



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

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### **State of Ohio Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting November 17, 2011**

**Members Present:** Ms. Maureen Cooper, Dr. Terri Hamm, Dr. Victoria Kress, Dr. Otha Gilyard, and Mrs. Mary Venrick

**Staff Present:** Mr. James Rough, Ms. Tracey Hosom and Mr. Simeon Frazier

**Guests Present:** None

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

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

#### **Executive Committee Report**

Venrick reported that Senate Bill 5, in the form of Issue 2, failed. Beginning 3/26/12, the board will be able to hire a new staff member.

The expected unspent balance for FY2011 was higher than Rough anticipated.

“Continued Competency” was discussed. As a group, counselors rejected it.

They are working on how to make CEUs more effective.

The “CEU Audit Fine” statute changes are in the works.

“Genetic Counselors” are now licensed by the Medical Board.

The 4757.41 exception for Ohio Rehabilitation Health Services was discussed.

#### **Counselor Trainee Issues**

##### ***BA/Masters student at Lindsey Wilson***

The Committee agreed that it is Lindsey Wilson’s decision and wouldn’t affect the licensure as long as it’s reflected on a graduate transcript.

##### ***Applicant NOV-001***

The Committee considered having her engage in an assessment to determine whether or not she may be impaired, given the pattern of irresponsibility. In the spirit of protecting the public, the committee wants it to be at an independent drug & alcohol facility.

Gilyard expressed concerns that the committee may be hindering someone that may be, legitimately, trying to turn a page in their life, and do some good by making a healthy decision.

The committee shared that they are concerned that there may be other issues, and that this happened within the five year window that is usually considered.

According to her personal statement, the committee believes that the applicant seems to have minimized the perception of her offense, and is still under the conditions of her suspended sentence through 2015.

The Committee left to attend a hearing at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

Hosom entered at 2:30 p.m.

The Committee agreed to continue discussing this applicant's NOV-001 case on Friday 11/18/11.

Cooper left for a CEU committee meeting at 2:35 p.m.

The committee reviewed CE programs and CE provider applications until Cooper returned to discuss the CEU committee report.

Cooper returned at 3:36 p.m.

### **CEU Committee Report**

Cooper reported that the committee discussed continuing competency, but the movement is pending feedback from OSU.

The survey results from programs continue to be good.

Although 10,000 words/hour was approved, the rule hasn't been filed, and won't be until Rough gathers more information.

Rough found a website to gauge wpm use: [www.studygs.net/reading.htm](http://www.studygs.net/reading.htm) . The site also includes study tips.

Rhonda Franklin is getting a lot of program approval requests. One applicant submitted 3 5-hour programs for 1 day.

They are wondering if/how to limit the number of hours/day one may accumulate CEU hours. Franklin is asking providers to list the number of hours and dates of participation on the CEU completion certificate.

There was a complaint of a Christian based CEU, because it didn't include the scope of other religions. The committee agreed that CEU selection is voluntary, and they're not required to take the CEU if they don't wish. They may always take another.

Elite Continuing Ed. Offered for a couple committee members to take their online CEU to evaluate it.

The committee continues to work on language for volunteers looking to get credit for volunteering with organizations like FEMA and Red Cross, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

**State of Ohio  
Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting  
November 18, 2011**

**Members Present:** Dr. Terri Hamm, Ms. Maureen Cooper, Ms. Mary Venrick, Dr. Otha Gilyard and Dr. Victoria Kress

**Staff Present:** Mrs. Rena Elliott, Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Mr. Jim Rough and Mr. Simeon Frazier

**Guests Present:** Glen Karr

Venrick called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**Discussion and Approval of Agenda**

Cooper moved to accept the agenda. Gilyard seconded

During the discussion, Cooper added “Applicant NOV-001, continuation” to “Old Business” the motion passed, unanimously.

**Investigative Report**

Hegarty passed out cases recommended for closure.

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

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

Hegarty requested that the committee affirm the new investigative liaison since Kress is leaving the board.

Kress moved that Cooper serve as back up liaison. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed, unanimously.

Hegarty requested that the committee enter Executive Session

The committee entered executive session, with a roll call vote of “Yes” at 9:06 a.m., and returned at 9:11 a.m.

Hegarty requested that the committee vote on a consent agreement for Jennifer Greulich. Kress moved that the committee issue a consent agreement to Jennifer Greulich. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed, unanimously.

Hegarty requested the committee request an Impairment Evaluation for case number 2011-187

Kress moved that the committee request an impairment evaluation for case number 2011-187. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed, unanimously.

Hegarty requested that the committee issue a Notice of Hearing for case number 2011-171  
Kress moved that the committee issue a Notice of Hearing for case number 2011-171

Hegarty announced that this will be for “Darla White”

Hamm entered at 9:14 a.m.

Hegarty, Hosom & Tingle left at 9:15 a.m.

### **Approval of September ‘11 Minutes**

Kress moved to approve the minutes. Gilyard seconded.

During the discussion,

*Kress issued the following revisions:*

In the *Executive Committee report*, “Appropriate Continuing Education” was added, to read “Kress, speaking for herself, believes that it complicates the ability to assess appropriate continuing education and it invites more ambiguity.”

“...and focus on earning an art therapy credential” was added to read “The committee believed that the Art Therapists should come in as counselors and focus on earning an Art therapy credential.”

“Licensed” and “...and seek Art therapy credentialing” was added to read: “Kress shared that there are strength in numbers and that it makes more sense for the Art Therapists to become licensed counselors, and seek Art Therapy credentialing.”

In the “Debra Cypryla” section of “CT issues”, “...is at times unable or” was added to read “Kress shared that it shows that she is, at times, unable or unwilling to use self-control via basic anger management skills.”

In the “Counselor Application Coordinator Report” section, “Curriculum wise, and” replaced “and the data supports” to read “Kress shared that the State of Ohio is strong, curriculum wise, and it’s one of the most stringent with regards to the requirements in the country.”

In the “CACREP Language” section of “Old Business,” “Legislative advisory committees” was added to read “Kress pass out proposed wording of new CACREP requirement language. It was supported by the OCA legislative advisory committees & OACES.”

“...and have concerns about seeking CACREP accreditation” was added to read “The Methodist theological Seminary (METHESCO) was not in favor of it, as they’re theologically based and have concerns about seeking CACREP accreditation.”

“...had concerns about requiring CACREP” was added to read “Wright State University (WSU) representative, Steve Fortson, spoke with Kress about the CACREP requirements and had concerns about requiring CACREP.”

There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of PC Applicants**

Cooper moved to approve the list of 79 PC applicants. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of PCC Applicants**

Kress moved to approve the list of 49 PCC applicants. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Counselor Application Coordinator's Report**

Elliott reported that Frazier processed 612 Counselor Trainee/Clinical Resident applications and that she had sent 114 Exam packets.

In September, there were 25 candidates for the NCE. 22 passed, and 3 were unsuccessful. There were 22 candidates for the NCMHCE. 15 passed, and 7 were unsuccessful.

In October, there were 43 candidates for the NCE 38 passed and 5 were unsuccessful. There were 36 candidates for the NCMHCE 27 passed and 9 were unsuccessful.

Kress asked the pass rate percentage for the NCMHCE, and talked about whether or not the cut rate should be raised. She encouraged the committee to continue to discuss it.

Glenn Karr entered at 9:19 a.m.

### **Old Business**

#### *Applicant NOV-001 (Continued)*

The committee offered concern that she's had no drug & alcohol treatment and whether or not an assessment is a good idea.

Karr suggested that her CT approval is contingent upon her successful completion of a program & revoke CT status if violating the suspended sentence.

Kress was concerned that the government (courts) says she can't be released from her legal obligations, totally, without be monitored (suspended sentence stipulation), but the committee may, still, give her CT status.

Cooper suggests the right thing is to back up the legal system.

Gilyard stated that he's concerned that there aren't a lot of people that are "squeaky clean," and the committee should consider that when looking at this case. He wants to be consistent. Cooper moved to deny Counselor Trainee status until the court mandated legal obligations are fulfilled.

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

Hosom entered at 9:40 a.m.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Rough reported that the newly appointed MFT public member will not accept a new position due to the appearance of a conflict of interest. Rough & the Governor's office don't really see one.

The new draft of the statute change has been forwarded, under Professional Corporation statute sections Licenses with professional boards are addressed, OTPTAT are addressed, (physical therapists are addressed, but occupational therapists are not).

Rep. Sears is taking over for Rep. Gonzales for our bill. Sears is in leadership.

Senate Bill 5, in the form of Issue 2 was defeated, so the budget is now clear. The revenue goals should be met.

All FY2011 funds weren't spent.

Governor Strickland required that Board members complete a Board ethics training. Gov.

Kasich stated that it will be done, but only germane to the specifics of that particular board. It will be shortened, concentrated, and executed every year.

## **Correspondence**

### *Nancy Forsyth*

Hamm wanted to know why this isn't an endorsement. He's a Capella student that believed that his program was acceptable.

Kress shared that Capella has had some course deficiencies and the students are ultimately suffering.

Kress shared that there are online programs, like Walden, that seem to be doing a good job.

Kress moved to request to have Forsythe apply under the PCC endorsement. The motion was withdrawn.

Hamm moved to grant the PCC via endorsement. Kress seconded. During discussion, Hamm verified that the courses taken for clinical experience met the requirements is confirmed in her file. The motion passed unanimously.

Karr left at 10:01 a.m.

### *Stacey Shumway Rollins*

Kress moved to deny her request for all 30 hours to be accumulated, online. Cooper seconded. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed, unanimously.

### *Emanuel G. Werner*

Kress moved to deny the request for an LISW supervise hours and send a list of supervising counselors in his area. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed, unanimously.

Elliott entered at 10:02 a.m.

## **New Business**

### *NBCC Contract*

Gilyard moved to negotiate to lower the NCBB testing rates. Cooper seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Gilyard shared that it's important to make sure that the test is a good test, and that the students are in a position to pass the test.

5 Year Rule Review

Kress shared that the last committee came in at 8 a.m. and stayed until 4-5 p.m. and went over the rules, word for word, the last time this came up. The committee wants to know the deadline to have the rule review finished.

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Cooper and Hamm discussed reducing the requirement of 6 hours of Supervision CEUS for supervising counselors as it may be redundant for those that have the training. 3 hours was the recommendation. The committee will put it up for public opinion.

Kress recommended, strongly, that the committee maintain strong communication with the professional organizations and the rest of the counseling community to avoid misperceptions and to encourage good will.

Kress left at 11:05 a.m.

The committee continued to work on programs and CEUs until the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

  
Chair, Counselor Professional Standards Committee