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State of Ohio
Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting
November 21, 2013

Members Present: Maureen Cooper, Mary Venrick, Otha Gilyard, Terri Hamm and Christine Jungers.

Staff Present: James Rough, Bill Hegarty, Tammy Tingle and Rena Elliott

Guest Present: None

Cooper called the meeting to orders at 9:00 a.m.

I. Discussion/Approval of Agenda- Gilyard moved to approve the agenda. Jungers seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

II. Investigation Reports

Deputy Director Bill Hegarty along with Investigators Tammy Tingle and Tracey Hosom met with the Committee to discuss the cases the Investigations unit had been working on. A list of closed cases was passed out to the member of the Committee. Venrick moved to close the case she had reviewed since the September 2013 meeting for the reasons stated on the document. Gilyard seconded and the motion was passed by unanimous vote. Cooper voted to close the case she had reviewed since the September 2013 meeting for the reasons stated on the document. Gilyard seconded and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Consent Agreements

The Committee reviewed the Consent Agreement between the Board and June Korte, LPCC-S, whereby by Ms. Korte's license to practice as a professional clinical counselor is indefinitely suspended until she competes 30 hours of approved CEUs. Ms. Korte had been audited and had not been able to produce the required documentation. Gilyard moved to accept the Consent Agreement as written and was seconded by Jungers. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Committee reviewed the Consent Agreement between the Board and John Scudder, LPCC-S, whereby Dr. Scudder will be required to take 15 additional hours of approved continuing education in the area of professional ethics and he will have to have one year on personal mental health counseling due to his blurring his professional boundaries with a client. Gilyard moved to accept the Consent Agreement as written and was seconded by Venrick. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Committee reviewed the Amended Consent Agreement between the Board and Margery Shupe, LPCC. Dr. Shupe had not been in full compliance with a previously approved consent agreement. The Amended Consent Agreement will extend the timeline for sanctioned monitoring of her practice and for her to obtain toxicology screens. Gilyard moved to accept the Amended Consent Agreement as written and was seconded by Jungers. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Notices for hearing

The Board voted to send a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Tiffany Hill, LPC, since Hill allegedly left her place of employment without providing her clients reasonable notification and appropriate referral for continued services and for failing to cooperate in an investigation. Cooper moved to issue the Notice for Hearing as written and was seconded by Gilyard. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board voted to send a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Amber Harris, LPC, since Harris allegedly pled guilty in the Butler County Court of Common Pleas to three felony counts. Jungers moved to issue the Notice for Hearing as written and was seconded by Gilyard. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Impairment Order

The Committee voted to issue an order to a licensee in Case #2013-186 whereby the licensee will have to obtain a mental health and substance abuse assessment and the results forwarded to the Committee for further review. Jungers moved to order the evaluation and was seconded by Gilyard. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Goldman Decisions

The Committee voted to deny the counselor application for Laura Roetgerman to practice as a counselor in Ohio since she did not meet the educational requirements to be licensed. The Committee had previously voted to issue a Notice for Hearing to Ms. Roetgerman. She did not request a hearing after receipt of her Notice for Hearing. Cooper moved to deny the licensure application and was seconded by Jungers. Dr. Hamm recused herself for the vote and the motion was approved by unanimous vote of the remaining members.

Diversion Program

Ms. Hosom discussed with the Committee the new impaired practitioner diversion program that may be offered to licenses that have been found to be impaired to practice, but have not caused harm to clients. In those cases, the agreements will not be public record and will be kept confidential. As this is a very new program, it will be reviewed and modified as warranted. A good discussion ensued on the appropriateness of this new program, especially since there is no evidence of client harm. The members are hopeful that it will be a success.

IV. Executive Committee Report

IV. Cooper reported on upcoming re-appointments and the need for the makeup both the MFT and Social Worker Committees. A HB-232 was passed in the House and is expected go to the Senate in January.

- B. Jungers reported on continuing discussions related to the committee's desire to impose a 10,000 word language requirement on licensees to meet continuing education requirements. She also reported on the need to make adjustments to home based continuing education requirements. Some documentation requirements discussed include Peer review, government documentation or documentations from academic resources. It was further suggested that the committee give consideration to quality of words instead of quantity of words.
- C. Cooper presented a training manual created by Margaret Ann Adorjan for the benefit of new board members. Counselor Professional Standards Committee agreed to use the newly created Board Member Training Manual for future new board members.
- D. After a lengthy discussion it was determined to take out examples in Multiple Relationship Rule. Rough reported on creating a separate rule to better clarify Student-Educator Relationship.
- E. Cooper reported on section 4757-13-05 of the Ohio Administrative Code and it was determined that a planning committee be formed to put E-Therapy in place. Venrick and Jungers volunteered to serve on this Ad Hoc Committee.
- F. Discussion regarding Peer Consultation ensued. Rough recommended that approved counselors who complete peer consultation be listed in newsletter. It was also suggested to add a question on renewal application regarding peer consultation and to state in newsletter that board is encouraging peer consultation. It was also recommended to define peer consultation.
- G. The committee reviewed continuing education programs and applications for licensure until it was time for lunch. After lunch the committee went back on record.

IV. Continuing Education Report

- A. Jungers reported that Paula Broome submitted a report on renewal audits that identified 213 licensees renewed with non-approved CEU hours (Mar-Nov 2013).
- B. Broom also presented information to the CEU committee that some providers/programs have passed out blank certificates. Jungers reported that Broome will conduct a 4 month study; requested by the NASW Ohio chapter and The Ohio Counsel. Broome will track the number of audits completed and the number of certificates received. Any blank certificates received during this period will generate an inquiry letter to the sponsoring agency asking them to verify attendance. Paula will start with Sept 2013 and end with Dec 2013.

V. Counselor Trainee Issues

- A. Applicant is a CR that has a Professional Disclosure Statement stating that some information will be shared with a training supervisor. Because she works as a court assessor (for Juvenile Court) for another agency, she wants to know if, since she will also be applying those hours towards her PCC application, if she must provide a separate disclosure statement to a parent/guardian, stating the same. Licensees are to always disclose what is assessed.
- B. As of 11/13/2013, neither Criminal Records Check nor Proof of Enrollment have been received, but per Personal Statement, attached to CT application, applicant was arrested earlier this year, 3/3/2013 after refusing a sobriety test, on a suspicion of a DUI. Applicant states that she was, simply angry, when she was driving, and aggressively turned her car without first signaling. She didn't take a field sobriety test, after sharing that she had scoliosis, and would have trouble with the "heel to toe" portion of the exam. According to the statement, the DUI charge was dropped, and she was convicted for a "physical control" violation. She states that she attended a "Celebrate Recovery" step program, as well as personal counseling to assist with symptoms of depression and anxiety. Though it is not clearly stated in the personal statement, she suggests that she has completed court requirements and she states that she has abstained from alcohol. On 11/8/2013, we received a letter from her Psychologist, stating that she has met her goals regarding coping mechanisms and strategies to combat anxiety and depression. Because the charge was so recent staff was directed to hold the application and if everything is received as stated, staff may approve, if charges were dropped.
- C. Per court documents, from the US District Court (Northern District of Ohio) received 10/23/2013, applicant was convicted of (18 USC 1343 and 2) "Wire Fraud and Aiding and Abetting" on 11/20/1994, sentenced to 3 years of probation from 6/14/1999-6/13/2002 (Discharged from Probation on 6/21/02). Applicant was also ordered to pay \$2,300 in restitution. Applicant was discharged from Probation on 6/21/2002.- According to the applicant's personal statement, when she was 18, she aided in cashing a loan check using a Fake ID. According to CRC, on 7/12/1995, she was convicted of "Attempted possession of Criminal

Tools." The original (2/6/1995) charge was "Grand Theft." The records check states "Sentence Unknown. Approve. Rebuilt life.

- D. Applicant's listed school is "The Adler School of Professional Psychology," (<http://www.adler.edu/page/programs/chicago>) with accreditations including: The Higher Learning Commission North Central Association, The American Psychological Association, the American Art Therapy Association, and their Master of Arts in *Counseling Psychology*, Specialization in Rehabilitation Counseling is accredited by the Council of Rehabilitation Education (C.O.R.E.). According to their website, at their Chicago branch, they, also, offer an M.A. in Counseling: Specialization in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (wasn't identified in the accreditation). Per the same website, there doesn't seem to be an offering of a Counseling degree, online. Possible degree and school issue. Need to know what program applicant is completing.

VI. Meeting adjourned at ???

Counselor Professional Standards Committee Meeting
November 22, 2013

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

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

- I. Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
- II. Discussion and Approval of Agenda- Cooper added Ms. Kristen Hamilton to new business. Jungers moved to accept the amended agenda. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. Approval of September 13th Meeting Minutes Venrick made correction that Cooper called meeting to order not Venrick. Correction was made. Jungers moved to accept the minutes, as amended. Gilyard seconded. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of PC Applicants: Hamm, after review by the committee of the listing report, moved to approve the list of PC applicants. Gilyard moved to accept the report. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.
- V. Approval of PCC Applicants: Hamm, after review by the committee of the listing report, moved to approve the list of PC applicants. Gilyard moved to accept the report. There was no additional discussion and the motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Executive Director Report
 - A. Rough reported that he is looking at University's for board site visits.
 - B. Rough reported on giving special consideration for active duty applicants by implementing a temporary license. Gilyard commended Rough on instituting this special consideration. Rough stated that it was a result of new legislation.
 - C. Rough reported that he contacted Dr. Victoria Kress as to when mindfulness is appropriate in a continuing education program. He provided a thorough report to the members with ten examples from research documents.
 - D. Rough reported on HB132

III. New Business

- A. It was determined that Rough and Jungers will be attending the AASCB conference on January 8-10, 2014.
- B. Gilyard is requesting that staff supply monthly examination results at board meeting for the benefit of student/schools.
- C. Ms. Kristen Hamilton is an applicant for whom the board received two different Clinical Field Evaluation Forms completed by the same supervisor for the following dates: January 2008 – May 2010 and January 12, 2009 – December 14, 2012. The evaluation form completed in 2010, the supervisor recommended applicant for licensure. The evaluation form completed in 2012, the supervisor did not recommend for licensure. The Committee reviewed the Evaluation Forms and they are recommending that applicant complete an additional 6 months of supervision with a different LPCC-S supervisor. Once she has completed the additional supervision, applicant will need to submit another Clinical Field Evaluation Form to document the supervised hours.

IV. Correspondence

- Holly Karban is a candidate that has taken the NCE examination twice and received the score of 93 on both examinations, which is one point away from the score required to pass. Ms. Karban is requesting any suggestions or additional resources that may increase her chances of receiving a score above 93 points. The Committee suggested that Ms. Karban focus on lower score areas, consider talking to an appropriate counselor for test anxiety, and take a one day workshop to prepare for the examination.
- Ms. Amy Lumadue submitted a request to be supervised by an LISW-S for training supervision for the LPCC license. The request was well detailed and reasoned, but the Committee believes that the training of counselors should be by counselors in order to obtain an Independent license. The Committee voted no and determined that supervision must be provided by an LPCC-S.
- Ms. Vicki Ruiz submitted a request to obtain LPCC hours by utilizing expressive therapies. She is requesting to work with Alzheimer patients, couples and mental health groups specifically with movement and music. The Committee determined that they were unable to approve request due to the fact that there will be no diagnosing and treating mental & emotional disorders.
- Ms. Meredith Stefan submitted a request to be supervised by an LISW-S for training supervision for the LPCC license. The request was well detailed and reasoned, but the Committee believes that the training of counselors should be by

counselors in order to obtain an Independent license. The committee voted no and determined that supervision must be provided by an LPCC-S.

- Ms. Dawn Uhrick is considering joining the International Institute of Abuse Counseling, which could provide counseling and training services both abroad and in the United States. Ms. Uhrick is requesting the board to allow for Skype training supervision for her supervision hours towards the LPCC license. The committee stated that Skype supervision is allowed but to remind licensee that 50% of time must be diagnosing and treating mental & emotional disorders for the LPCC license.

V. Remediation Plan

- Orié Givens – The committee approved the remediation plan.
- Mr. Marius Igwe – The committee approved the remediation plan.

X. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.