

Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Board Minutes
May 10, 2010

Called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Members Present: Patty Bartell, Gray Price, Wes Jones, Jean Hogan, Sharon Stuewe, Ron Mc Nish, Richard Maxfield, Kathy Hubka, Jody Patterson and Lori Senne

Staff Present: Phyllis Gilmore, Camille Nohe, Leslie Allen, Marsha Schrempp, Carol Baldwin, Roger Scurlock, Bruno Langer and Maryann Peerenboom

Audience Present: Sky Westerlund, Larry Hays, Tim White, Terry Humphries

I. Minutes

Item: Minutes for the March 8, 2010 meeting, after review two spelling errors were pointed out.

Action: Gary Price moved and Sharon Stuewe seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

II. Public Comments

Item: Sky Westerlund thanked Phyllis for her assistance with FAQ's for Social Worker Safety Training. She also thanked the entire Board for their support of the Social Worker Safety Awareness legislation that passed this session.

Action: none

III. Staff Reports

Carol Baldwin

Item: Carol reported the case count was 90 at the beginning of the month and that the count was now down to 80. The Board received 6 Reports of Alleged Violations (RAV's) and closed 16. The CRC will have 22 cases to review and she was hopeful that the case count would be in the 60's by next month.

Leslie Allen

Item: Leslie reported that she had been working with Phyllis on regulations for Licensed Addiction Counselors. There had been many applications and Psychology renewals. There are still 1000 renewals left for the month of June.

Phyllis Gilmore

Item: Phyllis also mentioned working the regulations for Addiction Counseling.

Item: Phyllis reported that it appears, at this time, we are on track with our budget and should have no problems making it through the end of the year.

Item: Phyllis reported that this is the last meeting for Wes Jones, Amory Lovin, and Ron McNish, and they would be formally recognized at the end of the meeting. It is the completion of Sharon Stuewe's first term and she is hoping to be re-appointed.

V. Complaint Review Committee

Wes Jones

Item: Wes Jones gave an overview of the last CRC meeting. For the month of April they reviewed 20 new cases and revisited 5 cases. The committee proposed 3 CAO's, filed 2 suspensions, issued 1 formal censure, dismissed 13 cases, issued 3 non-disciplinary letters, and returned 3 cases for further investigation,.

IV. Psychology

Item: The committee had not met and did not have a meeting scheduled.

Action: None needed.

Item: Timothy White's application for psychology licensure was presented to the Board requesting a license be issued conditionally under a Summary Proceeding Order (SPO).

Action: Richard Maxfield moved to issue the license conditionally under the SPO as written. Wes Jones seconded. The motion passed

V. Social Work

Item: Jean Hogan reported that the committee would be meeting later in the month and would be discussing Senate Bill 25.

Action: None needed.

VI. Professional Counseling

Item: Gary Price reported the committee met on April 23rd. One item the committee reviewed was Julie Toomey's request to have her SPO discontinued. He explained her situation to the Board and reported that the committee recommends the SPO be discontinued at this time.

Action: Gary Price moved to discontinue the SPO at this time. Wes Jones seconded. The motion passed.

Item: Gary reported that the committee was still working with the Universities and reviewing the on-line course work and questionnaires the schools have provided. They are also in the process of creating a questionnaire for post-graduate clinical supervisors which will be brought before the Board when complete.

Action: None needed.

Item: Gary reported the committee would like to recommend that the professions of the Board add a requirement to their education regulation. This addition would require that the ratio of students to core faculty members not exceed 25 students to one core faculty member. This would not apply to psychology or masters level psychology, as they already have a similar requirement in their regulations.

Action: Discussion followed. The Board decided that each committee should research and discuss this issue, and it should be brought up at the University Round Table discussions to receive feedback from the universities.

VII. Masters Level Psychology

Item: Jody Patterson reported that Steven Davis, a member of the MLP advisory committee, passed away unexpectedly. The committee will soon begin the task of searching for someone to fill this vacancy.

Action: None needed.

VIII. Marriage and Family Therapy

Item: Wes Jones reported that the LMFT committee had not met, but their next meeting will be June 23rd.

Action: None needed.

IX. Registered Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselors

Item: Ron McNish reported that a temporary advisory committee has been appointed for the sole duty of working on regulations with Phyllis and Leslie. The committee members are, Barbara Burks, Deb Stidham, Les Sperling, Ruth Owens Jurgens, Sarah Riley Hansen, and Iris Wilkinson.

Action: None needed.

XI. Other Business

A. Old Business

1. Exam attempts limitation regulation

Item: Phyllis Gilmore reported that while reviewing the addiction counseling bill, language was found which suggests that the Board may not have the statutory authority to limit exam attempts. This language or similar language is found in all of the Board's professions.

Action: Discussion followed. Sharon Stuewe moved to request an Attorney General's opinion on whether the Board has the authority to limit the amount of times an applicant may sit for a national exam. Jean Hogan seconded. The motion passed.

2. Investigative Website Procedure

Item: Phyllis Gilmore reported that all identifying information has been redacted from the disciplinary action section of the web site.

Action: none needed

3. Legislative issues

Item: Phyllis Gilmore reported that the Addiction Counselor bill passed. There will be a twelfth Board member added after July 1, 2011.

Action: none needed.

Item: Phyllis Gilmore reported that the Social Worker Safety Training bill also passed. The office has received quite a few calls about what CEU's will be allowed to meet this new requirement.

Action: none needed

B. New Business

1. Discussion regarding unlicensed university instructors

Item: Phyllis Gilmore shared information from a case presented to the CRC which indicates it is not uncommon for instructors teaching practice classes at the university level to be unlicensed. Social Work definitions indicate that the instruction of practice courses is the practice of social work and therefore, would require a license. She requested the opinion of the Board on how this should be handled.

Action: Discussion followed. The Board consensus was that feedback should be requested from the universities at the Round Table Discussions.

2. Facebook

Item: Phyllis Gilmore reported that there has been a trend to put governmental agencies on Facebook and was requesting direction from the Board to see if this was something they were interested in doing.

Action: Discussion followed. The Board consensus was to not publish a Facebook page for the Board at this time.

3. Larry Hays

Item: Larry Hays presented to the Board his experience as a delegate to a recent ASPPB conference. The conference related to licensure and technology.

XII. Adjournment

Item: Jean Hogan moved the meeting be adjourned. Gary Price seconded.. The motion passed.

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Next Meeting July 12, 2010.