

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

**November 17, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Board was convened at 1:30 PM on November 17, 2006, by Chairperson, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, at the One Columbus Building, 10 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH.

Members present were: Mr. Jose Camerino, Dr. Randi Cohen, Mr. Orest Holubec, Dr. Susan Norris Huss, Dr. Victoria White Kress, Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, Ms. Molly Tucker, and Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey Dirck. Absent: Dr. William Mosier, Mr. Kenneth Trivison, Mr. Jan White.

Staff present: Mr. James Rough, Mr. William Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Ms. Patricia Miller, Ms. Rena Elliott, Mr. Brian Powrie, Ms. Tamara Tingle and Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan.

Also present: Atty. Peter R. Casey IV, Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW, Dr. Shonda Craft, OAMFT, Ms. Erika Grafsky, OAMFT, Ms. Ebonie Sparks, Veteran Affairs, Ms. Karen Bessebeire, Veteran Affairs, and Ms. Dulce Hershberger, Veteran Affairs Intern.

- I. Discussion and approval of agenda. Dr. Cohen moved to accept the agenda, Ms. Riesbeck-Lee seconded. Carried.
- II. Ms. Tucker moved to accept the September 22, 2006, minutes, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.
- III. **Executive Director Report presented by Mr. Rough:**

**Mr. Rough reported:**

- 1. No Board Member appointments have been made but will work with the Governor's office to make this happen.
- 2. Welcomed Ms. Adorjan, the Certification Licensing Examiner 2, who will be taking over Mr. Powrie's responsibilities.
- 3. The hearing for SB 213 is going through the House and hopefully the MFT issues regarding some of the wording in the law and rules will pass.
- 4. Five year review is going well on the law and rules and a public hearing will take place in May of 2007.
- 5. The social worker assistant, social worker and independent social worker, and social worker trainee application went live. Many thanks to Ms. Holleman and her hard work on the implementation of examination pre-approval.

6. Rep. Core is working on a bill for the next general assembly and working with sixteen other boards on the issue of criminal background checks. When the bill is drafted it will be sent to all Board members.
7. On-line applications are going well; the proposed new fees for license verification, late renewal and fines were put in the new budget; and have also been working on consumer issues.
8. Pleased with staff and their hard work
9. Distributed October 2006 budget, November 2006 will be the last budget report for the year. The board is in good standing.

The guests attending the meeting introduced themselves.

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

##### **Mr. Hegarty reported:**

1. Thanked his staff for doing a good job and commented receiving positive e-mails regarding Ms. Elliott and Mr. Frazier for doing a good job.
2. Complaints received are mostly regarding competency.
3. Thanked the Board for the training on advanced interviewing technique training in St. Petersburg, Florida for Ms. Hosom and Ms. Tingle.
4. Since September 20, 2006, thirty new cases have been opened, twelve social workers, fourteen counselors, and four unlicensed. Total cases opened from January 1, 2006, thru November 13, 2006, is One-hundred and eighty-one. The breakdown of the types and demographics were distributed to the Board.
5. The staff has been busy on the road traveling to Akron, Athens, Beechwood, Centerville, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, Coshocton, Columbus-three times, Delaware, Fostoria, Kettering, Mansfield, Newark, N. Canton, St. Petersburg, Florida, Wooster, and Xenia.
6. The most complaints were received from the Cincinnati area regarding competency. Dr. Cohen asked if the cases involving sexual boundaries was declining and Mr. Hegarty responded they are not.

Dr. Cluse-Tolar requested a report on travel expenses for Board members and staff for the next board meeting.

#### **V. Legal Update presented by Atty. Peter R. Casey IV, Esquire:**

##### **Atty. Casey reported:**

1. Thanked the board for approving his trip to the FARB conference. It was an educational and good learning experience. Informative to talk with Attorney Generals from other states and how they operate, Vermont's AG works with the secretary of state, many differences as

well as similarities were found. If anyone is interested, Atty. Casey has some information from the conference.

2. The appeal on the Mulhousen case, denying a MFT license was won in the Court of Common Pleas but has been appealed to the Court of Appeals and waiting on the brief.
3. The Elder Care case involving a complaint resulted in no findings but the agency is requesting something be done. Filing to dismiss.
4. Working with Mr. Rough, Mr. Hegarty and the Board regarding multiple relationship roles rule changes, many cases seem to have this violation, rule changes will be sent out. Thanked the Board for their input and the working experience was a great one.

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

**Mr. Camerino reported:**

1. Thanked Mr. Powrie for his time with the Board and wished him luck at his new job. Welcomed Ms. Adorjan and thanked Mr. Rough and Mr. Powrie for indoctrinating Ms. Adorjan to her new job, she is fitting in quite well.
2. Thanked Dr. Craft for attending the Board meeting and improving communication with the Board.
3. The committee did not have a quorum so no motions could be passed. Four applications were approved, six requests to take the exam were reviewed with four approved and additional information requested for the other two applicants. Continuing education programs and providers were reviewed.
4. Worked on reviewing the rules.
5. Mr. Rough discussed the rule writing style changes, proposed consumer bill of rights and adding cultural sensitivity and sexual orientation.
6. Good conversation with Atty. Casey regarding multiple relationship issues.
7. Discussion on SB 213.
8. Mr. Camerino moved for Board approval of MFT applicants for licensure, seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Carried.

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

**Dr. Cohen reported:**

1. Dr. Cohen is filling in for Mr. White who was unable to attend.
2. Expressed condolences to Mr. Trivison and his family for their loss.

3. Closed eleven cases, approved sixty-eight PC's and thirty PCC's. Twenty-seven individuals took the NCE exam, twenty-six passed and one failed. One individual took the clinical NCMHCE and failed.
4. Mr. Frazier sent out five-hundred and three counselor trainee/ clinical resident letters and Ms. Elliott sent out one hundred and fifty-six exam packets.
5. Guests from Ursuline College, Art Therapy Counseling Program attended the meeting and programs were reviewed.
6. Committee worked on rule review from what the law states and for clarity for the public.
7. Reviewed a hearing officer report.

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

**Ms. Tucker reported:**

1. Approved thirty-two social work assistant applicants, one-hundred and eight social work applicants, nine social work applicants with a related degree and fifty-two independent social work applicants.
2. Closed eighteen cases and approved three consent agreements.
3. Discussed rules regarding not signing every license, and discussed not having related degree licensure, tightening up the law and rules. Good work on the rule changes with Mr. Rough, Mr. Hegarty and Atty. Casey.
4. Mr. Lustig, NASW, discussed paid supervision. Dr. Rodge Freely is helping the Board with legislation.
5. Mr. Holubec is on the personnel committee as a public member but a social work representative is needed as well.
6. An award was won by the Board from ASWB for the web-site. Ms. Tucker and Mr. Rough attended the ASWB conference in Baltimore, Maryland and felt the information was very educational.
7. Reviewed some of the wording in the consumer bill of rights.
8. The Committee has been very busy.
9. Mr. Hegarty stated he had a possible social work hearing in January.

**IX. Old Business:**

None

**X. New Business:**

1. Mr. Camerino suggested the news link reflect the Board's award from ASWB.
2. Mr. Rough acknowledged Mr. Powrie on his hard work while at the CSWMFTB and wished him luck in his new job.

3. Mr. Powrie thanked the Board for everything and stated it was a pleasure to work with everyone.
4. Dr. Cluse-Tolar expressed the Board's condolences to Mr. Trivison and his family.
5. Dr. Cluse-Tolar wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

**XI. Adjourned:**

Dr. Cohen moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Tucker. Motion passes unanimously and the meeting is adjourned. (3:00 pm)

---

Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar  
Board Chair