



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

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

**November 21, 2014**

Chairperson, Mr. Steve Polovick, at the LeVeque Tower, 50 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH, convened the regular meeting of the Board at 1:20 p.m. on November 21, 2014. Dr. Otha Gilyard, Mr. Timothy Brady, Ms. Margaret Knerr, Dr. Alan Demmitt, Dr. Terri Hamm, Ms. Jennifer Brunner, Ms. Erin Michel, Dr. Carl Brun, Dr. Christin Jungers, Ms. Mary Venrick and Ms. Stephanie McCloud. Absent: Ms. Maureen Cooper. Staff present: Mr. Brian Carnahan, Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Patricia Miller, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Ms. Tammy Tingle, Ms. Paula Broome, Mr. Doug Warne and Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan. Also present: Ms. Melissa Wilburn, AAG, Mr. Ed Gutfreund, Continuing Education Sponsor, Ms. Katie Polovick, Ms. Bobby Johnson, Columbus State Community College (CSCC), Ms. Dania Wall, CSCC, Ms. Hannah Farchione, Ohio University.

- I. Discussion and approval of agenda. Ms. Venrick moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Dr. Jungers. Carried.
- II. Ms. Knerr moved to accept the September 19, 2014, full Board minutes, seconded by Dr. Demmitt. Carried.

Mr. Brady presented a Proclamation to Ms. Brunner who will not complete her term as a board member since being elected as a judge for the Franklin County Court of Appeals. The Proclamation thanked Ms. Brunner for her time and work as a Board Member and member of the Social Work Professional Standards Committee. Ms. Brunner enjoyed working with the Board and felt it was a great experience. Ms. Brunner is pleased with the hiring of Mr. Carnahan as the new executive director and feels he fits in well.

Ms. Knerr presented a Proclamation to Ms. McCloud whose term expires in November of this year. The Proclamation thanked Ms. McCloud for her time and work as a Board Member and member of the Marriage & Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee. Ms. McCloud enjoyed her time with the

Board and will return for the board meetings until her board seat has been filled and the MFTPSC has a quorum.

Mr. Polovick thanked both board members for their service.

**III. Executive Director Report presented by Mr. Carnahan:**

**Mr. Carnahan reported:**

1. Spoke with the Boards and Commissions and hopeful to hear something quickly regarding the potential seven vacancies for board members.
2. A report was given in the Professional Standards Committee meetings.

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

**Mr. Hegarty reported:**

1. Forty-seven new complaints were received, it has been a busy summer but it is starting to slow down.
2. Competency continues to be the most common issue with licensees, the new computer system will provide more details.
3. Most of the complaints were received from Cincinnati.
4. A counselor hearing is scheduled for the January meeting which will conflict with the CEU meeting, requesting the CEU meeting be rescheduled to a different time.
5. This is the first meeting for Mr. Hegarty with the new director. Mr. Hegarty is very pleased with the new director and feels the staff is also very positive.

**V. Legal Update**

**No Report**

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

**Mr. Brady reported:**

1. Approved minutes, approved 134 LISW applications, 291 LSW applications and 11 SWA applications.
2. Reviewed a consent agreement and several Goldman hearings regarding renewing without completion of the ceu requirement.
3. Received correspondence requesting to adopt a minor that was a former client.
4. Discussed supervision.

5. Received an anonymous e-mail regarding case managers and the Boards standards influencing their ability to do their job.
6. Discussed training supervision, reviewed continuing education.
7. Received an update on the Versa computer system.
8. Received a hardship request regarding supervision.
9. No NASW report since the annual meeting coincided with the board meeting. Approved the draft letter to NASW written by Mr. Carnahan.
10. Received an Executive Report from Mr. Carnahan that was well done.
11. Received a CEU report from Ms. Michel.
12. Discussed ASWB training and staying involved with ASWB.

**VII. Counselor Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Dr. Hamm:**

**Dr. Hamm reported:**

1. Discussed changing the board meeting dates.
2. A hearing was held on Thursday for a licensure denial due to the applicant's degree not being in counseling.
3. Discussed endorsement guidelines being tightened and working on the requests case by case.
4. Approved 97 LPC and 58 LPCC requests.
5. Reviewed correspondence.

**VIII. Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Ms. Knerr:**

**Ms. Knerr reported:**

1. Approved 12 exam requests and denied 5.
2. Licensed 5 MFT and 3 IMFT's.
3. Discussed training status.
4. There are currently 18 IMFT's with supervision designation.
5. Denied 1 hardship.
6. Voted to revise the policy on the national exam standard.
7. Discussed the education standard, supervision standard and practicum.
8. Reviewed the various definitions such as supervision, contact, etc.

**IX. Committee Reports**

**Executive Committee – Mr. Polovick**

1. The annual ethics requirement can be completed on-line, Mr. Carnahan will forward the link to all board members.
2. Bio's and pictures will be requested from board members for the Newslink.

3. Thanked Mr. Miller and Ms. Adorjan for their work with VERSA.
4. Thanked Ms. Broome for her hard work on the new website.
5. The transition is going well with the new executive director.

#### **CEU Committee – Dr. Demmitt**

1. Nothing new to report.

#### **Investigations Ad Hoc Committee**

No updates.

#### **X. Old Business:**

None

#### **XI. New Business:**

1. Mr. Carnahan requested to attend the AASCB conference in Savannah, GA, in January 2015. Dr. Hamm motioned to send Mr. Carnahan to the AASCB conference, seconded by Mr. Brady. Carried. Dr. Jungers brought up sending a CPSC board member also. Ms. Knerr motioned to send Mr. Carnahan and Dr. Jungers to the AASCB conference in January in Savannah, GA, seconded by Ms. McCloud. Carried.
2. Mr. Carnahan suggested the board member survey from North Carolina be postponed until the new board members are in place.
3. Ms. Knerr will send out evaluation forms to evaluate Mr. Carnahan and they are to be submitted to Mr. Polovick. The Board will then have the next evaluation in July of 2015 and annually afterward.
4. Mr. Carnahan wanted to add this to the CEU Committee report that HB 232, the non-discipline fee is being worked on. Ms. Broome is working with the Engineering Board on the structure of the fee when licensees renew without completing their continuing education. Also how to handle the fee not being paid or non-responsiveness. Ms. Broome added it is a fee not a fine so it will not go to investigations. Mr. Brady felt this was actually a benefit to the licensees.
5. Mr. Ed Gutfreund -Mr. Gutfreund submitted a program titled Somatic Psychotherapy Group in August of 2013 and the request was denied by the board at the September board meeting. An appeal was then submitted and denied at the November 2013 board meeting. Mr. Gutfreund presented to the board the relevancy of his program as continuing education for licensees. Dr. Jungers requested copies of peer reviewed articles and how the content is evidence based and counseling theory. Ms. Michel stated concern with the ethics and boundaries with Touch in therapy, the physical

content needs to be clear of the boundaries and requested this in writing. Ms. Michel requested a clear distinction with contact and questions the boundaries of closeness. Mr. Gutfreund stated the closeness is a sensory awareness, Ms. Michel requested a peer review article. Ms. Knerr questioned if a group was currently going through the program and Mr. Gutfreund stated there are 7 licensed counselors and one social worker. Dr. Hamm questioned how much CBT played into the program and an example of PTSD was given by Mr. Gutfreund. Ms. Brunner stated trauma seems to be the main topic of this program. Ms. Knerr stated the MFTPSC would approve the program for MFT continuing education and that there is a need for this type of training in Ohio. Dr. Hamm also stated the CPSC would approve this program for counselor continuing education. The additional information is still requested for the SWPSC. Mr. Polovick thanked Mr. Gutfreund for coming to the board meeting and presenting his program.

Mr. Polovick wished everyone a Happy Holiday, thanked everyone and requested they leave quietly.

**XII. Adjourned: 2:30 PM**



Board Chair

Mr. Steve Polovick, MS, LSW