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COUNSELOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 21, 2005

Members Present: Dr. Randi Cohen, Dr. Susan Norris Huss, Mr. Jan White and Mr. Joe Williams.

Members Absent: Dr. Rose Quinones-DelValle

Staff Present: Mr. Peter R. Casey, IV, Ms. Rena Elliott, Mr. James Rough

Guest Present: Mr. Mulk Raj

1. Dr. Randi Cohen nominated Dr. Susan Huss to remain chair of the Counselor Professional Standards Committee, seconded by Mr. Joe Williams. Motion carried.
2. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed change to the counselor examination. The Committee proposed a two year "grand parenting" period for those PCs licensed by taking the current Ohio examination. They will have until December 31, 2007, to be licensed as a PCC without taking the NCMHCE. The Committee also discussed the cost of a two tier test which requires licensees to pay twice.
3. Portability regarding the examination was also discussed. However, nothing was determined. Additional discussion will continue regarding portability. Also Committee discussed if the test vendor had provided the validity and the reliability of the examination.
4. There was discussion regarding the board's responsibility as an enforcement agency. Can a supervisor report a student to the board without breaking confidentiality? Yes, there is an exception to the law according to the Board's AG, Peter R. Casey, IV.
5. Discussion regarding dues for ASCB. This permits the board to have two votes. Drs. Huss & Cohen proposed having a presentation at the national convention. The committee will discuss attendance at the meeting at the September meeting.
6. The Committee proposed creating a task force for the following issues:

- a. Supervision issues
 - b. Board training
 - c. ASCB
7. Discussion also ensued regarding dual licensure.
 8. Mr. Mulk Raj presented his concerns regarding the test and his inability to pass and the validity of the counselor examination. After his presentation, the Committee thanked Mr. Raj for addressing his concerns. The committee tabled a final decision until the September meeting in order to review the specifics of his case with regard to the new testing requirements and possible eligibility through endorsement as he is licensed in Illinois.

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JULY 22, 2005

Meeting was called to order by: Dr. Susan Norris Huss at 8:36 a.m.

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

Absent: Dr. Rose Quinones-DelValle and Mr. Jan White.

Staff present: Ms. Rena Elliott, Mr. Simeon Frazier, Mr. William Hegarty, Ms. Patricia Miller, Mr. James Rough, and Ms. Tamara Tingle.

Guest present: None

Dr. Cohen nominated Dr. Huss as Committee Chair, Mr. Williams seconded. Carried.

1. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA: Dr. Cohen moved to accept the agenda with modifications, Mr. Williams seconded. Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF May 20, 2005, MINUTES: Dr. Cohen requested clarification on post program approval. Mr. Williams moved to accept the minutes, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.

3. APPROVAL LIST FOR PC AND PCC APPLICATIONS: Dr. Cohen moved to accept the PC licensure candidate list with the additions of Mr. John Davidson and Ms. Gretchen Fernstein, Mr. Williams seconded. Carried. Dr. Cohen moved to accept the PCC licensure

candidate list with the addition of Mr. David Brown, Mr. Williams seconded. Carried.

4. APPROVAL OF LIST FOR INTENT TO DENY, PC, PCC:

NONE

5. TESTING UPDATE:

Mr. Rough reported that the draft rules will be filed in October if approved by the Board and published next week in their draft status on the web-site, and e-mailed to all the professional associations.

6. INVESTIGATIVE REPORT BY MR. HEGARTY:

Mr. Hegarty distributed cases recommended for closure by Dr. Huss.
(See Attached)

MOTION: Dr. Cohen moved and Mr. Williams seconded a motion that the Committee go into executive session to discuss investigative issues. Voting Aye: Dr. Cohen, Dr. Norris Huss, and Mr. Williams. Voting Nay: None. Motion passes unanimously. (8:50 am)

Dr. Huss declared the meeting out of executive session. (9:00 am)

Mr. Hegarty reported on **Mr. Frederick Sinay**, convicted of molestation, a felony. The Judge ruled that Mr. Sinay lose his counseling license. Dr. Cohen requested to not allow him to reapply for licensure. Mr. Hegarty stated that currently he can reapply but the rules will be looked into regarding revocation of licensure. Dr. Cohen said some information from the New Board Member Training discussed not taking a license away if the individual is able to re-apply, so the question is whether to suspend the license for many years. Mr. Rough stated again about looking into the law. Dr. Huss agreed. Mr. Rough suggested the Committee consider a rule change involving revoking a license. Dr. Huss took role call for a motion to revoke Mr. Sinay's license, Dr. Huss, yes, Mr. Williams, yes, and Dr. Cohen yes. Carried.

Dr. Cohen moved to send a notice of a hearing for **Mr. Dennis Bliss**, LPCC, Mr. Williams seconded. Carried.

Dr. Cohen moved to send a notice of a hearing for **Ms. Brenda Ward Brown**, LPCC, Mr. Williams seconded. Carried.

Mr. Williams moved to accept the consent agreement for **Ms. Gretchen Feirstine**, Dr. Cohen seconded. Carried.

Dr. Cohen moved to accept the amended consent agreement for **Ms. Patricia C. Friel**, Mr. Williams seconded. Carried.

Mr. Hegarty reported a counselor denial hearing will take place Thursday, September 29, 2005.

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

Mr. Rough requested Mr. Hegarty talk about draft rule 4757-5-01. Mr. Hegarty reported every couple of years the ethics rules have to be changed due to loopholes or for being too broad. Dr. Cohen requested adding "non-verbal" to rule 4757-5-01(B)(6). Boundary violations were used as an example for how the rule needs to be changed. Dr. Cohen requested clarification on the impairment of a licensee and Mr. Hegarty discussed the ethics involving an impaired practitioner.

Mr. Williams requested clarification on the checking of attendance for Board Members, which he stated his absence in May was due to surgery. Mr. Rough explained it is in the statute that a Board Member has to attend at least sixty percent of all Board meetings and Dr. Quinones-DelValle wanted to know the percentage of missed Board meetings for each Board member. He also stated that no Board Members were close to 60 percent or less attendance.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT BY MS. ELLIOTT:

Ms. Elliott reported she and Mr. Frazier have been learning the new CAVU system and inputting information. Exam packets are mailed twice a week. Mr. Frazier does the deposits twice a week.

Dr. Huss questioned if it is possible to build into the web-site a tutorial on how to locate a supervisor, and if the licensees know their address and phone number will be given to the public on the CAVU system. Dr. Huss also reported that the pass rate for 2005 taking the exam for the first time is 70% as of today, July 22, 2005.

(Break) 9:31 am

(Return) 10:00 am

9. Dr. Cohen moved to add **Ms. Mary Briguglio, Ms. Julie Herron** and **Ms. Lisa Marks** to the list of approved PC applicants, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried.

10. HEARING OFFICER REPORT: None

11. OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Sarah Gill-Williams – Dr. Cohen moved to accept Ms. Williams' degree, she complied with the Boards request for required courses, Mr. Williams seconded. Carried.

Ms. Holly Smigel – Requested clarification of Ms. Smigel's supervision has not been received. Dr. Cohen moved to approve Ms. Smigel upon appropriate forms being submitted to the Board showing the needed supervision, Mr. Williams seconded. Carried.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Cohen moved that a consensus was taken to propose to the full Board a submission of a rule change relating to the counselor testing, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried.

Remediation Plans

Mr. Corry Appline – Mr. Appline took courses from Cleveland State combined with tutoring sessions from Mr. Ron Colonna. Dr. Cohen moved that Mr. Appline met the requested remediation plan, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried.

Ms. Hanna Jadwisienczak – Failed the exam three times. Dr. Cohen moved to accept the remediation plan for Ms. Jadwisienczak to take a 15 hour summer course, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried.

Ms. Monica Strzempkowski-Hammer – Failed the exam three times. Requested to serve an internship at her place of employment, receive counseling regarding her anxiety and will take a case conceptual course. Dr. Cohen moved to accept her remediation plan with the provision of a letter from her therapist stating she is consistently going to therapy be submitted to the Board, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried.

Correspondence

Ms. Renee Armstead – Ms. Armstead is from Bowling Green, licensed in Illinois, Wisconsin, passed NCE and NCMHCE in 1999, eligible for the PC but is requesting to be grandfathered as a PCC, has 49 hours not 60. Dr. Cohen moved that Ms. Armstead must meet the educational requirements for a PCC but will license her as a PC, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried.

Ms. Michele Basista – Requested to take only the clinical portion of the exam. Mr. Williams moved that the test cannot be separated, seconded by Dr. Cohen. Carried.

Ms. Emily Gorenz – Requested to use out of state internship. Dr. Cohen moved that Ms. Gorenz needs 600 hours of internship total, 240 of the hours must be client hours, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried.

Ms. Julie Hienbaugh – Discussion held. Not pertinent to CPSC, Ms. Elliot will address a letter to Ms. Hienbaugh.

Ms. Cynthia Howard – Requesting a PC license without passing the exam, failed the exam 6 times. The law does not allow this request. Suggest Ms. Howard take a training in test strategy. Dr. Cohen moved to request her to develop a remediation plan including a book such as Encyclopedia of Counseling by Rosenthal, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried.

Ms. Rebekah Chilcote – Part of her internship was completed in Sri Lanka. Dr. Cohen moved to approve Ms. Chilcote's supervision plan, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried.

Mr. Larry Williams – Requesting a hardship since unable to find supervision. Dr. Cohen moved to deny his request and send a letter with a list of supervisors in his area and surrounding counties, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried.

Ms. Clancy Yaeger – Dr. Cohen moved to accept his past supervision, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried. Dr. Huss requests appropriate documentation be put in his file.

Ms. Elise Bhagwat – Licensed in Ohio in 1999 as a PC, moved with her military husband, licensed lapsed. Ms. Bhagwat was licensed in another state and wants to apply via endorsement in Ohio. Dr. Cohen moved she cannot be licensed per Ohio law she must take the exam, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried.

Break (10:45 am)

Return (11:00 am)

Ms. Melissa Freizinger – Licensed in the state of Massachusetts in 2001. Ms. Freizinger is requesting to be licensed by endorsement, she took the NCMCHE exam, and completed 3000 hours. Reviewed 4757-13-06. Dr. Cohen moved to approve licensure via endorsement as a PCC, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried.

Mr. Mulk Raj – Dr. Cohen moved to table till more information received about his licensure in other states, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried.

13. DEGREE REVIEWS:

Ms. Maria Tasker - Art Therapy Degree. Dr. Cohen moved to deny her degree, does not meet the educational requirements of the law, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried.

Mr. Peter Mesrin – Ms. Elliot will send a coursework sheet for Mr. Mesrin to complete. Held to discuss later but was not discussed.

Ms. Zoppetti completed additional course work and was licensed on 9/22/2006

Ms. Bernadette Zoppetti - Graduate of Goddard. Deficient coursework. Dr. Cohen moved Ms. Zoppetti needs to delineate specifically how courses meet the law, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried.

Dr. Cohen moved to form a task force inviting Professional Associations, Counselor Education Programs participation and the CPSC to review supervision issues, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried.

AASCB – Conference in January of 2006. If a program is submitted it will reduce the cost to attend. If two people are sent, Mr. Rough should be one of them. Dr. Huss and Dr. Cohen would like to attend and submit a supervision program. Dr. Cohen moved to submit a program proposal and to send three people, Dr. Cohen, Dr. Huss and Mr. Rough, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried.

Dr. Cohen moved for one person from each Professional Standards Committee meet with Mr. Rough to develop a Board orientation, seconded by Mr. Williams. Carried. Also this motion will be made in the full Board Meeting.

Dr. Huss thanked everyone for their hard work during a long meeting.

14. ADJOURNED

Dr. Cohen moved, Mr. Williams seconded. Carried.
11:44 am.

Dr. Susan Norris Huss
Chairperson

