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State of Ohio Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting September 20, 2012

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: Laney Preston (Intern, Ohio University), Julie Arnold (Counselor Trainee), Phillip Green (Counselor Trainee, Ohio University)

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

The guests and the members introduced themselves to each other. All were introduced to new member, Christin Jungers.

Cooper appointed Jungers to be the CEU committee liaison.

Discussion/Approval of Agenda

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

Investigation Report

Hegarty shared the investigative process to Jungers, then, he passed out a listing of the cases reviewed by Venrick and Cooper.

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

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

Michael Tesler

He is a PC that, admittedly, falsified case notes. He'll be reprimanded and monitored. He'll select a monitor that must, first, be approved, by the board. He'll also go to personal counseling.

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

Mark Wagner

He is a PCC-S that had sex with the relative of a current client. His license will be suspended for 3 years, and he must attend counseling, semi-monthly, for 3 months. Cooper confirmed with Hegarty that it would be 3 years from the date the agreement was accepted (9/20/12). She also confirmed that once the sanction is satisfied then the supervision will be lifted, and he'll, once again, be able to practice.

She wanted a re-entry process to be mandated. Hegarty shared that she can't add to the consent agreement. He, then, educated the committee regarding all that is available to the public as a result of this sanction.

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

Proposal Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing

Hegarty educated Jungers regarding the process of the notice of opportunity for hearings. Gilyard moved to issue the notice of opportunity for the hearing. Venrick seconded.

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

Hegarty shared that 2012-17 will be issued, and that the name of the person in question is "Eugene Buckhammer."

Cooper opened the floor to questions from the guests.

The group of guests had Hegarty confirm that "A.E.G." stood for "Assistant Attorney General."

The investigatory process was, then, explained to the guests.

Hegarty shared that there are 200-300 complaints a year, and that they types of cases that are seen, for counselors, are down, but the cases, overall, is up.

Hegarty, Hosom, and Tingle left at 9:45am.

Executive Committee Report

Cooper reported that the new appointments were made and introduced.

The budget issues were discussed. 2013, health insurance costs are expected to rise by 30%.

The bill is moving along and is expected to pass.

The Art therapy bill therapists have been meeting with the OCS and the NASW. They're proposing a separate professional standards committee that won't meet when the official board meets. They won't be added to the board's title, but would use office space, and have access to the board staff.

Hamm confirmed that it hadn't been determined regarding whether or not an art therapist still required the supervision of a PCC or an LISW.

Hamm shared that their training and credential isn't similar, so diagnosing and treating should be discouraged without supervision.

Rough entered at 10:03am, and confirmed that the bill/their request, is that they received supervision from an independent mental health professional "when diagnosing." It seems as if, once diagnosis is established, treatment may be done sans supervision from a PCC/LISW/Psychologist/Psychiatrist.

Hamm confirmed that their license allows them to do "Art Therapy" vs. allowing them to diagnose and treat.

The discussion went towards whether or not it's likely to, then seek independent licensure including Diagnosis & Treatment sans supervision, and how that would/wouldn't work, logistically.

Cooper confirmed that 10,000 words/hour will be the standard toward which the committee continues to move, in spite of the disapproval of a minority interest.

There'll be an ad hoc committee to determine the agenda of the planning meeting.

The AAG office is working on defining "moral turpitude." The agenda is to increase the availability of "appropriate" felons to be allowed into the field.

Rough reported that the statute reads that a licensed art therapist may diagnose and treat, but only, diagnose under the supervision of a Psychologist, Psychiatrist, LISW, or PCC. Hamm confirmed that treatment is sans the supervision requirement, and that the language legitimizes art therapy as being sufficient sole treatment of mental and emotional disorders.

Hamm shared that Art therapy works very well with certain clients, but there are other demographics where it doesn't work as well, so she's uncomfortable with the treatment being unsupervised.

Rough agreed that this makes sense, but the diagnosing supervisor should be able to determine if art therapy is appropriate for treatment for their diagnosis. It could be addressed in the statute.

Hamm confirmed with Gilyard that, as long as they have Nation certification, the law would allow out of state licensed art therapists being able to get licensed in Ohio, sans additional coursework.

The committee took a break at 10:43 and returned at 10: 55am.

Green left at 10:50

Counselor Trainee Issues

September-12-01

The committee wants to see an assessment that includes a diagnosis, prognosis, and a recommended treatment plan. Cooper is to be notified when it is received, to avoid having to wait for the committee to meet again for a decision.

September-12-02

The committee agrees that, since the applicant has responsibilities to the legal system, and because the incident occurred so recently, they recommend that she apply

later. They want to encourage the applicant to re-apply when further removed from the offense, and has satisfied legal requirements.

September-12-03

The committee agrees to award Counselor Trainee status.

September-12-04

The committee is inclined to agree with the school, and will, consequently, approve Counselor Trainee status.

The committee broke for lunch at 11:42am, and returned at 1:18am.

Lacey left at 11:50am

Art Therapy (Continued)

Rough shared that he spoke, briefly, with Don and what's written is what was intended. The intention is to do a scope of practice to do art therapy vs. diagnosing and treating mental and emotional disorders. A "Certified Therapist" is a "Licensed Art therapist," and diagnosis will be supervised. To do treatment, independently, additional coursework will be required.

Still, treatment of mental and emotional disorders must have competency secured beyond art therapy, as a side treatment.

Remediation Plans

Tiesha McEwen

She used several counselors as tutors, study guides, audio recordings, and an NCE Prep course.

Gilyard shared that he believes that she should seek areas/sites where supervision is strong.

Hamm suggested a study class where materials are in a book form.

Cooper suggested auditing classes in areas where she's shown to be weaker.

The committee strongly recommends taking a course or workshop that guarantees passage with a money back guarantee. Though they didn't endorse the company, they identified that Kaplan is one such company.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 1:38pm.

**State of Ohio
Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting
September 21, 2012**

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

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

Guests Present: Amber Casey (Counselor Trainee, Ohio University), Julie Arnold (Counselor Trainee, Ashland Theological Seminary), Matt Paylo (OCA), Thelma greaser (OCA), Eric Francis (Student, Ohio University), Sanquinett Riley (Counselor Trainee, Ohio University), Gerard Grigsbey (Counselor Trainee, Ohio University), Kaely Vance (Counselor Trainee, Ohio University), Glenn Karr

Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

Discussion and Approval of Agenda

Cooper added "CEU Report."

Gilyard moved to accept the agenda as amended. Jungers seconded

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

Approval of March '12 Minutes

There were no amendments to the minutes.

Venrick moved to accept the minutes, as presented. 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 614 Counselor Trainee/Clinical Resident applications and that she had sent 159 Exam packets.

In July, there were 62 candidates for the NCE. 58 passed, and 4 were unsuccessful. There were 51 candidates for the NCMHCE. 35 passed, and 16 were unsuccessful.

In August, there were 74 candidates for the NCE 67 passed and 7 were unsuccessful. There were 54 candidates for the NCMHCE 36 passed and 18 were unsuccessful.

CEU Report

Jungers reported that Paula Broome shared the CEU audit issues. They'll be processed for audit modification, sending post cards to get them to download needed forms. Supervision course content must be determined, clearer, for counselors and social workers.

The 10,000 word/hour issue was discussed, further. It was approved via majority decision.

Extensions for CEUs were discussed, i.e. cancer patients, deployed soldiers, etc.

"Approved providers with expired status still providing programs" was a topic that required discussion regarding how to discipline.

The Counselor committee stated that they already discussed that they'd levy a fine, but it's not, yet, in the rule.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Training Supervision

Training supervision is understood to be training to handle clients as opposed to work supervision: rules & regulations at the site. The language was discussed.

Hamm shared that the committee discussed adding another piece to discuss the supervisor-supervisee relationship, also, she questioned the title "Clinical Resident" as a title, but the strongest concern is making sure that the supervisor-supervisee, adding to the last sentence "and/or supervisor/supervisee relationship" at the end (making it less wordy).

Cooper recommended removing "CT/CR" and stating "Ultimately, 'Training Supervision'" is designed to develop counselor trainee and clinical residents.

Hamm recommended replacing "about."

Greaser asked how it will impact some of the workshops that discuss the role of administrative supervision.

Hamm shared that the workshop providers can work on their working to, still, meet the law.

Rough entered a 9:43am

Executive Director's Report

Rough distributed the Art Therapist bill proposal highlights that he believes will be discussed at the full board meeting that they, all, will attend.

Hamm confirmed that the clinical endorsement allows the art therapist to treat without supervision, but the treatment is within the context of Art Therapy.

Cooper questioned whether or not the treatment may only be within the context of art therapy.

The committee agrees that enough isn't clear.

Hamm asked how the ADA and ATCB Board define "Art Therapy."

Rough will confirm

Gilyard recommended adding/understanding regarding House Bill 567 regarding that this is something that will occur, but that the board cannot prevent.

Rough discussed the technical amendments with the senate bill that will need to occur.

Hamm confirmed that, at the highest level, the art therapist's license, relatively speaking, will be the equivalent of the PC license.

There are 3 new board members, with 1 returning. 5 board members will come up on 10/10/12. Venrick's the only one that is up for re-appointment and he believes she'll be re-appointed.

With regard to the 5 year rule review, changes were filed with the common sense initiative. All were approved. 4757-9-04 had questions.

Regarding the planning meeting, cultural competency and diversity was added to ethics of social workers.

The investigative liaison training is being sought. There's a national organization that offers one and the Attorney General's office will set one up, too.

HB 567 was discussed.

It was asked how the board & staff could, more effectively provide services to consumers.

"Moral Turpitude" has been defined, but not well defined.

The Auditor's report came back, and it went well.

Approval of PC Applicants

There are 131 PC applicants

Venrick moved to approve the list of 131 PC applicants. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of PCC Applicants

There are 50 PCC applicants

Hamm moved to approve the list of 50 PCC applicants. Venrick seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Jim Staneluis

He expressed concern that there are only 15 allowable for one to accumulate, online.

The reply will be sent identifying that the policy will continue as it stands.

Chris Gerber

Proposing that we accept his PC-S's supervision since it was completed during the grand parenting period.

The committee agreed to accept.

Mimi Dommie

She is a PCC that supervised another PCC for the “Supervision of Supervision” portion of the supervising counselor designation application. The committee discussed whether or not there is value in it. It’s agreed that it’s valuable, but the language may need to be clearer so it’s understood on the front end.

The mention of the rule should be discussed, but the rule won’t be changed to include a more narrow definition, unless there are more applications with similar problems. It’ll be avoided, but applications with social worker trainees, LSW, MFTs etc. are to be reviewed by the committee.

Tonnette Ewing

She’s a member of Wilberforce’s rehab program and wants credit for her internship towards her PC licensure application. She’s not able to provide proof for diagnosing and treating mental and emotional disorders with her clinical coursework.

The board denied her request.

Art Therapy (Continued)

Cooper re-read the proposal for the discussion per the 9/20/12 meeting.

They discussed that the value of art therapy is as a modality, and as an entity with equity consideration with the PC/SW/MFT, it would, possibly splinter the profession.

Ultimately, the vote would be “No.”

The committee was reminded that they may only protect the public, and not advocate for the OCA.

Gilyard left at 11:10am

The concern with “Splintering the profession” was discussed in terms of the potential of confusing the public.

Greaser shared that the modality of Art Therapy isn’t a license and, per the American Therapy Association, only 5 states have an Art Therapy License.

Jungers found a definition of Art Therapy per the Art Therapy Credentials Board’s (ATCB). In their definition, it does not include diagnosing and treating mental and emotional disorders.

Greaser shared that, of the 5 states that have the Art Therapists license, in Wisconsin, they’re still required to take the NCE.

It was shared that in Pennsylvania, the art therapist’s license are PCs per their law’s allowance.

Greaser shared that they’re not licensed art therapists; they’re art therapists, licensed as PCs.

Arnold suggested that there is a bias in the language being used. “Only” when stating the Art Therapists are “only” asking, etc. is misleading by trivializing the resistance to the concept.

The committee discussed that the consumer doesn’t often know the difference between a counselor and a therapist with regard to the broad scope of training of a counselor vs. the select training of a therapist.

It was also suggested that the “Counseling language” is being used in their bill proposal, as there’s no implied assurance that the scope of practice won’t be blurred, particularly, if the ethical guidelines haven’t been established.

The committee discussed that a large part of incentive behind this is to protect the Art Therapist’s identity.

They also discussed that diagnosing and treating mental and emotional disorders is inappropriate for this license, given the training.

They will propose to vote “No, given their prepared statement and the ATCB definition.” With the exception that it’ll be less offensive to not identify that it’s not a profession, but they will only identify it as a modality.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Maureen Cooper, Chair