

THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

Friday, August 6, 2010

The Virginia Board of Counseling ("Board") convened at 9:10 a.m. on Friday, August 6, 2010 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Conner called the meeting to order.

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Mary Lou Argow
Zena Bowen
Johnston Brendel, EdD
Donnie Conner, PhD
Michael Fletcher
Sandra Malawer
Charlotte Markva
Patricia Mullen
William Scott, PhD
Catherine Schwaery
Linda Seeman, PhD
John Penn Turner

STAFF PRESENT:

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Howard Casway, Senior Attorney General
Catherine Chappell, Operations Manager
Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Arne Owens, DHP Chief Deputy Director
Dianne Reynolds-Cane, DHP Director (present for part of the meeting)
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

ORDERING OF AGENDA:

Dr. Conner requested that the Agency Director's Report be moved to the beginning of the agenda to accommodate Dr. Reynolds-Cane's need to be present at another meeting. The agenda was accepted as amended.

AGENCY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Dr. Reynolds-Cane thanked the Board for their continued support and commented that she and Mr. Owens were learning about the important board issues throughout the Agency. She provided an update on the following Agency initiatives:

1. Healthcare Workforce Data Center forecast data would be available in September and would be shared with the Board at its next meeting.

2. The Agency provided expedited licensure for healthcare workers at the recent Boy Scout National Jamboree in Virginia.
3. An online tutorial has been developed for physician training in an effort to expedite timely issuance of death certificates.

Additionally, Dr. Reynolds-Cane advised that she was participating on the workforce development panel as part of the Virginia Healthcare Reform Initiative, scheduled to meet in late August.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Dr. Conner welcomed the new board members and asked other board members and staff to introduce themselves. He recognized Dr. Scott and thanked him for continuing to serve on the Board for a second term.

Dr. Conner asked the committee chairs to provide a brief overview of their committee's purpose and recent activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Argow moved to approved the minutes from the June 7, 2010 board meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Staffing Update. Ms. Brown advised that the behavioral sciences unit continues to be short staffed due to the resignation of a staff member. She advised that the Agency was currently recruiting for an administrative assistant for the Board of Counseling. She commented that the Board continues to be very busy, with increased meetings and complex credentials issues.

Virginia Wounded Warrior Program. Ms. Brown presented information on the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program (VWWP) and explained her personal interest in the program that arose following her email exchange with a clinical psychology resident serving in Afghanistan. She learned of the problem that many returning veterans experience with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and that many veterans do not seek help because of the stigma associated with seeking therapy and the belief that civilian clinicians do not understand the military culture.

Ms. Brown advised that VWWP staff, in conjunction with Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), had developed a training program on Combat-Related PTSD Assessment and Training for veterans, families, and clinicians. She asked that the Board

of Counseling support and promote these training sessions. Additionally, because the Department of Health Professions maintains a database of licensees, the licensees could be informed about the training through email and/or by posting the information on the Boards' webpages. She noted that Dr. Reynolds-Cane and Mr. Owens support VWWP's efforts and have approved reimbursement for mileage and registration for board member attendance at the training sessions.

Dr. Seeman moved that, in support the VWWP initiative to train clinicians to treat combat veterans with PTSD, that a link to the VWWP be added on the Board's website. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Board discussed reimbursement issues and concerns with respect to Tricare, the military health insurance carrier.

Dr. Seeman moved that the Board draft a letter to Tricare regarding reimbursement for counseling services and the need to obtain parity with other mental health providers. The motion was seconded and carried. Dr. Seeman, Dr. Conner, Ms. Brown, and Ms. Yeatts agreed to draft the correspondence.

New Board Member Training. Ms. Brown encouraged new board members as well as current board members to attend the board member training scheduled for the end of October.

Roster Update. Ms. Brown asked board members to review and update, as needed, the confidential board roster. She commented that the document was not for use as a public document.

Board Contact by Public. Mr. Turner commented that he had been contacted recently by a colleague seeking information on an applicant and had referred the colleague to board staff for information. Ms. Brown reminded the Board that they may be contacted occasionally by the press or other licensees regarding board concerns and any such questions should be referred directly to board staff for handling.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. Seeman announced that one informal conference had been held since the last board meeting, and that one respondent had signed a consent order. A formal conference would convene immediately following the board meeting. She noted that 12 complaints were at the investigation stage, with four cases at the board level for probable cause review.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Ms. Argow advised that the Credentials Committee met on August 5, 2010, to consider 10 application files. The Committee denied nine of the applications and requested additional information from one applicant.

The Committee discussed supervision concerns and endorsement requirements and planned to meet again in November.

REGULATORY COMMITTEE:

In Dr. McAdams absence, Ms. Brown commented that the Regulatory Committee anticipated meeting before the next Board meeting as a result of issues arising from recent credentials committee findings and the need to address vigorous training requirements while under supervision.

OLD BUSINESS:

Correspondence from Radford University Graduate Psychology Program. Ms. Brown referenced correspondence received from the Radford University Graduate Psychology Program. The Board agreed that the regulations had been applied appropriately with respect to their concerns.

Educational Summit. Ms. Brown advised that she would be contacting faculty members who attended the previous Summit with the date for the second Summit scheduled for October 1.

2011 Meeting Dates. Ms. Brown proposed dates for the quarterly Board meetings in 2011. The Board agreed to the following dates:

February 17-18, 2011
May 5-6, 2011
August 18-19, 2011
November 17-18, 2011

Healthcare Workforce Data Center. Ms. Brown asked for a representative from the Board to participate on the Advisory Committee for the Data Center with the goal of creating a survey to send to all licensees. Dr. Brendel agreed to participate.

NBCC Meeting. Dr. Conner advised that he would be attending the upcoming NBCC meeting held to review the required professional counselor licensure examination.

PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CREDENTIALS IFC COMMITTEE – CLOSED MEETING

Dr. Seeman moved that the Board of Counseling convene in closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia in order to consult with legal counsel on the recommendations from the Credentials IFC Committee. She further moved that Howard Casway, Evelyn Brown, Patricia Larimer and Catherine Chappell attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and they

would aid the board in its consideration of the matter. The motion was seconded and carried.

RECONVENE:

Dr. Seeman moved that pursuant to §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, that the Board heard, discussed, or considered only those public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as identified in the original motion. The Committee agreed unanimously.

Katanya Good: The IFC Credentials Committee concluded that Katanya Good, LPC applicant, failed to satisfy the requirements of 18VAC 115-20-49(B) and 18VAC115-20-51(A) and recommended that her application by examination be denied. Dr. Brendel made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented. Ms. Malawer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tony Scott: The IFC Credentials Committee concluded that Tony Scott, CSAC-assistant applicant, violated 18VAC115-30-150(1), did not meet the qualifications of §54.1-3507.2 of the Code, and recommended that his application by examination be denied. Dr. Brendel made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented. Dr. Seeman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ewa Skocyzlas. The IFC Credentials Committee concluded that Ewa Skocyzlas, MFT applicant, failed to satisfy the requirements of 18VAC115-50-55 and recommended that her application by endorsement be denied. Dr. Brendel made a motion to accept the recommendation as presented. Ms. Mullen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Counseling, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Donnie Conner, PhD, Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director