



Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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State of Ohio Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting March 17, 2011

Members Present: Ms. Maureen Cooper, Dr. Terri Hamm, Dr. Victoria Kress, Dr. Otha Gilyard, and Mrs. Mary Venrick

Staff Present: Mr. William Hegarty and Mr. James Rough, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Mrs. Tammy Tingle and Mr. Simeon Frazier

Guests Present: None

Venrick called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Discussion/Approval of Agenda

Venrick added "Google entry concern" to New Business
Gilyard moved to approve the agenda. Cooper seconded. There were no additions as motion passed unanimously.

Rough entered at 9:20 a.m. and left at 9:22 a.m.

Executive Committee Report

Venrick reported that the budget was discussed. Rough asked for \$1,204,000. The board was given \$30,000 more than initially requested, but denied the requested additional staff member. The additional money will be used for staff travel (investigations, etc.). The New staff member will be placed on hold.

Hegarty, Hosom and Tingle entered at 9:25 a.m.

The Art Therapy bill will be introduced in a few weeks. It has been re-worded. They would be added to the board and it would raise the board's expenses.

Kress offered concern that it would be difficult getting passed in the current climate, given its group of approximately 300.

Gilyard shared that it would be influenced by the level of clout that the lobbyists have.

Venrick stated that Rough met with the Executive Director of the Juvenile Correctional & Treatment Advisory Board regarding diagnosis issues.

The Committee reviewed programs and CEUs
The Committee took a break for lunch at noon and returned at 12:58 p.m.
The Committee continued to review programs and CEUs until Hegarty arrived for the Investigation Report

Hegarty arrived at 1:00 p.m.

Investigation Report

Hegarty reported that there is no hearing, that day. He, then, passed out a list of cases that Venrick and Kress reviewed.

Kress moved to close case 2010-208 with a strong caution. Venrick seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Hosom and Tingle entered at 1:05p.m.

Venrick moved to close the cases on which she worked. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Hegarty recommended that the committee enter Executive Session.

Venrick called for Executive Session. All members responded to the roll call with "Yes," and entered Executive Session at 1:13 p.m., returning from Executive session at 1:22 p.m.

Rough entered at 1:13 p.m.

William Geiger

Kress moved to accept the consent agreement for Geiger. Cooper seconded. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Michael Ring

Kress moved to accept the consent agreement for Ring. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Arthur Varie

Hamm moved to accept the consent agreement for Varie. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Hegarty announced, again, that that day's hearing was canceled, but there are two hearings on 4/1/11 scheduled for 9:30am and 12:30 p.m. All members must attend.

There is also one hearing for May 2011 scheduled.

Venrick asked if there were backlogged hearings to be scheduled. Hegarty shared that there were, but several people decided against having their hearings.

Hegarty left at 1:15 p.m., with Tingle and Hosom.

CEU Report

Cooper reported that the committee discussed fees for the CEU programs and providers, along with fines for providers that continued providing programs after their provider status lapsed.

The recommendations regarding fees and fines that will go before the full board are as follows.

Fees of \$30/program and \$125/provider; good for 2 years. These will not go into effect until Rough gets the additional employee approved.

Rough stated that it will only be done if the board needs the money.

With regards to fines, courses offered up to 2 weeks after the expiration date will result in a letter of caution.

Courses that are offered more than 2 weeks and up to 8 weeks after the expiration date will result in a fine of up to \$250.00, for each course offered.

And courses offered more than 8 weeks after the expiration date will result in a fine of up to \$500.00, for each course offered.

INR isn't sure that they wanted to comply with the standards for Counselors, so they may stop Counseling CEUs.

The standard for online courses was discussed.

The ASWB recommended 10,000 words an hour for a credit hour of home study material. Rough discussed that the largest issue would be enforcement, but the ASWB model would be good to follow.

Cooper reported that Thomas McGloshen brought in information regarding resources with spirituality counseling.

Rough shared with Hamm that the NCBB will be having a meeting, and it was decided that Venrick will go with Rough.

Rough left at 1:30 p.m. with Gilyard. Gilyard returned at 1:43 p.m.

The committee took a 5 minute break at 1:48 p.m.

Correspondence

April Moore

The Committee discussed that there is concern that this is the fourth time sitting for the exam, after failing the NCMHCE.

Because her sight is limited in its scope, the discussion was that she might need to change sites to expand the scope of supervision experience, along with spending more time in supervision.

After reviewing her file, the committee determined that she didn't do what she initially said she would do. The committee is asking for proof before they approve her plan.

Cooper recommends suggesting that her areas of weakness be addressed.

Bernadette Zopetti

Hamm moved to recommend that Rough send her a letter sharing that no alterations will be made, since this is a public record. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Naomi Yant

She wants approval for an ethics workshop she attended, which is not approved for Counselors, but is for Social Workers.

Cooper moved to allow for the CEUs to count for Counselors, as it was not properly advertised. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Dawn E. Pond

She requested that her book (an autobiographical fiction novel) be counted towards Supervision CEUs required for renewal.

Cooper moved to deny her request, as it doesn't fit the content requirement. Hamm seconded. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Committee continued to work on Program reviews and CEUs until they adjourned.

**State of Ohio
Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting
Mach 18, 2011**

Members Present: Dr. Terri Hamm, Ms. Maureen Cooper, Ms. Mary Venrick, Dr. Otha Gilyard, Dr. Victoria Kress

Staff Present: Mrs. Rena Elliott, Mr. Bill Hegarty, Mr. Jim Rough, Mr. Simeon Frazier,

Guests Present: Thelma Greaser (OCA), Glenn Karr

Venrick called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Kress moved to approved agenda. Gilyard seconded.

Venrick added "Linda Stockton"

There was no additional discussion as the amended motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Report

Rough reported that he met with the Social Work Professional Standards Committee regarding statute changes. March is National Social Work month and the board received the Governor's budget proposal. There's a good outcome without money for an additional staffer, but enough to maintain current operations. The board's budget analyst was good.

Rules for fees and fines need to be addressed.

The 3/7/11 JCAR meeting saw all rules being approved.

Art Therapists are working with Senator Skindell; the proposed draft is in better shape than it was last year.

Kress shared that it would be helpful, should Rough testify, again, that he highlight the impact on the board, as he did before; particularly with the current budgetary climate. Gilyard, with Rough, confirmed that there is a Senator in support of this. He suggested that the board should approach the senator to discuss some of the committee's concerns, outlining that if they want to join the family, they could, but the family believes that they should be counselors, instead of independently licensed, as PCs currently incorporate these techniques in their practices.

Rough shared that this is a National discussion.

Hamm shared that they often get paid via the per diem rate at hospitals.

Gilyard shared that whenever there is a discipline that deserves to be a stand alone discipline, it should be recognized, but it should be difficult to get there and not easy via having a powerful advocate.

He asked what the process/criteria were to get a discipline established.

Rough shared that there is an undefined process, but his wish is if it falls under Mental Health, then they should get our license and then practice their specialty.

Gilyard shared that it's a slippery slope as it's not known where to draw the line.

Rough shared that if they just want title protection, we could have a statute change outlining that only Art Therapists with certification without the certification, but they'll discuss it with them, again.

Gilyard shared that it's important to be proactive with this.

Rough shared that he doesn't wish to diminish Art Therapists and other expressive arts therapists. He saw a video of a dance therapist work wonders with an autistic child, but this doesn't necessarily mean that they should be independently licensed.

The proposal is to add them to our board with another Professional Standards Committee. The Planning meeting is in the works. They discussed the budget with a senator, including a little extra in the budget for the next two fiscal years.

Individual state employees can't be reimbursed for more than 4,000 miles in a fiscal year without using a state vehicle.

He purchased a switch to access the internet connection in the building for \$1,500 and removed the one for which the board was paying more than \$600/month. He'll mail it to the provider.

The investigative liaison ad hoc committee will be a standing committee working with Hegarty. The current liaisons are Venrick and Kress.

Kress believes that it's a helpful experience and the committee has empowered their process.

Tingle entered at 9:38 a.m.

Consent Agreements

Rough reported that when applicants aren't recommended on their final clinical field evaluation, he and Elliott recommended putting the supervisee with another supervisor, as it helps to have them to repeat hours rather than have unapproved hours, discussed in the meeting and, consequently reflected in the minutes, given an opportunity to get good hours reported and good experience to help their work.

In some cases consent agreement was issued with a requirement of a report by the supervising PCC to document that the issues are addressed and asked if it was alright to initiate these types of things without consulting the committee. The committee agreed that this was appropriate.

Kress shared a concern for supervisors that aren't good and it could hurt the supervisee.

Hosom entered at 9:45 a.m.

4757-13-03

Rough discussed changing 4757-13-03, removing paragraphs (A)(3)(c) and (A)(3)(f), as it has been long enough where the spirit of it has been addressed. It should've been gone since 2005 or there about, as supervisors don't remember supervisees after such a long period of time has passed.

Kress moved to accept the change. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Rough left at 9:49 a.m.

Approval of January '11 Minutes

Kress moved to approve the minutes. Gilyard seconded.

Venrick proposed to change, under CEU report, changing "In house" to "in their own agencies," to read "Venrick confirmed that this applies to non profit agencies that do CEUs in their own agencies, as a provider."

Kress proposed the following changes:

Changing "Vicki" to "Victoria" in the "Members Present" section of the January 21, 2011 minutes.

In the "Correspondence" section under "Marybeth Crowe", the word "as" was added to read "Kress suggested denying her request to count her time as a school counselor towards her PC license.

In the CEU report, “Valid” was replaced with “verified,” and “to” was replaced with “at” to read “Hamm and Kress shared that the ACA and OCA don’t have verified attendance at their workshops due to lack of checks and balances.

“committee, and at” was replaced with “board, but” and “Though there has been a history to be aware of, that” was replaced with “Historically” to read “Kress shared that it’s wonderful for three professions to serve on one board, but historically, things may have been contentious...”

Lastly, the letter “F” was added to correctly spell “huffingtonpost.com”.

Approval of PC and PCC Applicants

Cooper moved to approve the list of PC applicant. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of PCC Applicants

Kress moved to approve the list of PC and PCC applicants. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Counselor Application Coordinator’s Report

211 Exam packets were sent.

In January, there were 41 candidates for the NCE. 37 passed, and 4 were unsuccessful. There were 27 candidates for the NCMHCE. 19 passed, and 8 were unsuccessful.

In February, there were 44 candidates for the NCE 39 passed and 5 were unsuccessful. There were 22 candidates for the NCMHCE 18 passed and 4 were unsuccessful.

Elliot reported that Frazier processed 540 Counselor Trainee and Clinical Resident applications.

Old Business

PC Supervision Survey

Kress shared that this came up in the fall, and requesting the NBCC’s supervision credential be accepted by Ohio (as the requirements are more stringent than those of the NBCC) proving to be a challenge for out of state licensees.

Also, she shared the history where a lot of the requirements were birthed.

She believes that it’s a lot, but valuable, particularly given supervision stories regarding supervision discussed earlier, and that the board’s job is to protect the public.

The committee agreed that those were more positive replies.

Hamm believes it’s a heavy responsibility and she wouldn’t want to see the number of hours decreased. The concern is that there aren’t enough providers (and possibly cost prohibitive) for people to get to them.

Glen Karr asked if the 24 hour requirement is a one time thing and shared that the counselors are trailblazers with this assignment.

Tingle asked if we know of providers, as she's approached often for these resources. The committee shared that, from their immediate recollection, Paula Britton, Randi Cohen and Judi Fischer are providers.

Hamm believes that this is needed, as most universities don't have a Masters level supervision course.

Gilyard suggested encouraging schools to offer them, making them more accessible.

Kress recommended a weekend-long workshop.

Greaser said that Ashland is looking into formulating a Friday night-Saturday program.

Gilyard shared that, with the additional money that the board has in the budget, it might be helpful to use it to travel to different places to develop relationships in these areas.

Hamm shared that the ACA runs the Red Cross trainings and thought that, possibly, the OCA could run this during their annual training.

Kress shared that it would be good at the OCA conference. She also recommended helping Patty Miller create a list to verify providers.

Hosom recommended auditing the 24 supervision programs.

Hamm recommended generating a list of programs.

Rough entered at 10:15 a.m.

Rough recommended requesting that, only, workshops verified to fit certain areas may be applied.

Elliott recommended changing the form to have the applicant delineate how it fits certain areas.

Gilyard shared, regarding audits, that the committee should start with those that are applying, now, moving forward, only, and not retroactively audit those with a license.

Kress shared that many may not know that the 24 supervision hours may be counted towards their 30 hours of CEUs for renewal.

New Business

Pre-requisite course for internship

Kress shared that coursework issues get complicated. Theories & Counseling Techniques should be required. CACREP has a requirement. She gave an example of an intern that was in an agency with mostly group counseling, without taking a group counseling class. Somewhere, in the rules, the requirement was removed.

Tingle requested addressing it during the Program Approval.

The committee suggests "Theories & Techniques" be taken before the practicum.

Cooper offered reminding schools that it is recommended, both, that they follow CACREP standards, and, also, placing "Group Counseling" before the internship.

Kress agreed to contact CACREP regarding having Group Counseling before the internship.

Karr, Tingle, and Hosom left at 10:37 a.m.

Hamm and Cooper recommend Group Counseling, along with the internship to accommodate their school's programs.

Greaser shared that it's partially the responsibility of the site to make sure that these things are taking place.

Cooper left at 10:35 a.m. and returned at 10:39 a.m.

The committee agreed to remind programs that the rule discusses following CACREP rules.

Kress will confirm CACREP standards.

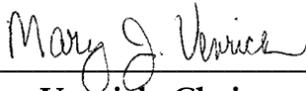
Linda Stockton – request for out-of-state supervised experience be accepted.

Rough shared that if it's consistent with the state rules from which they come, included Diagnosing & Treating, and it's a clinical setting, the board has traditionally accepted it.

Gilyard moved to accept her supervised hours. Cooper seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Kress abstained, as she doesn't recall the committee approving this in the past.

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.



Mary Venrick, Chair