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State of Ohio Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting March 15, 2012

Members Present: Otha Gilyard, Maureen Cooper, and Mary Venrick

Staff Present: James Rough, Bill Hegarty, Rena Elliott, Tracey Hosom, Tammy Tingle, and Simeon Frazier

Guests Present: None

Venrick called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m.

Venrick announced that there would be no investigative liaison meeting

Discussion/Approval of Agenda

Venrick added “Lapsed Supervision Designation for PCC: Gene Smiley” and “Releases of Information ‘i.e. caregivers’ per HIPPA law”

Cooper moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Committee Report

Venrick reported that the board member appointments are still in a state of limbo, across the board for the state of Ohio.

The new employee for the CEU Auditor position is Paula Broome.

Ray Lund is the new receptionist. He comes highly recommended, and has a lot of experience.

Rep. Barbara Sears will have a 3rd draft of the new house bill, soon.

Regarding Jim Rough’s Annual Evaluation, all members present have turned their evaluations in.

The CEU committee didn’t meet last time, so there is no report.

Tingle entered at 9:40 a.m.

Counselor Trainee issue

Anonymous Applicant 3-15-01

The committee agreed to award Counselor Trainee status

Hosom and Hegarty entered at 9:50 a.m.

Investigation Report

Hegarty thanked Venrick and Cooper for reviewing the cases.

Venrick moved to close five cases that she reviewed. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Cooper moved to close three cases she reviewed. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Hegarty shared that there will be no executive session, today, as there is no pending litigation, and advised the committee that all discussions will be public.

Darla White

Proposed consent agreement, as a PCC entered into a sexual relationship with a recently terminated client. Along with a licensure suspension, of two years, she'll have a mental health assessment to see if counseling will benefit her, and be monitored, appropriately, when working, again.

Cooper confirmed with Hegarty, that a counselor-client relationship may not be sexual or exploitive for five years past termination, but a friendship may ensue.

Venrick confirmed that White's supervisor will need to be Board-approved.

Catherine Renfrow

This is a PCC that blurred professional boundaries in a non-sexual way by sending a personal letter to a client. She'll take an ethics course per Venrick's recommendation. Venrick shared that she recommended the course to reinforce her boundary issues. Gilyard confirmed that the letter was found and brought forth by a family member 6-8 months after the letter was found.

Hegarty shared that, in context, the letter showed good intentions, her practices being sloppy.

Cooper moved to accept the consent agreement. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Hegarty, Tingle, and Hosom left.

Counselor Trainee issue, Continued

Anonymous Applicant 3-15-02

Cooper moved to deny the applicant's request to receive Counselor trainee status, even when enrolled in an out of state Psychology internship, which the school identifies as being sufficient to have counselors licensed in that state.

Gilyard seconded. During the discussion, it was shared that "Psychology Counseling" is not listed in the rule as being acceptable. The motion passed, unanimously.

The Committee worked on programs and CEUs until Cooper left for the CEU committee meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The Committee took a break for lunch at noon, and returned at 1 p.m.

Rough entered at 1 p.m.

Dr. David Mann

Rough contacted the OCA, and confirmed that they wouldn't be upset with the change in Supervision CEUs.

5 Year Rule Review

17-01(F)(1)

"or professional counselors" was deleted, and "(F)(1) (d) would be deleted along with the last two sentences in paragraph (F)(3).

Continuing Education Committee Report

Cooper reported that Paula Broom introduced herself as the new CEU auditor. She received their commendations on her report.

"WPM read" report was passed out, and ranged from 50-300+ words.

The committee is trying to establish a per minute standard, but they're moving to a 10,000 word/hour standard.

NASW doesn't have a word requirement

Many certificates of completion are displaying 18-24 hours completed in a day.

They discussed whether or not to allow CEU hours for volunteer service (i.e. very specific volunteer hours for dentists) but working out the definitions may be different.

Rhonda Franklin shared that with increased "informal" options in securing CEUs, many water down the professional decorum.

Cooper shared that training isn't occurring during volunteer work.

The committee agrees that, though it's altruistic, they do not recommend pursuing this as a CEU option.

5 Year Rule Review (Continued)

4757-(5)-(09) (H): Discussion suggested that , if there is a court hearing, either share with the guardian ad litem that sharing with non-residential parent may harm a child if a

hearing is pending, or tell the courts if no Guardian Ad Lidum exists, if it can be harmful with recommendation to withhold exchange until after the hearing.

4757-5-13

Rough discussed www.hushmail.com is a free encrypted email site. If one doesn't understand encryption, then one shouldn't send sensitive information electronically without training.

**State of Ohio
Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting
March 16, 2012**

Members Present: Mary Venrick, , Maureen Cooper and Dr. Otha Gilyard

Staff Present: Rena Elliott, Bill Hegarty, Tracey Hosom, Jim Rough and Simeon Frazier

Guests Present: Glen Karr, Thelma Greaser

Venrick called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m.

Discussion and Approval of Agenda

Venrick added a memo to discuss handling someone that wants to reinstate a lapsed supervisor credential.

Venrick shared that it should be considered how long they've had and been without the credential.

Also, the committee believes that there shouldn't be a requirement to have "Supervision of Supervision" if they've supervised for years.

Gilyard moved to accept the agenda. Cooper seconded

There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of January '12 Minutes

Cooper moved to accept the minutes, as presented. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Rough reported that the Board is still short four members.

The Ohio Council wrote letters requesting a second appointment of Tim Brady.

Rep. Sears got the 3rd draft out. There were some issues.

The intent is to have an "interested party meeting in April." No date has, yet, been confirmed.

The new position of Continuing Education Audit staff and receptionist has been filled by Paula Broome and Ray Lund, respectively. He shared that Lund's background and interview displayed his vast experience.

Gilyard commended Rough for hiring an overqualified applicant. It, often, doesn't occur. Rough stated that the receptionist position yielded 690 applicants.

The rules that implement the Continuing Education fees go into effect on April 1, 2012.

The Social Worker Committee is discussing adding a paragraph to the ethics rule regarding discrimination when discussing diversity.

JCARR won't let this occur for all 3 licensed.

The 5 year rule review is done.

The Listserv has begun, for all licenses.

Karr asked if he could be added to the listserv to assist him in keeping up with the profession.

The Newsletter has been reduced to multiple one page editions instead of a twice annual four page edition.

The Facebook link is, now, live.

The Executive committee gave him his annual review.

Work plans are moving forward. He asked the committee to let him know what needs to be added to the July '12 planning meeting.

Karr asked if there was any interest in issues surrounding Autism. He (Karr) shared that there is a task force, if an interest exists.

Karr also shared, regarding Pearson Vue company's Testing products, that one must go through each particular test to see who is certified to administer each test.

Greaser stated that if one has a license that allows them to do testing, and they have the training to administer the test, then they may do it.

Karr shared that his observation is that it is best to avoid problems by doing an MMP I and II, or other appropriate test, in order to diagnose, early, and finding a diagnosable and/or preventable issue, down the line.

Cooper confirmed with Karr that the test will stand up in court.

Approval of PC Applicants

There are 54 PC applicants

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

Approval of PCC Applicants

There are 52 PCC applicants

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

Counselor Application Coordinator's Report

Elliott reported that Frazier processed 536 Counselor Trainee/Clinical Resident applications and that she had sent 237 Exam packets.

In January, there were 23 candidates for the NCE. 19 passed, and 4 were unsuccessful. There were 28 candidates for the NCMHCE. 18 passed, and 10 were unsuccessful.

In February, there were 34 candidates for the NCE 27 passed and 7 were unsuccessful. There were 39 candidates for the NCMHCE 26 passed and 13 were unsuccessful.

Greaser shared that she knew a person that didn't pass the exam, but it was because they didn't prepare. She (Greaser) stated that the person passed the test, the next time.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

Discussion regarding the PC-S

It was recommended to keep the current PC-S licensees on file, but phase out new applicants. Elliott confirmed that it would mean a rule change in 4757-17-01.

Correspondence

Karen Bradley-Anderson

She wants a PC, but her evaluation for her internship was lost. Her Supervisor has moved and records were only kept for 3 years at her school. They're gone, now. She got an A in her internship class. Her request was to accept her file sans her "Internship Supervisor Evaluation Rating Form".

Cooper moved to accept and approve credit for her Internship Supervisor Evaluation Rating Form.

Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Sheri McQuinn

She took the NCE on 2/26/12 and requests that her results be thrown out, as she was sick and it affected her performance.

Gilyard moved to deny her request. Cooper seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Rough entered at 10:20 a.m.

4757-17-01

Rough shared that he believes that it causes confusion to have, both the PC-S and PCC-S.

Jacqueline Young

This was a hardship request. She wants to be supervised by a Clinical Psychologist in lieu of a PCC-S, since there are, in her opinion, no qualified supervisors in Central Ohio.

Cooper moved to deny her request, as there are many training supervisors in Franklin County. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Mary J Venrick MS LPC
Mary Venrick, Chair