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State of Ohio Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting November 15, 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: None

Due to the hearing, earlier, that morning, Cooper called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Discussion/Approval of Agenda

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

Executive Committee Report

Cooper reported that the new appointments were made, including former Secretary of State Brunner, on the Social Work Committee.

The Budget for rent, this year, looks good.

HB 567 won't get done, this year.

Jungers confirmed that the dates won't be compromised in the bill.

The American Association of State Counseling Boards will be in New Orleans during January. 2 may go. Jungers and Cooper are considering attending.

Cooper appointed Venrick to the July Planning Committee.

There were comments on the rules by "The Ohio Council" that they are concerned that "administration of practice" CEUs aren't being offered. It must be discussed.

Hamm shared that the definition of "Supervision" was already approved.

Regarding the Art Therapy Bill, the conversation with Senator Oelslager included a feeling that the senator was surprised that the board had a negative stance on it, since the senatorial committee felt that they were on board with it.

Rough entered at 1:52 p.m. to drop off Program reviews (Universities)

Cooper shared, with Rough, that Jungers and she are interested in attending the conference in New Orleans. Rough shared that it's up to the board, but he's gone, in the past. If they'd rather go, it's fine. He prefers a board member to go. The committee agreed to have Rough and Cooper go.

CEU Committee Report

Hamm reported that "Elite Continuing Education" is opposing the 10,000 word/minute requirement, as the NBCC only requires 4,000 words/minute, and they believe that the increased word count will end up costing everyone else, more.

The committee shared that this is already in motion, and will not be adjusted.

Jungers shared that it would be undercutting what is supposed to be achieved within an hour if they (the committee) ask for less than that.

A Continuing competencies meeting will be attended by Rough at the Ohio State University.

Paula Brome discussed CEU issues regarding providers that are putting out inappropriate programs. Under the "Pre-approved Provider" issued number.

The Social Workers were given wording for "supervision CEUs" that the counselors approved.

The question was asked regarding "should we be accepting CEUs for programs on Bed Bugs?" Hamm shared that it was unacceptable, if there is no clinical component.

Hegarty entered at 2:22 p.m. with Hosom and Tingle

Investigation Report

Hegarty reported that he anticipates a PC Denial hearing in January '13.

He passed out a question he received regarding "How to do referrals," for the committee to discuss. He shared that Hosom is working on a "Text Box" that will be imposed on the public documents of disciplined licensees to indicate when consent agreement or other requirements are completed.

He, then, passed out cases recommended for closure since the last board meeting.

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

Venrick moved to close Cooper's one case, which she reviewed. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Hegarty requested that the board enter executive session, per 4757.38 of the Ohio administrative code to discuss an investigation matter, via a roll call vote. All committee members answered the call with "aye."

The Committee went into executive session at 2:27 p.m. and returned at 2:35 p.m. The committee agreed to reconvene executive session at 3 p.m.

Hegarty, Tingle & Hosom left the room at 2:36p.m. and returned, with Rough, at 3 p.m.

Hegarty requested that the board enter executive session, per 4757.38 of the Ohio administrative code to discuss an investigation matter, via a roll call vote. All committee members answered the call with "aye."

The committee re-entered executive session at 3 p.m. and returned at 3:23 p.m. Gilyard moved that Mr. Eugene Burkhamer be restricted from practice with children or address clients younger than 18 years of age, either, as an individual identified client, or in a family counseling setting. Venrick seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Hegarty, Tingle, Hosom, and Rough left at 3:24 p.m.

Counselor Trainee Issues

Nov-01

The committee agreed that Counselor Trainee status may be awarded.

Nov-02

The committee agreed that Counselor Trainee status may be awarded.

Nov-03

The committee agreed that Counselor Trainee status may be awarded.

The committee spent the remainder of their time reviewing referrals.

State of Ohio Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting November 16, 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: Thelma Greaser (OCA), Glenn Karr, Mary Sender & Michelle Tarsitano-Amato (Buckeye Art Therapy Association)

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

Discussion and Approval of Agenda

Cooper added "Referral issue" and "OCBH Letter" to "New Business"
Gilyard moved to accept the agenda as amended. Jungers seconded
There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Applications for Licensure

PC License

Gilyard moved to approve the 64 applications for PC licensure. Jungers seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

PCC License

Gilyard moved to approve the 43 applications for PCC licensure. Venrick 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 435 Counselor Trainee/Clinical Resident applications and that she had sent 76 Exam packets.

In September, there were 33 candidates for the NCE. 30 passed, and 3 were unsuccessful. There were 46 candidates for the NCMHCE. 39 passed, and 7 were unsuccessful.

In October, there were 31 candidates for the NCE 19 passed and 12 were unsuccessful. At the time of the meeting, Elliott had, yet, to receive the September report for the NCMHCE results, from the NBCC.

Approval of September '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.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Correspondence

Deborah Gooden Blade (via Jason)

The committee discussed that Capella graduates have been having problems with Ohio licensure. It was discussed that some Capella syllabi were reviewed and found lacking so the committee started denying students, PC Licensure. The school advertised CACREP accreditation, but the syllabi for several core courses were found lacking certain elements. The committee decided that he'll need to take the courses to meet the requirements. They shared that they sympathized for the students' difficulty, but they believe that anything further is beyond the scope of the board's role.

Vanessa Stergio

Elliott confirmed that the hours that she asked to be counted occurred after her Master's degree and included the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders, but prior to the award of her PC license in May '12.

The hours were not Post-PC, and she's applying under the current requirements. At the Mental Health agency, where she worked, she was diagnosing and treating. Cooper and Hamm felt inclined to award the license. That ended up being the committee's decision.

Glenn Karr entered at 9:54 a.m. Hamm left at 9:56 a.m.

Buckeye Art Therapy Association (BATA)

Mary Sender & Michelle Tarsitano-Amato shared that they've been a provider since 1987. Sender said that she's always submitted paperwork, and found out, for the first time that they did not receive Counselor CEU approval, because it wasn't evidence based.

It's been approved for counselors outside of Ohio.

Hosom entered at 9:58 a.m.

Miller entered @ 9:59 a.m.

She shared that many workshops are presented by counselors, i.e. ethics, etc. including one at Cleveland State University on 11/15/12.

She also shared that lots of counselors come to their annual symposium, but they have no counselor approval, this time. She included evidence based information.

Cooper shared that she approved CEUs with Mental Health practitioners teaching and not those without it, in the 11/15/12 meeting, and it hasn't, yet, been posted/announced.

Patty Miller will send them a letter with the approved status.

Miller, Sender, Tarsitano, and Greaser, left at 10:03 a.m.

Rough, Hegarty, and Hamm entered @ 10:08 a.m.

Executive Director's Report

Rough reported that there are new board members, including new member Jennifer Brunner. Venrick got reappointed, as did, Steve Polovick. Tommie Robertson hasn't, yet, been reappointed.

The bill will not go through this year. It'll be reintroduced in 2013.

The Psychology board got a 2nd and 3rd hearing, in the house.

If the Chemical Dependency board got a hearing, then he hasn't heard of it.

S.B. 287 updates are needed.

The Art Therapy Bill will be discussed at the board meeting, with regards to whether or not it's acceptable. Consensus seems to be, "no."

Rough will include in any written testimony, whether or not there should be a license.

Regarding the budget, the report isn't significantly different from September.

Two people will be sent to the AASCB Conference.

The 2014-15 budget has been submitted.

The section of the statute says that a governmental body may not pay for expenses in a future fiscal year, with current budget allotments.

The 5 year rule review has 2 rules that should be discussed.

The Ohio Council made comments regarding the administrative CEs in rule 4757-9-02 for which Rough received 90 emails from Ohio Council affiliates.

Greaser reiterated that the OAC's stance is that the license is a clinical license, not an administrative license, though the counter-argument is that Counselors aren't getting promotions without management training.

Hegarty shared that allowing administrative hours would take non-counseling requirements and qualify them as counseling related hours for credit.

Jungers shared that CACREP standards are discussing non-counseling requirements.

Venrick shared Theresa Lampl's concern that Counselors are being driven from Ohio.

The committee doesn't agree with the claim that it's "driving counselors out."

Jungers and Hamm believe that 3-6 hours should/may be issued for this cause. Jungers believes if the committee is asking that students conform to CACREP standards, then it's consistent.

Hamm shared that the profession should want good administrators, and it helps to have counselors being the instructors.

Rough will answer that this won't be changed because of the clinical piece, but discussion regarding inclusion will ensue.

Gilyard shared that there is a benefit by having, both, counselor & Non-Counselor instructors for various reasons.

Hamm suggested that identifying an approvable program and show that it would be the standard.

Rough added that programs substantially similar would qualify.

Greaser will provide examples of courses from a leadership program she attended.

CORE is coming out with language for the Practicum. If it meets CORE, it meets CACREP, and since they're so similar, he'll remove CORE's mention in 4757-13-01 for redundancy. Rehabilitation Counseling will not be eliminated.

The Board IT policy # 7.2 has been revised, and new policy # 1.12 discussed how all agencies must have a customer service standard.

The Executive work plan that Rough is reviewing, discusses ACA's ethics area for diversity section of the rule.

New Business

American Institute of Clinical Psychotherapists

Rough reported that the exam does not appear to be based on counselor practice as is the NBCC exam.

A job analysis is being requested.

Process for applicants that completed a degree without an internship (1990 Graduate)

Rough shared that approving, now, after not practicing for 20 years, seems inappropriate.

Rough suggested a three semester internship experience, including the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.

Hamm recommended getting requirements met at a school where the degree was, initially received, if it was a pre-approved program. She went on to say that a recent example has someone out of state that has all coursework, but no one will let her take an internship, only.

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Maureen Cooper, LPCC-S
Maureen Cooper, Chair