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### **Social Worker Professional Standards Committee (SWPSC) Minutes**

**Thursday, March 16, 2006**

1. **9:00 a.m. – SWPSC Administrative Denial Hearing**

The matter of the eligibility of Susan Jane Fox to be licensed as a social worker in the state of Ohio came before the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee on March 16, 2006. Members present were Rocky Black, Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar, Molly Michelbrink and Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee.

A Notice of Proposed Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Susan Jane Fox by the Counselor, Social Worker, & Marriage and Family Therapist Board on June 15, 2005. An administrative hearing was held on March 16, 2006. Assistant Attorney General Peter R. Casey, IV represented the State. Susan Jane Fox was present and not represented by counsel.

2. Mr. Hegarty requested that the SWPSC Meeting go into Executive Session at 12:30 p.m. to discuss the denial of Susan Jane Fox to be licensed as a social worker. Accepted By A Unanimous Roll Call Vote. Mr. Abraham excused himself from the session.

At 12:55 p.m. Ms. Michelbrink moved to come out of executive session. Accepted By A Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

The Social Worker Professional Standards Committee reviewed all the evidence and determined that Susan Jane Fox does not possess the qualifying educational requirements on the date of her application to be licensed as a social worker under Ohio Revised Code 4757.28 and the Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-19-01 (C) (3).

Ms. Molly Michelbrink made the motion to continue the denial of Susan Jane Fox to be licensed as a social worker. Seconded by Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

3. The regular SWPSC meeting was called to order by Mr. Abraham at 1:05 p.m.

Members Present: Mr. Glenn Abraham,  
Mr. Rocky Black,  
Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar,  
Ms. Molly Michelbrink  
Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee.

Staff Present: Ms. Marcia Holleman  
Mr. Jim Rough  
Ms. Tammy Tingle

Guest Present: Ms. Sharon Hanger

4. **Agenda**

A motion was made by Ms. Michelbrink to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

5. **Working Meeting**

The SWPSC proceeded with a working meeting to Review Applications for Licensure; Correspondence; CEU Programs and Providers; and Renewal Issues;

6. **2:00 p.m. - Meeting With Sharon Hanger, LISW**

Ms. Hanger introduced herself and discussed her concerns with the SWPSC regarding the issue of impaired practitioners. She shared with the committee an article on “When Psychologists Develop Dementia”, and a sample “Impaired Practitioner Evaluation” document. The SWPSC appreciated the information Ms. Hanger provided them and thanked her for sharing her information with them.

7. **Executive Director Report**

Mr. Rough reported that HB 530 was introduced on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and that it is on a fast track for a vote early next week. Included once again is language consolidating twenty of Ohio’s professional licensing boards within the Commerce Department.

8. **Continuation of Working Meeting**

9. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Glenn Abraham, Chairperson at 6:30 p.m.

## Social Worker Professional Standards Committee (SWPSC) Minutes

Friday, March 17, 2006

Members Present: Mr. Glenn Abraham (arrived at 8:50 a.m.)  
Mr. Rocky Black  
Dr. Theresa Cluse-Tolar  
Ms. Molly Michelbrink  
Ms. Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee.

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Hegarty  
Ms. Marcia Holleman  
Mr. Jim Rough  
Ms. Tammy Tingle

Guest Present: Mr. Henry Lustig, National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Liaison  
Mr. Glenn Karr, Attorney

1. In the initial absence of Mr. Abraham, Dr. Cluse-Tolar made the motion to have Ms. Michelbrink chair the meeting until Mr. Abraham arrived. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Motion carried.
2. Ms. Michelbrink asked if there were any changes or discussion of the Agenda. The changes are as follows:
  - Ms. Holleman – Discussion of Approval of CEU Provider Status for Institute For Natural Resources.
  - Mr. Lustig – Discussion of a proposal for a rule change.

Dr. Cluse-Tolar made the motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Seconded by Mr. Black. Motion Carried.

### 3. Approval of January 19<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup> 2006 SWPSC Minutes

Ms. Michelbrink asked for the approval of the January 19<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup> 2006 minutes. Dr. Cluse-Tolar made the motion to approve the January 19<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup> 2006 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Black. Motion Carried.

### 4. Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)

Mr. Rough announced that the 2006 Spring Education Meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon from April 27 – 30, 2006 at the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Suites Hotel. The theme of the conference will be Ethics in Social Work Regulation & Practice.

Dr. Cluse-Tolar reported that although she really wanted to attend this meeting, she will be attending a workshop in Virginia at that time and will be unable to attend. Ms. Michelbrink said that she is unable to attend and that she knows that Mr. Abraham would not be attending. She indicated that this leaves Ms. Riesbeck-Lee and Mr. Black to attend if they would like to do so.

Mr. Black said that he would not be able to attend. Ms. Riesbeck-Lee said that she would be interested in attending. Mr. Rough said that he had talked with Mr. Abraham, and had let him know that he would be able to attend the meeting as well.

Dr. Cluse-Tolar asked how we were budget wise for sending two people to the conference. Mr. Rough indicated that we were fine with funding this year to send two people. Dr. Cluse-Tolar asked what the cost is for the meeting. Mr. Abraham replied that the Board does not pay a registration fee. The Board is only required to cover the transportation and hotel fees.

Mr. Black asked if other staff, such as Ms. Holleman, would be eligible able to attend. Dr. Cluse-Tolar and Mr. Abraham indicated that in the past, staff has attended ASWB conferences. Mr. Hegarty said that Ms. Rena Elliott had recently attended a conference in Phoenix, AZ with Mr. Rough and a few members of the Counselor Professional Standards Committee. Mr. Abraham said that precedence has been established that sending staff to conferences is the appropriate thing to do if they would like to attend. Mr. Black asked Ms. Holleman if she would be interested in attending. Ms. Holleman expressed her desire to attend an ASWB conference, but since Ms. Riesbeck-Lee and Mr. Rough have already decided to attend this conference; then perhaps it would be more appropriate for her to attend the ASWB conference next spring.

Ms. Michelbrink made the motion to send Ms. Riesbeck-Lee and Mr. Rough to the 2006 Spring Education Meeting from April 27 – 30, 2006 . Seconded by Dr. Cluse-Tolar. Motion Carried.

#### 4. **Executive Directors Report**

Mr. Rough distributed an email he received from the ASWB regarding testing. Some states have passing examination score of 70% and other states have a passing examination score of 75%. Some people are under the impression that if they go to a state that has a 70% passing score that the examination is easier. The email is to put to rest that concept. The exams are on different cores, but it is like comparing Centigrade and Fahrenheit. A 75% in one state is the same as a 70% in another state. The only reason the percentages are different is how the statute for the state is written. The proposal at the November ASWB meeting was to change the test to just Pass/Fail.

Mr. Abraham raised the concern that the first time he goes to speak to a group and he tells them that there is no passing score that it is only pass or fail, they will want to know what constitutes pass or fail. He elaborated that people are worried enough now about the exam, and they will only worry more with a pass/fail scoring.

Mr. Rough suggested that some topics for the April Strategic Planning Meeting could be endorsement, pre-approval of examination, CEU's count for more than one license, supervision, consolidation, budget issues, late fees, charge for CEU approval, fines, and charge for license verification.

With regard to endorsement, Mr. Abraham said that supervision is more of a concern for social workers than education. A social worker has to have a degree in social work or a closely related field, but the supervision requirements are not always the same.

Dr. Cluse-Tolar raised the concern that the CEU committee has discussed a lot of items, but they have not implemented any changes. Mr. Rough responded that no one has made a motion before the whole board on the issues that the various committees have discussed. Dr. Cluse-Tolar asked if we would be completing the rules review at the April meeting. Mr. Rough said that he is not sure if the Board will be discussing that, and he asked if the SWPSC had specific rules that they wanted to discuss. Mr. Rough said that he has completed a spreadsheet of various rules that are due for review in 2007.

Mr. Rough asked Mr. Black if he felt that the Board should publicly oppose the consolidation based on the fact that he comes from a different perspective – the public sector. Mr. Black said that when the whole issue first started that he was very concerned because the administration had proposed consolidation. Since he is an appointee of Governor Taft, he called to get their take on the matter. The governor's staff was aware that the Board had taken a stand, but they were not concerned. Mr. Black stated that it is always best to work cooperatively with the governor's office.

Mr. Rough said he will discuss with the full board this afternoon at the full board meeting how the Board would like him to proceed. Mr. Rough stated that he does want to do something that the Board does not consider appropriate. Mr. Rough passed out a sample of a letter that the board members may want to consider to send to their state representatives

5. **Investigations**

**Wenzel Case Discussion**

Dr. Cluse-Tolar, Ms. Michelbrink , and Ms. Riesbeck-Lee heard the denial case of Debbie Ann Wenzel at the January, 2006 meeting. Ms. Wenzel was denied a license based on the fact that she has a degree in a related field that does not meet the coursework requirements. At the hearing, the SWPSC requested that Ms. Wenzel provide additional information regarding her coursework. Mr. Hegarty reported that he received the additional information from Ms. Wenzel on March 8, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. The information was received too late to be sent with the mailing to board meeting to be reviewed for this board meeting, so he would like for Dr. Cluse-Tolar, Molly Michelbrink , and Jennifer Riesbeck-Lee to take the information with them to be reviewed. The case will be voted on at the May, 2006 board meeting.

**Close Cases**

Mr. Hegarty passed out the information on the following cases that Mr. Abraham had reviewed and recommended for closure. Mr. Abraham made a motion that the following cases be closed as the investigation staff had determined no actionable offenses had been found. Ms. Michelbrink seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Mr. Hegarty passed out the information on the following cases that Dr. Cluse-Tolar had reviewed and recommended for closure. Dr. Cluse-Tolar made a motion that the following cases be closed as the investigation staff had determined no actionable offenses had been found. Ms. Michelbrink seconded the motion. Motion carried.

0504047        2005-27        2006-8        2006-9        2006-10        2006-11  
2006-16        2005-42        2005-47        2005-48        2005-49        2005-54  
2005-81

Mr. Hegarty requested that the SWPSC Meeting go into Executive Session at 9:10 a.m. Accepted By A Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

At 9:26 a.m. Ms. Michelbrink moved to come out of executive session. Accepted By A Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

## **Goldman Licensure Denial Cases**

**Linda S. Peck** – On January 23, 2006 the Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Linda S. Peck to provide an opportunity to request a hearing on the Board's proposal to deny Ms. Peck her Social Work Assistant registration because, on the date of her application, she did not possess a qualifying associate's degree in social service technology, or a higher degree which meets the coursework requirements, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.29(A) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-19-03(B).

The Board did not receive a hearing request by Ms. Peck. Based on underlying facts gleaned during the course of Mr. Hegarty's job duties as Deputy Director to substantiate the aforementioned, the SWPSC voted to deny Ms. Peck her Social Work Assistant registration application at the January 20, 2006 board meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Michelbrink to deny the application for certification as a Social Work Assistant to Ms. Peck. Seconded by Mr. Black. Motion carried.

Dr. Cluse-Tolar did not vote on this case as she was the individual who signed off on the denial of the original application, nor did she take part in any discussion of this case.

**Susan C. Lynch** – On January 23, 2006 the Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Susan C. Lynch to provide an opportunity to request a hearing on the Board's proposal to deny Ms. Lynch her Social Work Assistant registration because, on the date of her application, she did not possess a qualifying associate's degree in social service technology, or a higher degree which meets the coursework requirements, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.29(A) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-19-03(B).

The Board did not receive a hearing request by Ms. Lynch. Based on underlying facts gleaned during the course of Mr. Hegarty's job duties as Deputy Director to substantiate the aforementioned, the SWPSC voted to deny Ms. Lynch her Social Work Assistant registration application at the January 20, 2006 board meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Michelbrink to deny the application for certification as a Social Work Assistant to Ms. Lynch. Seconded by Mr. Black. Motion carried.

Dr. Cluse-Tolar did not vote on this case as she was the individual who signed off on the denial of the original application, nor did she take part in any discussion of this case.

**Kenneth L. Justus** – On January 23, 2006 the Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Kenneth L. Justus to provide an opportunity to request a hearing on the Board's proposal to deny Mr. Justus his Social Work Assistant registration because, on the date of his application, he did not possess a qualifying associate's degree in social service technology, or a higher degree which meets the coursework requirements, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.29(A) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-19-03(B).

The Board did not receive a hearing request by Mr. Justus. Based on underlying facts gleaned during the course of Mr. Hegarty's job duties as Deputy Director to substantiate the aforementioned, the SWPSC voted to deny Mr. Justus his Social Work Assistant registration application at the January 20, 2006 board meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Michelbrink to deny the application for certification as a Social Work Assistant to Ms. Adams. Seconded by Mr. Black. Motion carried.

Dr. Cluse-Tolar did not vote on this case as she was the individual who signed off on the denial of the original application, nor did she take part in any discussion of this case.

## Goldman Licensure Disciplinary Cases

**Bobbi J. Spilker** - On January 23, 2006, the Board issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Bobbi J. Spilker, in which Ms. Spilker was provided an opportunity to request a hearing on the Board's proposal to discipline her because she did not comply with a Board approved consent agreement in violation of Ohio Revised Code 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code 4757-11-01(C)(22). The board did not receive a hearing request from Ms. Spilker.

The Board's proposal to discipline Ms. Spilker's social work license was based on the following underlying facts gleaned during the course of Mr. Hegarty's job duties as Deputy Director:

1. On March 21, 2003 the SWPSC entered into a Consent Agreement with Ms. Spilker. As part of that agreement, Ms. Spilker was to take and pass a social work ethics course from an accredited college or university. The course had to be pre-approved by Mr. Hegarty or his designee. The course must be completed by July 31, 2005. Ms. Spilker never sought pre-approval for any social work ethic course.
2. On October 20, 2005, Tamara Tingle, Investigator, sent Ms. Spilker a letter asking for information with regard to the required ethics course. Ms. Spilker never responded to the letter.

A motion was Ms. Michelbrink to revoke Ms. Spilker's social work license. Seconded by Mr. Black. Motion carried.

## Consent Agreements

**Michele Knapp, LSW** -Ms. Knapp entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Knapp is a social worker licensed to practice social work in the state of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Knapp received her social work license on March 21, 2003.

Ms. Knapp violated confidentiality while a contract employee from June 2003 through November 2004, with Advanced Therapeutic Services, Inc., in Cincinnati, Ohio. Violating confidentiality is a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(B)(4).

Ms. Knapp admits the allegations referenced in the aforementioned paragraph.

A motion was Dr. Cluse-Tolar to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Mr. Black. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Knapp's license to practice social work is hereby **Reprimanded**.
2. Ms. Knapp must work under supervision for one year with a minimum of one hour of face-to-face supervision per week beginning on the date that the supervisor is pre-approved by Mr. Hegarty or his designee. The supervisor must submit quarterly reports regarding the supervision. Supervision should focus on, but not be limited to, areas of concern, areas for improvement, record keeping practices, and ethical decision making. If Ms. Knapp's supervisor is concerned with her practice at any time, the Board should be notified immediately. Ms. Knapp is responsible for the submission of the reports to the Board. All costs associated with supervision is the responsibility of Ms. Knapp. Once Ms. Knapp successfully completes the supervision, Ms. Knapp must ensure verification of completion is sent to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office.

3. Ms. Knapp must take an additional three hours of continuing education in professional ethics training. The continuing education must be pre-approved by Mr. Hegarty or his designee. Once Ms. Knapp completes the continuing education, Ms. Knapp must ensure verification of completion is sent to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. The continuing education must be completed no later than January 20, 2007. The credit earned from the training may not be used toward the thirty hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of Ms. Knapp.

**Jill Spearman, LSW** – Ms. Spearman entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Little is a social worker licensed to practice social work in the state of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Spearman received her social work license on November 21, 2004.

Ms. Spearman entered into a consent agreement with the board under which she was suspended on May 21, 2004. On March 29, 2005, Ms. Spearman took a position with The Woodlands, Newark, Ohio. The position required a social work license. Employment as a social worker prior to the completion of the consent agreement is a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-04(O)(1)(j).

Ms. Spearman did not disclose the consent agreement while in an internship with The Ohio State University; she listed her license for internship placement consideration on August 1, 2004. Listing her suspended license is a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-04(O)(1)(j).

Ms. Spearman admits the allegations referenced in the aforementioned paragraph.

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Ms. Michelbrink. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Spearman's license to practice social work is on **Probation** for no less than two years beginning January 20, 2006 through no less than January 20, 2008.
2. Ms. Spearman must work under supervision for two years with a minimum of one hour of face-to-face supervision per week beginning on the date that the supervisor is pre-approved by Mr. Hegarty or his designee. The supervisor must submit quarterly reports regarding the supervision. Supervision should focus on, but not be limited to, areas of concern, areas for improvement, record keeping practices, and ethical decision making. If Ms. Spearman's supervisor is concerned with her practice at any time, the Board should be notified immediately. Ms. Spearman is responsible for the submission of the reports to the Board. All costs associated with supervision is the responsibility of Ms. Spearman. Once Ms. Spearman successfully completes the supervision, Ms. Spearman must ensure verification of completion is sent to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office.

**Norma Jean Hammer, LISW** – Ms. Hammer entered into a Consent Agreement on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

Ms. Hammer is an independent social worker licensed to practice social work in the state of Ohio, and is subject to the laws and rules of Ohio regulating the practice of social work as outlined in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4757 and the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4757. Ms. Hammer received her social work license on March 16, 2001.

In January, 2006, while Ms. Hammer was employed at First Correctional Medical, Inc., Conneaut, Ohio, she breached her professional social work boundaries by corresponding with a client in a personal manner. Ms. Hammer's actions constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(C)(1)

Ms. Hammer self-reported the situation to the Board. Ms. Hammer admits the allegations referenced in the aforementioned paragraph.

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to accept the Consent Agreement based on the following terms and conditions. Seconded by Ms. Michelbrink. Motion carried.

1. Ms. Hammer's license to practice social work is suspended for three months beginning March 18, 2006 and ending June 17, 2006.
2. Ms. Hammer must take and pass a graduate level social work ethics course. The course must be taken for credit, be part of a social work program from an accredited college or university, and be pre-approved by Mr. Hegarty or his designee. Once Ms. Hammer successfully completes this course, she must ensure that official transcripts are sent directly from the college or university to the attention of the Investigation Unit at the Board office. The transcript verifying completion is due in the Board office no later than December 31, 2007. The credit earned from the course may not be used toward the thirty hours of continuing education required for license renewal. All costs associated with the course are at the expense of Ms. Knapp.

#### **Notice Of Opportunity For Hearing**

**Samuel Boyd, Jr.** – Mr. Boyd was employed at the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) Freedom Center in Delaware, Ohio. On or about June 7, 2004. ODYS conducted an investigation regarding Mr. Boyd. It is alleged that Mr. Boyd engaged in inappropriate conduct with a client by providing sexually explicit reading material to the client that was not part of a pre-approved treatment plan. This inappropriate conduct constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-5-01(B)(6) and does not meet appropriate standards of care under Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01 (C)(20).

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to take disciplinary action against Mr. Boyd's social work license based on these allegations. Seconded by Ms. Michelbrink. Motion carried.

**David Caldwell** – On September 17, 2004, Mr. Caldwell entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board. As part of the Consent Agreement, Mr. Caldwell was ordered to complete eight hours of continuing education workshops focused on sexual harassment issues. The workshops were to be pre-approved by Mr. Hegarty or his designee and copies of his attendance certificates verifying completion of the workshops were to be received by the Board no later than December 31, 2005. As of this date, no pre-approval has been sought and copies of the attendance certificates verifying the completion of the workshops has not been received by the Board. Therefore, Mr. Caldwell is in violation of the Consent Agreement which constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(1) and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-11-01(C)(22).

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to take disciplinary action against Mr. Boyd's social work license based on these allegations. Seconded by Ms. Michelbrink. Motion carried.

## **Impairment Evaluation**

Mr. Hegarty reported on the need to order a licensee to have an impairment evaluation. The name of the licensee will not be made a matter of public record at this time. A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to order an Impairment Evaluation against Case # 2005-55. Seconded by Ms. Michelbrink. Motion carried.

## 7. **Pending Applications For Licensure**

### **LSW Applicants**

**Janet Komar** – Possible practicing social work without a license. Need additional information

**Jessica Ospina** – Possible practicing social work without a license. Invite to meet with Mr. Abraham at 5/18/06 SWPSC meeting.

**Debra Shapiro** – Possible practicing social work without a license. Refer to Investigations Department.

### **LSW (Related Degree) Applicants**

**Mary Bowers** – Possible practicing social work without a license in past employment. Invite to meet with Mr. Abraham at 5/18/06 SWPSC meeting.

**Julie Bolwes** - Need additional information on coursework.

**Kimberly Hunt** - Need additional information regarding Section C of licensure application..

### **LISW Applicants**

**Peter Goodman** – Need additional information regarding supervision hours.

### **Approved Applications**

The following applications were approved for licensure:

SWA - 22 Applications Approved

LSW - 100 Applications Approved

LSW (Related Degree) - 6 Applications Approved

LISW – 54 Applications Approved

Total - 182 Applications Approved For Licensure

A motion was made by Mr. Black to approve these applications. Seconded by Ms. Michelbrink. Motion carried.

## 8. **Renewal Waiver / Extension**

**Megan Krivchenia-Baumgartel, LISW** – Ms. Krivchenia-Baumgartel requested a waiver or an extension of the continuing education requirement to renew her license due to health issues. Ms. Krivchenia-Baumgartel's license lapsed on 3/15/04. The Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.32 states that a license or certificate of registration that has lapsed may be restored if the individual, not later than two years after the license or certificate expired, applies for restoration of the license or certificate. After a lengthy discussion the SWPSC As of 3/15/06, Ms. Krivchenia-Baumgartel's license has lapsed past the point where the statute would allow for her to renew her license by obtaining a waiver or an extension.

9. **CEU Approval For Provider Status**

The Institute of Natural Resources (INR) submitted an application for CEU Provider status.

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to approve the following two programs INR offers: Stress, Depression And Pain, and Addicted Brain. Also, all future programs offered by INR must be pre-approved. Seconded by Ms. Michelbrink. Motion carried.

10. **Correspondence**

**Ann Jardine, LISW** - Ms. Jardine will eventually be applying for her LISW. However, Elizabeth Vargo, LISW, the person who provided a large amount of her supervision, died unexpectedly on Thursday, January 26, 2006. Therefore, Ms. Vargo was not able to sign her Independent Professional Employment Reference form. Ms. Jardine is requesting the SWPSC to accept the log of her supervision in lieu of the form. However, her supervision log was not signed off on by Elizabeth Vargo as required by the Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-23-01(C)(4). A lengthy discussion followed and motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to invite Ms. Jardine to meet with Mr. Abraham at 5/18/06 SWPSC meeting to discuss supervision requirements. Seconded by Ms. Riesbeck-Lee. Motion carried.

**Beth Shapiro, LISW** – Ms. Shapiro sent in a letter on behalf of several LSW's employed at Hospice of the Western Reserve who were receiving regular clinical supervision from Elizabeth Vargo who died unexpectedly on Thursday, January 26, 2006. Ms. Shapiro is requesting guidance on how to handle this situation to ensure that these social workers are able to obtain credit for supervision already completed. However, their supervision logs were not signed off on by Elizabeth Vargo as required by the Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-23-01(C)(4). The SWPSC determined that the aforementioned social workers will need to come in to speak with a representative of the committee at the time they apply for their LISW to discuss supervision requirements.

11. **New Business**

**Linda Barson, Marriage And Family Therapist Standards Committee (MFTPSC) Chairperson** – Ms. Barson reminded the SWPSC of the many attempts the MFTPSC have made to complete their rules and the difficulty they have had due to the supposed ambiguity of their statute. A critical challenge they are now facing is whether or not the Marriage And Family Therapists can be allowed to diagnosis and treat mental and emotional disorders. This is because those opposing the statute of Marriage And Family Therapists do not feel that the accreditation standards that Marriage And Family Therapists have is comparable to that of Counselors and Social Workers. The MFTPSC is requesting the SWPSC to provide their support by indicating that the accreditation standards of the Marriage And Family Therapists is comparable to the standards of Social Workers. The committee agreed to review the accreditation standards of Marriage And Family Therapists provided by Ms. Barson and compare them to the accreditation standards of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

**Mr. Glenn Karr, Attorney** – Mr. Karr spoke on a legislative change that he would like to see happen for the CSWMFT Board. He explained that the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and the various Counselor organizations did not push for Counselors and Social Workers to be included in very major changes to corporation and limited liability company (LLC) sections of the Ohio Revised Code in the mid 1990's when changes were made to those statutes. All of the statutes involving the professions mentioned in the corporation and LLC statutes also had their statutes changed to allow for the combination of services. Mr. Karr stated that he is aware of corporations and LLC's that have shareholders and members that are psychologists and social workers, for instance, in combined companies. This does not appear to be allowed under the current law. He believes that the only professions that a Counselor, Social Worker or Marriage and Family Therapist would like to be able to incorporate with or form an LLC with are

psychiatrists, psychologists, and nurses. Therefore, only those statutes would appear to need to be changed. Mr. Karr referenced Ohio Revised Codes 1701.03 and 1705.04 for further clarification. The SWPSC discussed this topic at great length with Mr. Karr and agreed that anything to help level the playing field for Counselors, Social Workers or Marriage and Family Therapists would be a great opportunity.

**Mr. Henry Lustig, NASW Liaison** – Mr. Lusting informed the SWPSC the Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers urges the adoption of the following rule change to the Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757-23-01. Specifically, the Ohio Chapter NASW would like to see Section (C)(2) deleted from the rules. This rule states that the supervisee shall not pay a fee or make any other form of remuneration to the supervisor. Individuals who are unable to secure unpaid supervision may request an exception to this rule from the social work standards committee. Mr. Lustig made the point that the other professions allow for paid supervision. Mr. Abraham stated that this is a topic that the SWPSC plans to discuss at the April Retreat at Mohican State Park. Mr. Lusting said that he plans to attend the retreat and looks forward to further discussing this issue.

Mr. Abraham informed the board that Ms. Holleman will be meeting the representatives from the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS) on March 31, 2006. DYS is now requiring that employees with the job title of Social Worker become licensed. Mr. Abraham plans to also attend to answer questions.

## 12. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Dr. Cluse-Tolar to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Michelbrink. Motion carried.

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Mr. Glenn Abraham, Chairperson