

North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board
Board Meeting Minutes
Raleigh, NC
July 26, 2024

Members Present: Stephanie Robinson, Kathy Allen, Johnny Bass, Katie Salmons, Virginia Johnson, Flo Stein, Lauren Quick, Anita Daniels

Members Absent: Kendra Davis (excused)

Staff: Barden Culbreth, Donna Strickland, Randolph Cloud, Catherine Lee, Carrie Duhon, Bonnie Raddatz

Public: Glenn Buck, Nyi Myint

Call to Order and Introduction: Vice Chair Stephanie Robinson called the meeting to order at 12:04pm and asked everyone to introduce themselves. The incoming members of the Board were recognized as well.

Ethics Awareness Statement: Stephanie read the Ethics Awareness Statement and asked that board members with conflicts or appearances of conflicts make those known to the Board. Hearing no conflicts or appearances of conflicts, the meeting continued.

Approval of the Agenda: Kathy Allen motioned to approve the agenda. Flo seconded; the motion carried.

Swearing in New Members: Board counsel Catherine Lee administered oaths of office to the new Board members: Lauren Quick, Virginia Johnson, and Katie Salmons.

Presentation of Plaques to Outgoing Members: Glenn Buck and Ny Myint were recognized for their service to the Board. Stephanie presented plaques as recognition of their service.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Kathy motioned to approve. Anita Daniels seconded. The motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report: Barden presented the end of year report and a proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Kathy motioned to approve the report and proposed budget. Discussion followed regarding the need to ask the legislature to raise fees for exams. Stephanie asked how occupational boards were perceived with these requests. Discussion followed about occupational licensing. Anita seconded Kathy's motion to approve the financial report and budget. The report and budget were approved unanimously.

Anita motioned to authorize the staff and Johnny to approach the legislature to increase testing fees. Johnny reported that he knew several members of the legislature well and would reach out to them. Flo Stein seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Board Orientation / Training: Catherine asked the Board members to take a break before the presentation. Following a 5-minute break, Catherine presented a training on topics as required by NC General Statute 93B to the Board.

Board Chair Report: None

Board Office Report: None

Committees:

Ethics Committee: Committee Chair Kathy Allen reported many the Board had received many new cases that had not reached their 30-day time to respond. The committee will be meeting soon to address all open cases and investigation reports. She shared with the Board how cases are investigated and resolved.

Quality Assurance Committee: Committee Chair Anita Daniels presented the newly drafted QA Position Statement that would help set up a practice of a time-tiered system to guide wait periods for applicants with criminal histories. Anita presented a QA Position Statement that would be the guidepost for future QA review. Flo discussed how the position statement was similar to the Second Chance Act.

Standards Committee: Committee Chair Stephanie presented that there are now 18 Criteria C schools. The Committee has reviewed all 18 school programs through a review process that began in the Spring of 2023. Three school programs did not pass the review:

ECU School of Social Work – Stephanie advised that the Criteria C program has been deficient in several areas, and they have been advised that they were deficient but had not made corrections to the committee’s satisfaction. Kathy motioned to revoke the Criteria C status of the ECU Master of Social Work program, effective for students January 2025. Discussion followed on how the motion would be handled administratively. The Standards Committee could review a new application after January 1, 2025. No current Criteria C students would be affected. Anita seconded. The motion carried.

Fayetteville State University Social Work – Stephanie reported the same issue of non-compliance was present with this program. Kathy motioned to withdraw FSU from the Criteria C program. Anita seconded. The motion carried.

Hazelden University – This school has requested to withdraw from Criteria C program.

Arizona State University – This school has applied for review.

Stephanie has asked that the Board consider a legislative change to remove or reduce the HIV/BBP training requirements. Discussion followed. The Board staff suggested rebranding the requirement as “STD and STI training”, because many applicants and licensees assume the requirement is only referring to HIV/AIDS. The Board then discussed harm reduction practices and substance use disorder treatment.

Stephanie asked the Board to consider writing a rule to require that the program director of a Criteria C program hold an LCAS.

Stephanie advised the Board of an increasing number of LCAS applicants with non-qualifying degrees, including master's in criminal justice. Lauren advised that some master's programs are teaching motivational interviewing, which applicants are applying to clinical settings. Catherine agreed to draft a rule for the board to consider at a future meeting.

Government and Policy Report: Randolph Cloud presented on activity at the NC Legislature, which has been minimal since the last Board meeting. The legislature has adjourned until November.

Virginia asked if there was any movement at NCDHHS to Tobacco 21, a policy proposal to require persons to be 21 to purchase tobacco products, and that SAMHSA regulations were asking states to implement this. Discussion followed about prevention and prevention block grant dollars.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Stephanie asked that an IC&RC Meeting Update to be added to the agenda item in the future.

IC&RC Update: All exams are in the process of being updated. Typically, these reviews and updates take place every five to seven years.

Flo was recognized and announced that Matt Sandifer is working for NAADAC.

Flo reported that Bob Goodale, a longtime champion of the addiction treatment field, recently passed away.

Adjournment: Kathy motioned to adjourn. Virginia seconded, and the meeting ended.