



Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2010

Chairperson, Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee, at the LeVeque Tower, 50 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH, convened the regular meeting of the Board at 1:05 P.M. on September 17th, 2010.

Members present: Mr. Timothy Brady, Mr. John Cranley IV, Dr. Thomas McGloshen, Mr. Don McTigue, Dr. Susan Norris Huss, Mr. Robert Nelson, Ms. Francine Packard, Dr. Deirdre Petrich, Mr. Steven Polovick, Mr. Tommie Robertson, Ms. Mary Venrick, Ms. Peggy Volters, Dr. Victoria Kress.

Members Absent: Dr. Otha Gilyard.

Staff present: Ms. Rena Elliott, Mr. William Hegarty, Ms. Marcia Holleman, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Mr. James Rough.

Guests present: Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW.

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee opened the meeting.

I. Discussion and approval of agenda. Mr. Cranley IV moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Brady. Carried.

II. Mr. Brady moved to accept the July 16th minutes, seconded by Ms. Volters. Carried.

III. Mr. Robertson moved to accept the July 16th Retreat Minutes, Ms. Volters seconded. Carried.

IV. Executive Director Report presented by Mr. Rough:

Mr. Rough reported:

1. The written Executive Director report given to the Professional Standards Committees will be attached to the minutes.
2. Thanked Dr. Norris Huss and Ms. Packard for their service to the Board.
3. Staff is working well and their hard work is appreciated.

V. Investigative Report presented by Mr. Hegarty:

Mr. Hegarty reported:

1. Thanked Dr. Norris Huss for her many years as an investigative liaison, and all the hard work that went into cases.
2. Dayton is currently the city with the most new cases.
3. Renewal audit issues are the number one violation at this time, followed by competency and billing complaints.
4. The Board conducted two hearings during this meeting and plan another at the November Board meeting.

VI. Legal Update presented by Ms. Leah O'Carroll

Ms. O'Carroll Reported:

1. No updates. No appeals at the moment.

VII. Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Mr. Robertson:

Mr. Robertson reported:

1. Two IMFTs were licensed, 3 MFTs were licensed, and 1 MFT was issued a Temporary license.
2. They conducted one Goldman review.
3. Reviewed the draft rule for MFT & IMFT re-examination and approved the proposed rule.
4. Reviewed the draft rule for supervision designation and have tabled for now.
5. Determined there should be a nominal fee for wall certificate replacements.
6. Discussed the proposed rule concerning fees for continuing education program and providers.
7. Discussed promoting MFT licensing, Dr. Petrich and Ms. Adorjan will present information at the University of Akron.

VIII. Counselors Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Ms. Venrick:

Ms. Venrick reported:

1. Reviewed and Approved 89 PC licensure applications, and 39 PCC licensure applications.
2. Reviewed continuing education provider applications.
3. Approved several remediation plans.
4. Reviewed and approved Bowling Green University Rehabilitation program under rule 4757-13-07. Reviewed three courses for Ashland University, two approved, one sent back for more information.
5. Reviewed proposed rules and approved all with some minor changes in the language.
6. Closed 10 investigations upon recommendation by Dr. Norris Huss and Dr. Kress.

IX. Social Work Professional Standards Committee Report was presented by Mr. Nelson:

Mr. Nelson Reported:

1. Approved 410 license applications, approved 362 exam requests, reviewed 2 Goldman Hearings, and closed 16 investigation cases.
2. Reviewed continuing education provider applications.
3. Reviewed proposed rules and made an amendment to the language in the records custodian section.
4. Discussed continued competency based on self-assessment, putting the focus back on the individual.
5. Discussed the Social Worker Assistant credential. Determined credential stands as is at this point. There are several two year colleges with an Associates degree in this area, many SWA's go on to get an LSW. Mr. Rough said that 160 SWA's have moved on to higher social work licenses. The coursework from the A.A. degrees are accepted into the BSW degrees in state universities, which are working to develop smooth transitions into the Bachelor of Social Work programs. Many private schools as well accept the A.A. degree.

X. Committee Reports:

CEU Committee

Mr. Polovick Reported:

1. Reviewed the agenda from last month.
2. Discussed OSU failing to get provider application in prior to the expiration, the committee met with Lisa Durham from OSU who will submit individual programs until November.
3. The committee has a similar issue with OU pending.
4. Approved charging fees for provider and program status and fines for lapsed approval.

Investigations Ad Hoc Committee:

Dr. Kress Reported:

1. Met with Cindy Webb from NASW, who is looking at developing training for monitors and what qualifications monitors will need.
2. Discussed research data from interviews: concerns surrounding fiduciary relationship, lack of training, and that monitors may not have first hand knowledge of what the licensee may be doing, but solely based on self reporting.
3. Working on collecting more data, and improving the process.

Executive Committee

Mr. Rough Reported:

1. Discussed items needing review at this meeting.
2. Identified future planning goals from the retreat in July.
3. Reviewed budget information-attached report.
4. Changed headings on the Revenue Report per request from Mr. Robertson for clarity.

5. The budget is in good shape.

XI. Old Business:

Mr. Cranley opened up for discussion the charge for program and providers. He questioned will there be enough funds to have a staff member provide oversight of the program quality, and if there would be a way we can monitor how much providers charge for CEUs. Also do we want to charge non-profits for approval? Two thoughts:

1. If we have control of the monies, and they are not put into the general revenue fund- we should charge \$150.00 per hour for approval in order to have two staff positions.
2. If a provider charges \$15.00 per hour or less then we should have no charge for that organization, if the fee the organization charges is higher then we should have a flat fee for providers of \$1000.00. It makes an incentive to keep program costs down-or- it makes only those for-profit large organizations that can afford it pay the higher rates.

Ms. Packard said if the charge is \$1000.00 to some, but not all- they could sue us. My thought is to make a reasonable charge across the board, like \$200.00.

Mr. Cranley said it is a uniform policy, if the agency doesn't charge, or provides in house only, they don't have to pay the fees. In order to improve the process, we need to be able to improve our ability to review and monitor providers.

Ms. Packard said it is not treating everyone the same, the non-profit isn't getting charged at all.

Mr. Rough stated we need a motion to approve fees, and then if we need a new staff for CE compliance we can look at adding it into the budget. We would have to have the authority and the funding. We are one of the few boards that do not charge a fee.

Dr. Petrich said we want small organizations to offer CEUs in a less expensive capacity.

Dr. Petrich: Motion to add language to the budget to charge for CEUs and wall certificates. Second, Dr. Kress. Discussion: Mr. McTigue asked if the proposed language needs to discuss a rotary fund. Mr. Rough said no, all funds are deposited into the 4K9 fund under statute. Motion carried.

XII. New Business:

Mr. Nelson: Motion to approve Ms. Riesbeck-Lee attend the ASWB conference, which is paid in full by ASWB. Mr. Robertson second. Motion carried.

Mr. Robertson opened for discussion the issue surrounding consistency among the committees. A counselor recently complained that she couldn't take all 30 CEUs online the same as social workers. Mr. Robertson said that we should try to keep

things equal if possible. Dr. Kress said consensus is great when we can get that, but we don't necessarily need it. The committees represent three different professions.

Mr. Robertson agreed, but said some things, such as ethics, are standardized.

When possible, he said, it is more harmonious to have consistency.

Mr. Hegarty said some rules are appropriate and do apply to all three professions equally.

Dr. Kress said that maintaining a relationship between the committees is great, but if all three had to reach consensus all the time, it could be conflictual.

XIII. Chairman Comments

Ms. Riesbeck –Lee thanked Dr. Norris Huss for her service to the board and read the following proclamation presented to her:

Proclamation

By the chair

Whereas, Dr. Susan Norris Huss, PC-S, has displayed exceptional leadership, integrity and thoroughness in her position as a Board member; and

Whereas, Susan showed wisdom to study the issues and bring needed change to the licensure processes for counselors; and

Whereas, Susan provided exceptional direction for the Board as the chairperson for two years; and

Whereas, Susan has acted as the Investigative Liaison for more than six years, which is a difficult and time consuming effort that is greatly appreciated; and

Whereas, Susan has been instrumental in good Board practices.

Now, therefore, I, Jennifer Riesbeck Lee, Chair, do hereby proclaim Susan Norris Huss an honorary Board Member of the CSWMFT Board in Perpetuity.

Dr. Norris Huss thanked the Board and said she and her students had benefitted, and to keep on challenging and keep going. It had been a great run.

Ms. Venrick thanked Ms. Packard for her service to the Board, for being her mentor, and read the proclamation presented to her:

Proclamation

By the Chair

Whereas, Francine Packard, PCCS, as a mentor always had time to listen and answer questions; and

Whereas, Francine showed wisdom to study the issues and bring needed change to the licensure processes for counselors; and

Whereas, Francine as the Chair of the Continuing Education Committee advanced decisions that resulted in several important rule changes; and

Whereas, Francine has acted as the endorsement reviewer during a time of revision of the process and implemented a strong procedure; and

*Whereas, Francine has been instrumental in good Board practices.
Now, therefore, I, Mary Venrick, Chair, do hereby proclaim Francine
Packard an honorary Member of the Counselor Professional Standards
Committee in Perpetuity.*

Ms. Packard thanked everyone and said it had been an honor serving the Board. She said she now looks at the counseling profession from the perspective of how does each issue protect the public.

XIV. Adjourned:

Ms. Riesbeck-Lee adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair