



Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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Counselor Professional Standards Committee Special Meeting October 27, 2005

Members present were: Dr. Randi Cohen, Dr. Susan Huss, Mr. Jan White.

Staff present: Ms. Rena Elliott, Mr. James Rough.

Guest present: Jason McGlothlin, Past President, OACES; Lynne G. Miller, President, OACES; Dr. Susan Sears, PCC; Amanda Sines, Lobbyist OCA; Carolyn Towner, Lobbyist, OCA.

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Huss at 9:05 a.m.

Agenda: Was approved by the committee members.

Many issues were discussed in great detail as summarized below.

1. **PC/PCC Examination:** Discussion ensued regarding a two-tier examination. The guests expressed their various concerns regarding the validity and reliability of a two tier examination and the fact that the board had recently changed the counselor examination in 2004. Dr. Sears presented information on the beginning stages of the board, as one of the first board members. Ms. Lynne Miller, president OACES, expressed concerns regarding examination and supervision as follows:
 - A second tier exam might result in less independent counselors
 - Requirement of current PCs having supervision completed by 12/31/07.
 - Ms. Miller asked the question-Why is a 2nd examination needed? Mr. Rough stated the exam shows minimal competency to be eligible for the license.
 - She questioned the validity and reliability set for this examination. Must have a test that is defensible. Mr. Rough answered that additional validity and reliability information would be requested from NBCC.
2. **Supervision-Practicum:** Can PC's provide supervision? Yes, this course does not entail the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders. The rule states: (C) The practicum, in all cases, must be under the direction of a qualified faculty member. After June 30, 2000, the faculty member must be a professional clinical counselor or professional counselor.
3. **Supervision-Internship:** Site- The board does not have control over the sites where this training occurs.

- Faculty-the Committee had previously approved the following language addition to 4757-13-01: (b) The supervised internship must be no less than six hundred hours of which two hundred forty hours must be in direct services which include the diagnosis and treatment of mental & emotional disorders and conditions, or conforms to current (CACREP) or (CORE) internship requirements, if those standards are greater. The committee added a change in the rule that states: **Two hundred forty hours of direct services which includes the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders shall be supervised by a licensed professional clinical counselor with the supervision designation.** This language answered the questions that allow an LPC on site supervisor to supervise the non-clinical portion of the internship.
- 4. Post PC supervision - The rules are clear that all supervision shall be provided by PCC's in rule 4757-13-03. Also rule 4757-13-04 only applies to pre-1998 graduates and applies different standards. The committee needs further discussion on the requirements for live/taped observations and other criteria to strengthen the teaching of clinical counseling.
- 5. Group supervision - The committee agreed to modify the 4757-17-01(C)(05) section to clear up the ambiguity of "five supervisees registered at one time" as some internship students are not registered with the Board. The following change was proposed: "A board approved supervisor shall not supervise more than five interns or other supervisees."
- 6. Counselor Trainee - The Committee agreed to clarify the enrollment of CTs to the educational institutions and others.
- 7. Degrees - The committee approved Ms. Elliott to respond to all non-counselor degree applicants or questions that they do not hold a counseling degree, but if the applicant feels as though their degree meets the requirements spelled out in the Ohio Administrative Code, they can complete the matrix of courses and provide the full information for review by the committee.
- 8. Faculty licensure requirements: The Committee agreed to change 4757-13-01. Mr. Rough and Dr. Huss to work together on proposed changes. The idea being to break out which courses should be taught by PC/PCC faculty members.
- 9. CEU's: A CEU question was raised for a program that taught ethical supervision. Could the course be used to meet both supervision and ethic hour requirement. The committee agreed that it could be used for either but the individual would need 3 separate hours for ethics and 6 for supervision.
- 10. Dual relationship supervision question: Ms. Cohen raised the issue of the multiple relationship rule change in 4757-5-01 and the committee approved the following change: When a multiple relationship **is first recognized or** cannot be avoided, counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists shall take appropriate professional precautions, such as informed consent, consultation, supervision, and documentation to ensure that judgment is not impaired and that no exploitation occurs.

11. Board meeting - The committee discussed the following options which if adopted might provide more time for policy issues rather than processing paper flow:
 - Review the CAVU checklist as completed by Ms. Elliott from the applicant(s) who graduated from approved programs with counseling degrees and will not need a page by page review. Ms. Elliott will highlight any questionable files.
 - The Committee will work with Ms. Elliott to provide baseline responses to most correspondence.
 - Dr. Huss will discuss with the CEU Committee having Ms. Miller approve the Provider applications that meet all requirements and only provide those to the committees for review that don't meet the requirements.
 - The Committee discussed having additional special meetings, which would allow a full day to discuss the rule changes, policy issues, examination issues raised by committee members, staff and/or licensees.

12. The committee received information on a Katrina victim who was asking for licensure along with a request for help from a state legislator. The committee agreed to license her as a PC with the requirement that she complete 12 semester hours of coursework approved by the board by December 31, 2007. The committee approved a consent agreement that lays out the terms which was approved by AAG Casey.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Susan Norris Huss
Chairperson