



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

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### **State of Ohio Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting July 18, 2013**

**Members Present:** Otha Gilyard, Maureen Cooper, Terri Hamm, Mary Venrick and Christin Jungers

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

**Guests Present:** None

Due to the Board Retreat, via various visits to sites in the field, the Counselor Professional Standards Committee meeting began, later in the day. Cooper called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

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

Cooper stated that there'll be no executive committee meeting report, as they did not meet on Thursday.

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

#### **Counselor Trainee issues**

##### **Applicant I**

Gilyard moved to award Counselor Trainee (CT) status. Venrick seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Investigation Report**

Hegarty shared that a previous case has been appealed (the Board won).

He, then, passed out closed cases reviewed by Venrick and Cooper, thanking them for their work on the cases they reviewed.

Venrick moved to close the 5 cases that she reviewed based on the issues listed on the sheet. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

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Hegarty, then, passed out several proposed consent agreements.

Arthur Mandara

He is surrendering his license after failing his audit.

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

John Potter

He didn't, accurately, document his cases, properly. He's a PC-S. He won't be able to renew his supervising counselor designation, and, though, he will be counseling, he will not be able to be an agency director. Cooper moved to accept the consent agreement based on information obtained. Jungers seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Ehren Beil

Had sex with a, recently, terminated client. The agreement is a 2 year suspension and a mental health assessment. Venrick moved to accept the consent agreement. Jungers seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Michele Aluoch

She is a PCC-S that didn't do her supervision face to face. Her supervision designation is going to be suspended. Venrick moved to accept the agreement. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Counselor Trainee Issues (Revisited)**

Applicant II

Hamm requested a personal statement, and three (3) character references. Two (2) are to be employer references, and the final one is to come from a (full time, faculty) school professor, preferably, the academic advisor.

Applicant III

After reviewing the application, the committee agreed that the applicant was qualified/worthy for Counselor Trainee status. Jungers moved to award Counselor Trainee status. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion, as the motion passed, unanimously.

Applicant IV

The committee agreed that the applicant must complete the coursework sheet. Hamm recommended sharing with the applicant that she could graduate and get a job as a school

counselor, after which, she could enroll in a program that will accept her as an add-on for supplementary coursework for a school counselor to mental health practitioner track, if she wishes, as there are programs in Ohio that offer, such, supplemental packages.

The committee used the rest of their time to review programs & CEUs, that day.

**State of Ohio  
Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting  
July 19, 2013**

**Members Present:** Maureen Cooper, Mary Venrick, Terri Hamm, Otha Gilyard and Christin Jungers

**Staff Present:** Rena Elliott, Bill Hegarty, Tracey Hosom, Jim Rough, Paula Broome, Rhonda Franklin, and Simeon Frazier

**Guests Present:** Glenn Carr

Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

**Discussion and Approval of Agenda**

Cooper moved “Executive Committee report” to Friday.

Venrick moved to accept the agenda as amended. Jungers seconded

There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of May ‘13 Minutes**

In the “New Business” section, the word “attended” was replaced with “headed” to reflect the committee members that would take the lead at different sites for the Board Retreat.

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

**Counselor Application Coordinator’s Report**

Elliott reported that, since the last board meeting, Frazier processed 579 Counselor Trainee/Clinical Resident applications and that she had sent 129 Exam packets.

**Approval of Applications for Licensure**

**PC License**

Venrick moved to approve the 182 applications for LPC licensure. Gilyard seconded

There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **PCC License**

Cooper moved to approve the 58 applications for PCC licensure. Gilyard seconded  
There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Executive Committee Report**

Cooper reported that the board is waiting for 2 MFT, 1 LISW, and 1 LSW appointment to the board from last October. 3 CPSC members must re-apply.

The budget is in good shape. The health insurance went up approximately 16%, instead of the projected 30%.

The language regarding the temporary license rule is being discussed, as well as language regarding “temporary licenses due to transcript issues.”

Rough entered at 9:27am.

He shared that the social workers are discussing allowing a statute change (4757.23) that would allow for a license to be issued if a school demonstrates a student is making payments to the school and has a repayment plan, to have their transcript released to get their PC license.

Jungers moved to accept the language changes. Gilyard seconded

There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

The 10,000 word per hour discussion, the CEU committee and Rough agreed that they will write a synopsis with information that will be presented to JACARR.

Cooper asked the committee to, each; ask one thing that may be fodder for consideration to improve the board/profession, at the full board meeting.

### **Executive Director’s Report**

Rough reported that there are 2 appointment vacancies, and that some current members must re-apply.

Site visits went well for all three groups.

Rep. Sears’ bill 232 was published, Wednesday.

The budget reports for 2013 showed that there was an excess in funds.

The 2014-15 budget appropriation passed. He’s uncertain regarding the new licensing system.

The applied behavior in health email was sent to the committee. Cooper asked Rough to send it with an opening paragraph to give a synopsis regarding its relevance.

The ACA ethics code is on the agenda to be discussed.

The National Center for Health Workforce Analysis added “Counselors.” The OCA’s goal is to add all of the questions to the renewal process. It is not meant to track individual licensees. The medical and nursing boards have implemented it.

IT changes include new phones, and the VOIP is live, now.

The office has a new copier.

We’re getting 3% more application than we have in previous years.

He confirmed, for Gilyard, that we have the following numbers of different licensees:

PCC: 4,858

PC: 3,933

LISW: 7,962

LSW: 16,080

SWA: 584

Of the approximately 32,800 licensees, about 24,000 of them are Social Workers, and about 8,450 of them are Counselors.

Rough reported to Gilyard that Ohio's first time test taker passage rate for the NCE is 93%.

### **Old Business**

The committee discussed spousal supervisor relationships. They agreed that the relationships should be treated similarly to those of the clinician and the client.

Broome & Franklin entered at 10:22am

Carr shared a scenario, of which he's aware, where a psychologist ran a treatment center. His wife was the head of the agency and his supervisee was his girlfriend. The new psychology rule forbade them from having sex. The dynamic of the relationship, then, changed.

The committee discussed student/educator relationships. Hamm asked if the board could go after the position of a counseling educator if they don't have jurisdiction over the school. The committee agreed that they'd support the role, but identify that they have no jurisdiction over the role of "counselor educator."

Gilyard shared that it's understood that it's not appropriate, but being mindful that there are, occasionally, in these types of situations, where ends up being healthy. He stated that, generally, the answer should be "No," though, and it's agreeable as a policy, but they couldn't support non-jurisdictional issues.

### **Audit Concerns**

Broome & Franklin shared that the committee should make a decision regarding the supervision credential.

It was discussed that to resume the supervision credential, one must do 12, post-surrender, CEU hours in order to be eligible to re-apply. It would be flagged, so it would be identifiable when they re-apply, so they may not use old hours.

Broome, also, shared that the committee denied a previously-approved program, because an MFT was the instructor.

She shared that counselors are having a tough time relative to social workers and marriage & family therapists, when it comes to the subjects of audits & renewals. The profession must learn that the NBCC isn't a pre-approved provider (the NASW & NMFT are) and counselors are frustrated with having to do a post-program approval form.

Hamm shared that the practice of counseling is different than the practice of Social Work, so these won't be the same blanket approval.

Franklin shared that it would be beneficial if programs asked for approval for all 3 licenses, as opposed to 1, i.e. the Social Work license.

## **New Business**

### *Supervising Counselor Designation*

The supervising counselor designation was discussed, whereby provisions could, possibly, have the credential be transferred to Ohio, from another state with the out-of-state license (or, if the hours were acquired out of state)

### *Internship CACREP Policy*

With a school counseling degree, the coursework requirement must, still, qualify from a coursework standpoint, including a 600 hour internship. The “add-on” programs will, also, help out of state applicants. This would be on a case by case basis.

Carr shared that the American Psychological Association Insurance Trust are, now, insuring different types of licensees.

The NASW split off from the American Professional group who are, also, insuring other types of licensees (i.e. APA)

The committee discussed that this new information may go into the newsletter.

He said that he saw lots of negative things regarding the DSM5 and that the ICD-10 seems to be where Medicaid is going. He asked what the Ohio schools were teaching?

The committee suggested, for the time being, that schools are making their own decisions with how and what to teach when it comes to the DSM-5 and the ICD-10 codes.

## **Remediation Plans**

### *Lisa Dorner-Zupanic*

She didn't pass the NCE after 3 attempts. Her supervisor asked that the committee accept Dr. Jennifer Durham consulting with the applicant regarding her test anxiety, and work on problem areas, counselors companion, work with groups, independent study, and additional correspondence between meetings.

Hamm suggested a preparation workshop. Cooper recommended an EMDR therapist to help deal with her anxiety/trauma.

Hamm suggested dealing with content and anxiety issues, both. Gilyard shared that culture difference may be more challenging to overcome.

The committee's recommendation is for her to take a workshop addressing content and seek professional counseling to address anxiety, in addition to her remediation plan.

## **Correspondence**

### *Mr. Carl Rak*

He's a PCC-S & Psychologist writing on behalf of a student with a non-qualifying degree. The committee agrees that the degree prevents her from getting licensed as a PC, in Ohio.

### *Mallory Jefferson*

This is a hardship request for supervision in Wood County. The committee agrees to deny the request.

Robert Hoopingarner

He is requesting to waive the requirement to pass the exam. The committee agreed to deny the request.

Megan Rockford

The committee agreed that, as of 7/19/13, all 10 supervision of supervision hours will now count towards the Training supervisee requirements.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Maureen Cooper, LPCC-S  
Maureen Cooper, Chair