cincinnati, Columbus, Akron, twice to Mt. Gilead, Dayton, and Youngstown.
- g. Ms. Hosom and Mr. Polovick traveled to Las Vegas to attend a CLEAR conference in May.

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

Dr. Quinones-DelValle reported:

- a. Forty-one PC and forty-three PCC applications were approved.
- b. Degrees were reviewed.
- c. Two consent agreements were approved.
- d. Three Goldman Hearings took place.
- e. The test pass rate is 65-70 percent.

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

Dr. Serovich reported:

- a. A photo-op of the first licensure of Marriage and Family Therapists took place Monday, April 5, 2004. Thank you to everyone who attended.
- b. Thirty-eight new IMFT's were reviewed, and three MFT's. Ms. Michelbrink moved to approve the requests for licensure, Ms. Barson seconded. Carried.
- c. Reviewed test contract with PES who responded to the Board's request. Dr. Huss moved to approve the contract, Mr. White seconded. Carried.
- d. The price of the test is \$220.00 for the test, and \$75.00 for Sylvan totaling \$295.00.
- e. Appreciation to Beth for negotiating the contract with PES and a thank you to Ms. Hosom for all her help.

VIII. The Social Work Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Ms. DaCons-Taylor:

Ms. DaCons-Taylor reported:

- a. The Committee approved minutes and licensure applications.
- b. Closed cases, approved consent agreements, approved a rescind letter and intents. Goldman Hearings took place.
- c. Mr. Abraham, Ms. Farnsworth and Ms. Dacons-Taylor attended the ASWB conference in Calgary, Canada about diversity and regulations, they felt it was a good conference.
- d. Met with a practitioner practicing without a license.
- e. Discussion of the Management Letter to be discussed under New Business.

IX. Old Business:

- a. Dr. Cluse-Tolar moved to approve the policy and procedures manual, Ms. Michelbrink seconded. Carried.

X. New Business

- a. Dr. Quinones-DelValle moved to amend rules 4757-11-01 and 4757-11-02, adding language that inadvertently was left out when the rules were filed, Ms. Barson seconded. Carried.
- b. Ms. Farnsworth and Mr. Davis met with the Auditor. Recommendations to improve the Boards system were made but no citations. Copies of the draft letter from the

Board responding to the audit report were distributed. Ms. DaCons-Taylor felt every recommendation should be responded too. Ms. Sharkey felt the response to the auditor's letter was defensive in tone and that every item should be addressed, and all staff should sign the time sheet. Ms. DaCons-Taylor agreed the tone of the letter was too strong. Mr. Abraham felt the items listed in the auditor's letter that were already changed need to be removed, if the process is in place it should not be listed in the recommendations. Dr. Mosier agreed each concern should be addressed. Dr. Cluse-Tolar felt if no findings were found then the office is working fine. Ms. Dacons-Taylor moved to write a letter responding to each issue in the Management Letter, Ms. Sharkey seconded. Carried. The final draft will be reviewed by the Committee Chairs.

- c. The election of the officers will take place in July, the beginning of the fiscal year. Anyone interested in being an officer should submit a letter to Ms. Farnsworth.
- d. The new hours of the office are from 7:30 am till 4:30 pm, hours will be posted on the web-site.
- e. A Continuing Education Committee meeting will be held July 9, to discuss issues and procedures.
- f. Dr. Mosier and Dr. Cluse-Tolar commended Ms. Farnsworth on the audit not showing any violations.
- g. Ms. Farnsworth requested the Board submit all travel expenses before June 11, for fiscal year 2004.

XI. Adjourned.

- a. Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. White. Carried.

Mr. Michael Davis, PCC
Chairman