



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

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### **State of Ohio Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting January 21, 2010**

**Members Present were:** Ms. Francine Packard, Dr. Otha Gilyard, Dr. Victoria Kress, Mrs. Mary Venrick and Dr. Susan Huss.

**Staff Present were:** Ms. Rena Elliott, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Mr. William Hegarty and Mr. James Rough.

Kress called the meeting to order at 8:10 am.

#### **Discussion/Approval of Agenda**

Huss moved to approve the January 21, 2010 agenda, Venrick seconded.  
Kress added "Staff approving licenses";  
Kress added 4757-13-09 Proposed Rule change  
There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

8:15 am meeting adjourned for Executive Committee Meeting.

Packard left at 8:25 am to attend CEU Committee meeting

A hearing for Michael Jennings commenced at 9:00 a.m. During hearing Kress continued to work on out of state applicants who are requesting approval for the examination.

The Counselor Professional Standards Committee meeting reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

#### **Web Cam Supervision- Face to Face Supervision**

Committee researched face to face supervision in the Laws & Rules. Kress asked how should web cam be operationalized? Huss asked the question does it fall under electronic services definition in the law (remote supervision). Gilyard stated it should be documented how it (web cam) is to be done. Discussion ensued.

Committee members began to work on the review of PC/PCC applications and CEU applications.

Committee reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

### **Investigation Report**

Hegarty passed out a list of cases reviewed by Huss and Kress.

**Case 2009-162** - Huss moved to request an impairment evaluation. Kress seconded. Hegarty reported that Huss reviewed the information. Discussion ensued. Motion passed.

Huss moved to close the cases reviewed by Kress as it was determined no actions were warranted. Venrick seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Huss moved to close cases she reviewed as she determined no actions were warranted. Packard seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Hegarty recommended going into executive session.

Kress called for executive session. With all members answering roll call with "yes," the committee went into executive session.

Kress called to close executive session. With all members answering roll call with "yes," the committee closed executive session.

A motion was made by Gilyard to issue a notice of opportunity for hearing to Laura Grad who was convicted of endangering children. Seconded by Venrick. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gilyard to issue a notice of opportunity for hearing to Heather Holland for cashing a check for client. Seconded by Packard. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Huss to issue a notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Carol Williams for custody issues. Seconded by Gilyard. Motion passed.

### **Executive Committee Report**

Kress reported that committee members will need to turn in executive director's evaluation.

Kress reported that the CEU issues were discussed.

Kress reported that there have been a number of requests for physical restraint training to count as board approved continuing education. The reasons physical restraint training is not appropriate as counselor CEUs were discussed.

## **Remediation Plans**

Rene Aekins - Huss moved that the committee is unable to approve request to study as a remediation plan. She must complete a structured/supervised remediation plan. Motion passed.

Princess Black - Huss moved to approve her remediation plan as submitted. Gilyard seconded. Motion passed.

Huss moved to approve Youngstown State University “Case Conceptualization” course to be approved for Treatment of Mental & Emotional Disorders and CEU supervision requirement. Gilyard seconded. Motion passed. Kress and Packard recused themselves from the vote.

## **CEU Committee Report**

Packard reported CEU committee discussed spiritual and faith based programs for continuing education and possible guidelines for program approval based upon letter from Sinclair Community College. (Thank V. Jane Steinhauser of Sinclair Community College for feedback).

Packard discussed splitting provider’s numbers for counselors and social workers.

Packard reported that it was suggested that program and providers of continuing education place the board’s website on the certificate of attendance so that licensee’s may contact the board via website to report on program.

Packard reported Rough would research what other states are charging for continuing education provider and program approvals.

## **Rule Review**

Kress reported on discussion of a new rule to allow staff to approve application for licensure. Huss suggested that the board review approximately 10 of the approved applications.

Discussion ensued regarding need to add clarification regarding supervision for PCC.

Huss asked the question “Why place permanently revoked on a license.” Hegarty responded that current law allows individuals to reapply within one year after revocation. In some cases, we may not want a licensee ever re-licensed.

Discussion ensued regarding privilege communication law 2317.02.

There was discussion regarding two-tier examination versus a single tier examination.

Packard asked the question “Does taking the test make you a better counselor.”

Hegarty entered at 3:20 p.m.

Hegarty presented a consent agreement for approval for Brenda Watson. Huss moved to approve the consent agreement. Gilyard Seconded. Motion passed.

Hegarty left at 3:25 p.m.

John Cranley of the MFT Committee entered the meeting and presented a revised motion regarding banking hours for continuing education to be discussed in July.

Cranley left the meeting.

Susan discussed briefly the fine rule 4757-1-07.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

**State of Ohio  
Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting  
January 22, 2010**

**Members Present:** Dr. Susan Huss, Dr. Otha Gilyard, Dr. Victoria Kress, Ms. Francine Packard, Ms. Mary Venrick.

Staff Present: Mr. Rena Elliott, Ms. Tracy Hosom, Mr. Jim Rough

Guests Present: Glenn Karr, Jake Protivnak (Ohio Counselor Association), Kelley Schubert (President Elect-Ohio Counselor Association), Thelma Greaser

Dr. Kress called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Huss moved to approved agenda. Packard seconded.  
Huss added NBCC contract and face to face supervision.  
The revised agenda passed unanimously.

**Executive Director Report**

Rough passed out NBCC contract information and informed committee that fee increased to \$165.00 for the NCE and \$145.00 for the NCMHCE effective March 1, 2010. Otha expressed concerns with corporation fees increasing. Huss expressed concerns with

delays in NBCC processing registration forms-taking 4 weeks. Huss is extremely dissatisfied with how long it is taking to process registration forms.

Gilyard moved to approve amended contract with concerns regarding 4 week processing time for registration applications. Motion passed.

Rough informed committee that the board has two new board members Steve Polovick, SW and Deirdre Petrich, MFT.

Rough reported that the online laws and rules examination that is required for all new applicants, started January 1, 2010 and that he is receiving positive feedbacks.

Rough reported that the BMV rule has been filed.

Rough reported on budget and board is doing better than thought. Rough reported that the board is within budget and have projected a higher savings. One area of additional savings is hearing cost. If the budget progresses as anticipated and there is a savings from the hearings the board will replace the 14 PCs at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

Rough reported that the board was out of paper for the wallet cards. Paper is now in stock and renewal cards have been sent.

On Tuesday, January 19, 2010, Rough testified at hearing for Art Therapy Bill. Huss and Deirdre Petrich of the MFT Committee attended this hearing. Kress expressed concerns stating "When Does it End-Art Therapy, Dance Therapy, etc." Rough recommended that you must hold a PC, PCC, SW, ISW, MFT or IMFT license along with the Art Therapy license.

Rough reported that the board will not release transcripts to other parties.

Rough reported that Civil Service Exemption-House Bill 62 passed the house and moves on to the senate.

Gilyard commended Rough for his accomplishments with working with other agencies.

Rough reported that he will be sending information out in February with regards to statute changes.

Thelma Greaser reported that she contacted board regarding an ethical concern and praised Tammy Tingle for her quick response.

Rough presented 2009 report for examination.

The national pass rate for the NCE is about 78%; Ohio's is 89.0% for all; 91.4% for first time takers; and 52.8% for retakes. The national pass rate for the NCMHCE was not provided; Ohio's is 75.0% for all; 74.6% for first time takers; and 77.1% for retakes. I asked why NBCC thinks Ohio does so well on the NCE and got the following: There can be many variables. Ohio may weed out lesser candidates before the exams are

administered. Ohio programs may be doing a better job of educating the students. Ohio programs may include more hours (60 vs. 48). Ohio counselor educators may better prepare the students for the exam. Ohio programs may weed out lesser candidates during the admission process. Ohio students may spend more time and money on preparing for the exam.

Huss suggested that Rough place in his memo reg. exam state that students are not required to document the school they have attended.

Gilyard asked with whom the board compares our statistics. Rough answered that the statistics are compared between Ohio and the national pass rates.

### **Approval of Minutes for November**

Packard moved to approve the November 2009 minutes with corrections. Gilyard seconded. Motion passed.

Kress and Huss commended Frazier on minutes.

Rough left at 9:50 a.m.

### **Application Coordinator Report**

Elliott reported that, since the last board meeting, 95 exam packets were mailed. In November, 34 candidates took the NCE. 32 passed, 2 were unsuccessful. 16 candidates took the NCMHCE. 12 passed, 4 were unsuccessful. In December, 46 candidates took the NCE. 43 passed and 3 were unsuccessful. 16 candidates took the NCMHCE. 7 passed 9 were unsuccessful.

Huss moved to form an Ad Hoc Committee through the CPSC with representative from OACES, OCA & CSWB invited to determine what questions are to be asked concerning the NCMHCE and to be formed by March meeting for discussion and decision to be made at the July meeting. Huss, Venrick and Kress will serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. Seconded by Gilyard. Motion passed.

### **CT Extension**

Gilyard moved to extend CT status for a 60 day extension beyond the proof of enrollment date. Packard seconded. Motion passed. Huss recommended that the email sent to counselor trainees give the exact dates.

### **Correspondence**

**Dr. Bradley Hedges** – The Board approved a 60 day extension and appreciates his correspondence.

**Kate Kortanek**-Gilyard moved to refer applicant to laws & rules regarding PCC supervision, all supervision must be post PC supervision. Seconded by Packard. Motion passed.

**Catherine Wurm** - Gilyard moved to deny Ms. Wurm's request to be supervised by a licensed clinical psychologist during internship due to not providing evidence that a PCC-S was not available. Packard seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion ensued regarding the definition of face to face supervision.

Glenn Karr reported that social security put a rule that sometimes is acceptable. "Medicare only reimburses telemedicine services provided in live, real-time situations in which the physician is interacting with the Medicare beneficiary via interactive telecommunications systems. Medicare also requires another physician, or "telepresenter," to be physically present with the Medicare beneficiary if it is medically necessary for the telemedicine service, as determined by the distant physician."

Kress thanked OCA for attending board meetings and for providing feedback.

Protivnak introduced Ohio Counseling Association President-Elect Kelly Shubert.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

*Victoria E. White Kress Ph.D. PCC*

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**Victoria Kress White, Chair**