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COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST BOARD

SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board was convened at 1:00 PM on September 30, 2005, by Chairperson, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, at the Board offices, 77 S. High St., Columbus, OH. Members present were: Mr. Glenn Abraham, Ms. Linda Barson, Dr. Randi Cohen, Ms. Gwendolyn DaCons-Taylor, Dr. Susan Huss, Ms. Molly Michelbrink, Dr. William Mosier, Dr. Rose Quinones-DelValle, Dr. Julianne Serovich, Mr. Kenneth Trivison and Mr. White. Absent: Mr. Rocky Black, Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey and Mr. Joseph Williams. Staff present: Mr. James Rough, Mr. William Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Ms. Patricia Miller, Mr. Brian Powrie and Ms. Tamara Tingle. Also present: Mr. Peter R. Casey IV, Assistant Attorney General, and Walsh University students, Ms. Linda Mounce, Ms. Samantha Kerns, Ms. Deanna Dimmerling, Ms. Susan Smith (mother of student), Ms. Tara Rose and Ms. Jessica Logozzo.

- I. Discussion and approval of agenda.
- II. Ms. Michelbrink moved to accept the July 22, 2005, minutes, Dr. Mosier seconded. Carried.

III. Executive Director Report presented by Mr. Rough:

Mr. Rough reported:

- 1.) The Consolidation Team had their first meetings on September 2 and September 14, various organizations spoke.
- 2.) CAVU – The system is working well, by January 2006, on-line applications should be up. Mr. Rough found a tracking system for credit card and deposit payments and shared the information with the other Boards.

- 3.) The purchase order was not issued in a timely manner so Friday October 14, 2005 is the scheduled date for the move. A meeting regarding the equipment and furniture is scheduled for October 4, 2005. The phone voicemail has been set to inform the public of the move and re-opening of the Board.
- 4.) The scanning project will send fifty percent of the files to the scanning company, about six thousand files are in the file magic system.
- 5.) Investigator Position – The posting is being advertised and will close on Monday October 3, 2005.
- 6.) NBCC exam update from the meeting attended with Dr. Quinones-DelValle was reported. Also, a new contract is in place to receive test results electronically.
- 7.) Strategic Plan – Continued progress with the CAVU system and within the next three to four months start to load continuing education providers so renewal notices can be sent out. The staff is working well with CAVU and doing a nice job. Continued work toward a paperless office and eventually an on-line ceu approval.
- 8.) Hopefully the counselor programs will be spread out to be reviewed every five years.
- 9.) Working on a second renewal notice for lapsed licenses.
- 10.) Enforcement Action – Issues with the system are still being worked on.
- 11.) Forty-nine renewals have been done on line.
- 12.) Ms. Franklin's renewal report attached.
- 13.) Distributed and discussed the budget report for FY 05 and FY 06.

IV. Investigative Report presented by Mr. Hegarty:

Mr. Hegarty reported:

- 1.) Mr. Hegarty supervises clerical, investigations and the counseling department. Acknowledged Ms. Elliott, Mr. Frazier, Ms. Hosom, Ms. Tingle, Ms. Broome and Mr. Powrie for doing a great job and being a wonderful staff.
- 2.) Thanked Dr. Serovich, Ms. DaCons-Taylor and Dr. Quinones-DelValle for their hard work and time on the Board.
- 3.) Since July 22, 2005, twenty-nine new cases were opened, nineteen social worker, seven counselor and three unlicensed. Total cases opened from 1/1/05 thru 9/26/05 is one-hundred and twenty-seven.
- 4.) The staff has been busy on the road traveling to Akron twice, Toledo four times, Dayton four times, Belleview, Columbus four times, Lewis Center, Perrysburg, Cleveland, Cedarville,

Lima, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, Youngstown, Canton and Bowling Green.

- 5.) Dr Huss requested the Committee cases be separated, Mr. Rough will work on this.

V. Legal Update presented by Mr. Peter R. Casey IV:

Mr. Casey reported:

- 1.) No movement on the Morgan Appeal but Mr. Casey will place a call to the judge.
- 2.) Ms. Tingle did a good job prepping witnesses for the hearing. The Bliss hearing will be rescheduled but no date has been set.
- 3.) A Marriage and Family Therapist and a Counselor hearing were scheduled yesterday, September 29, 2005. The MFT licensee did not show up but the counselor hearing was a learning experience, open to any suggestions from the Board.
- 4.) Dr. Quinones-DelValle brought up the issue of duty to warn which was discussed at the July meeting. The question is whether a supervisor who feels an individual working toward licensure could be a danger, should the Board be warned. The Board has been referred to as a law enforcement agency but for specific situations previously discussed the Board cannot act as law enforcement. Also, as a therapist counseling a student applying to be licensed, the therapist cannot inform the Board of anything said during the session.

VI. Counselor Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Dr. Huss:

Dr. Huss reported:

- 1.) Welcomed the students from Walsh University.
- 2.) Forty-six PCC's were approved, eighty-five PC's, closed nine cases, one degree hearing, approved one intent to deny, approved two out-of-state degrees.
- 3.) Reviewed special requests from licensure candidates.
- 4.) Requesting to have a special meeting for the CPSC in October.
- 5.) Thanked the Committee for doing a wonderful job.

VII. Social Worker Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Mr. Abraham:

Mr. Abraham reported:

- 1.) Twenty-five social work assistant applications, two-hundred and twenty-seven social work applications with social work degrees, thirteen social work applications with related degrees and forty-six independent social work applications were reviewed.
- 2.) Met with two individuals practicing without a license.
- 3.) Nine applications with criminal backgrounds were reviewed, eight were approved, one applicant is on parole and will be reviewed in November.
- 4.) Two Goldman hearings took place, three consent agreements approved, discussed an impairment issue, closed several cases and approved two notices of opportunity for a hearing.
- 5.) Ms. Holleman is doing a nice job of getting things together for the Committee.
- 6.) The ASWB meeting will be held in Detroit in November and Ms. Michelbrink and Mr. Rough will attend.
- 7.) The Spring Education Meeting for ASWB will be in the Fall and there will not be a charge.
- 8.) Discussed supervision issues.

VIII. Marriage and Family Therapist Standards Committee Report was presented by Ms. Barson:

Ms. Barson reported:

- 1.) Distributed list of licensees. Five independent marriage and family therapists, one marriage and family therapist and one temporary license for a relocation from New Orleans. Ms. Michelbrink moved to approve the list of licensure candidates, Mr. White seconded. Carried.
- 2.) One case closed, the issue of confidentiality was unsubstantiated. Mr. Trivison moved to close case 0502012, Ms. Michelbrink seconded. Carried.
- 3.) Requested additional information for a supervision hardship.
- 4.) A MFT denial hearing for a grandparenting appeal for Mr. Charles Welsley Jackson took place, he did not meet the association membership requirements.
- 5.) Appreciate the support to implement into the law a motion to not need full Board approval at the full Board meeting. Legislative Commission will meet soon to address this issue and Mr. Trivison is the representative. Mr. Rough stated it would take until 2007 to change, Ms. Barson stated it could

be done sooner and the MFTPSC will look into it. Possibility of attaching it to another bill.

IX. Old Business:

- 1.) Dr. Mosier questioned as to why the agency code of CSW is not changed to reflect the marriage and family therapist. Mr. Rough reported it would be very costly to change the code.
- 2.) A meeting will be held April 20 and 21 for the Board, Staff and Assistant Attorney General to discuss strategic plans at Mohican Lodge.
- 3.) Dr. Mosier moved to submit rule changes, file draft rules, and request removal of 4757-13-01 from JCARR, Ms. DaCons-Taylor seconded. Carried.
Dr. Mosier moved to submit a draft worked on by Mr. Rough, Mr. Hegarty and Mr. Casey for 4757-5-01 (c)(d), amending the language, to be forwarded to the Board members, Ms. DaCons-Taylor seconded. Carried.

X. New Business:

- 1.) HB 117 – The Board requested Mr. Rough draft a letter opposing HB 117 and for Mr. Rough to testify. Dr. Huss moved to go on record opposing HB 117 and requesting Mr. Rough take action and move forward, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried. Dr. Serovich suggested talking to sponsors and co-sponsors and expressing the Board's concerns privately before expressing them publically. Opposed Dr. Mosier, Abstained Ms. DaCons-Taylor.
- 2.) Dr. Quinones-DelValle moved to waive the application fee for Hurricane Katrina victims as long as verification is received within one year, Ms. DaCons-Taylor seconded. Carried. The verification will be reviewed by the Board Members.
- 3.) Dr. Cluse-Tolar thanked Ms. DaCons-Taylor for her six years on the Board, and her three years on the DARS Committee for ASWB. Ms. DaCons-Taylor said it was a pleasure to work with everyone and it was great to see the MFT licensure progressing and complimented the Social Work Professional Standards Committee and their hard work.
- 4.) Ms. Barson thanked Dr. Serovich for doing a great job running the MFT Professional Standards Committee. Dr. Serovich thanked the Board for the knowledge she has gained and for her time on the Board.
- 5.) Dr. Huss thanked Dr. Quinones-DelValle for her leadership during a unique time of growth, and expressed her appreciation for her time and knowledge. Dr. Quinones-DelValle thanked everyone for a wonderful experience.
- 6.) Mr. Rough reported that if no new appointments were received by October 10, 2005, the Board members were eligible to return within sixty days for the November Board meeting.

XI. Adjourned:

Dr. Mosier moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Cohen. Motion passes unanimously and the meeting is adjourned.

Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar
Board Chair