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State of Ohio Counselor Professional Standards Committee

March 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Susan Huss at 9:15 a.m.

Members Present were: Dr. Randi Cohen, Dr. Susan Huss, Dr. Victoria Kress White, Mr. Jan White and Mr. Joseph Williams.

Staff present: Ms. Rena Elliott and Mr. James Rough.

Agenda was accepted with modifications.

1. Application Review:

- The Committee reviewed and approved 77 PC applications and 43 PCC applications.
- Mr. White moved, seconded by Dr. Cohen to table Bridget Dwyer's PC license. The committee is requesting Ms. Elliott schedule a time for her to meet with a committee member.
- Robert Dubec is an applicant applying for PC. The Committee is requesting that prior to processing his file for licensure they will need documentation of any type of counseling sessions that he may have attended.

2. Continuing Education:

- The Committee reviewed all counselor C. E. program and provider renewal applications that were provided.

3. Open Discussion:

- Dr. Huss discussed OACES meeting regarding examination change. Members of OACES were concerned because they assumed the board

would vote on the examination change in March. Dr. Huss responded with an email.

- The Committee decided to begin the Thursday meetings at 8:00 a.m. Also, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on Thursday of the board meetings, it will be designated as an open discussion for various topics with the caveat that, if there is a hearing, the board will be unable to have this open discussion.

4. Testing Status Report

- Mr. Rough reported on the examination scores from 2004 and 2005 for the PCLE. Mr. Rough will forward individual reports to each university/college.
- Dr. Cohen moved, seconded by Mr. White that if an applicant is applying for initial licensure in the state of Ohio, the board will accept the licensure exam scores if it was taken within 2 years of application. Motion passed.
- Dr. Cohen moved, seconded by Dr. White that people who have failed the PCLE examination three times and demonstrated a passing score of the general knowledge section on the most recent exam be allowed to take the NCE without any additional remediation plan. Motion passed.

COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

FRIDAY MARCH 17, 2006

Meeting was called to order by: Dr. Susan Norris Huss at 9:15 a.m.

Members present were: Dr. Randi Cohen, Dr. Susan Norris Huss, Dr. Victoria Kress White, Mr. Jan White and Mr. Joseph Williams.

Staff present: Ms. Rena Elliott, Mr. William Hegarty, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Ms. Patricia Miller and Mr. James Rough.

Guest present: Ms. Susan Driskell

Dr. Huss commended everyone for attending the meetings, especially Mr. Williams as a public member. Dr. Cohen also appreciates the attendance of Mr. Williams as a public member.

- 1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA:** Dr. Cohen moved to accept the agenda, Mr. White seconded. Carried.
- 2. APPROVAL OF January 20, MINUTES:** Mr. White moved to accept the minutes with modifications, Mr. Williams seconded. Carried.

3. APPROVAL LIST FOR PC AND PCC APPLICATIONS:

Mr. White moved to accept the PC licensure candidate list with the exception of Ms. Bridget Dwyer and Mr. Robert Dubec, additional information is needed, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.

Mr. White moved to accept the PCC licensure candidate list, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.

Ms. Elliot will send the files for Ms. Dwyer and Mr. Dubec electronically to Dr. Huss when the additional information is received.

4. APPROVAL OF LIST FOR INTENT TO DENY, PC, PCC: None

5. TESTING UPDATE:

- 1.) **Ms. Susan Driskell** – will be attending the CPSC meeting to discuss failing the exam three times and will request the Board to accept the general knowledge portion of the exam and to re-test for the clinical portion only. The CPSC discussed that she cannot take just a portion of the test but will be able to retest without a remediation plan since she passed the general knowledge section of the PCLE.
- 2.) Mr. Rough wrote a draft letter for review regarding that an applicant for licensure can sit for the NCE test without a remediation plan if they have passed the general knowledge portion of the most recent exam. Discussion took place.

Dr. Cohen moved that applicants who fail the exam three times and demonstrate a passing score for the general knowledge on their most recent PCLE exam be allowed to take the NCE without an additional remediation plan, Dr. White Kress seconded. Carried.

Dr. White Kress moved that for an applicant applying for their initial license in Ohio and not licensed in another state, the NCE test scores will be accepted by Ohio if taken within two years of applying for their license, Mr. White seconded. Carried.

- 3.) Discussion took place regarding the acceptance of NBCC scores for individuals who hold the NCC designation but are not licensed in another state. The committee determined to review these applicants on a case by case basis.

6. INVESTIGATIVE REPORT BY MR. HEGARTY:

Mr. Hegarty reported:

- 1.) Discussion on what specific courses are required for a degree to be considered a counseling degree. Although a transcript may

state counseling degree, each transcript needs to be reviewed to ensure all the coursework was taken. Dr. Cohen moved that **Ms. Maria Tasker's** degree be received as a counseling degree based on the modified transcript title but more information on the coursework is needed to be sure it meets the requirements OAC 4757-13-01 (D), Mr. Williams seconded. Carried.

- 2.) **Mr. Dennis Bliss** – Dr. White-Kress served as Chair. Dr. Huss moved to close the case for Mr. Bliss due to his death, Mr. White seconded. Carried. Dr. Huss resumed the Chair. A letter of closure will be sent to the individuals who testified and to the complainants.
- 3.) Distributed a list of cases to be closed. (see attached) Dr. Cohen requested more specifics on case #2005-66 and requested more information when the cases are listed. Mr. Hegarty explained only the liaison for the Board can review the specifics of the case due to confidentiality requirements of the statute. Discussion took place regarding the roles of counselors with the issue of child custody.

MOTION: Mr. White moved and Dr. Cohen seconded a motion that the CPSC go into executive session to discuss a consent agreement. Voting Aye: Mr. White, Dr. Norris Huss, Dr. Cohen, Dr. Kress White, Mr. Williams. Voting Nay: None. Motion passed unanimously. (10:00 am)

Dr. Huss declared the meeting out of executive session. (10:05 am)

Mr. White moved to approve the consent agreement for **Mr. Thomas Whiteman**, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.

- 4.) **Ms. Maria Tasker** – Information will be reviewed informally at the May board meeting and then a hearing will take place at the July meeting.

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT BY MR. JAMES ROUGH:**

Mr. Rough reported:

- 1.) Atty. Glenn Karr had proposed a statute change regarding corporation or LLC requirements that does not allow for our licensees to participate in these corporations or LLC's (Limited Liability Company). Mr. Rough stated that he did not believe that our statute dealt with the forms of private practice and did not give us jurisdiction thus making this issue one for the associations to address.

Ms. Susan Driskell – Dr. Huss explained the role of the CPSC. Ms. Driskell presented her position regarding her request for PC licensure. She passed the non-clinical portion of the exam and would like to be granted her PC license. Dr. Huss informed her if she had passed the general knowledge

portion of the exam then she may re-take the exam without a remediation plan. Ms. Driskell thanked the Board for their time.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT BY MS. ELLIOTT:

Ms. Elliott reported:

- 1.) Mr. Rough supplied the February test results.
- 2.) Busy processing files.
- 3.) **Xavier University** is requesting a presenter from the Board and Mr. Rough will be presenting. On 4/18/06, OSU career day, Ms. Elliott will be attending and giving a presentation on the steps toward licensure.

9. HEARING OFFICER REPORT: None

10. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.) Strategic Plan includes: endorsement, pre-approval of examination, continuing education hours counting towards more than one license, background checks initially and during licensure, supervision, consolidation, budget in regard to late fees, verification fees, continuing education fees, faculty issues, evaluation forms, the process of counseling programs and the development of policies.

Break (10:15 am)

Return (10:30 am)

11. NEW BUSINESS:

Remediation Plans

Dr. Cohen moved to approve the remediation plans for Mr. Ronald Seigman and Mr. Daniel Tousley, Dr. White Kress seconded. Carried.

Correspondence

Ms. Edlyn R. Otero – Ms. Otero is requesting her test score be accepted. Mr. White moved to not accept her test score but to inform her if she passed the general knowledge portion of the exam she can sit for the NCE without remediation, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.

Ms. April M. Dziak – Ms. Dziak is not enrolled in an internship or practicum so her CT status request is denied per the law and rules of the Board.

Mr. Eric Robinson – Mr. Robinson's licensure application was denied, the Board's records reflected him as Erica instead of Eric. Dr. Cohen moved to accept accumulated hours towards the PC, Dr. White Kress seconded. Carried.

Ms. Carol Miller – Ms. Miller was granted a PC in 1988 and is requesting the Board to allow her backlogged hours to be counted. Mr. Williams moved that her internship hours were from 2005 so clinical coursework is not completed and hours cannot count as post PC hours, Dr. White Kress seconded. Carried.

Mr. Rough discussed the Budget Reconciliation Bill in regard to the Consolidation. Discussion took place.

Dr. Norris Huss reported that Ms. Barson, MFTPSC, requested support from the CPSC for IMFT's to diagnosis and treat and to be comparable to the PCC's. Discussion took place. Dr. Norris Huss will write the letter and send to Mr. Rough. Mr. White moved that the committee chair of the CPSC will write a letter of support for IMFT's to diagnosis and treat, Mr. Williams seconded. Carried.

Dr. Robert Wilson, University of Cincinnati, will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Discussion on the **American Association for Christian Counselors** took place regarding a post request for program approval. The CPSC is requesting the presenters' resumes, objectives and description for each session, and articles from research journals reflecting the practice as accepted. Further discussion on what information to request on lengthy programs.

12. ADJOURNED

Dr. Cohen moved, Mr. Williams seconded. Carried.
(12:00 PM)



Dr. Susan Norris Huss
Chairperson