

**BOARD OF COUNSELING
REGULATORY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 7, 2008**

TIME & PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. on February 7, 2007 in Board Room 2 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING: Kevin S. Doyle, Ed.D., Chair

**MEMBERS
PRESENT:** Mary Lou Argow
Donnie Conner, Ph.D.
Kevin Doyle, Ed.D.
Charles McAdams, Ed.D.
Eric McCollum, Ph.D.
Vivian Sanchez-Jones
Linda Seeman, Ph.D.
Natale Ward

**STAFF
PRESENT:** Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Diana Pollick, Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO
ORDER:** Dr. Doyle called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES:** Ms. Ward moved to accept the minutes of the August 9, 2007 meeting. Dr. Conner seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**CSAC TRAINING
APPROVAL:** Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Ms. Brown reported that the Board had received a letter from the National Counseling Group, Inc. stating they are seeking approval from the Credentialing Board to develop an academic/educational curriculum designed to assist clinical staff meet the educational requirements for the Certified Substance Abuse Counselor. Discussion followed. The Committee determined it is not their function to approve educational programs and that those who seek approval should be referred to the organizations listed in the regulations under continued competency for approval.

**REVIEW OF
PROPOSED
REGULATIONS:** Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Ms. Yeatts reviewed the proposed regulations for 18VAC115-20-52: Residency. Ms. Yeatts also reviewed the proposed language for 18VAC115-30-150: Denial of Issuance and 18VAC115-30-160: Reinstatement After Revocation.

**DISTANCE
COUNSELING:**

Dr. Doyle gave a summary of the progress to date and turned the meeting over to Dr. McAdams. Dr. McAdams presented the research done by himself and graduate student, Kristi Wyatt, regarding Technology Assisted Distance Counseling (TAD). Dr. McAdams stated that online materials were difficult to find so they developed a telephone survey to gather data. The information received was divided into categories of counseling and supervision. The research showed that only a few states boards are working on regulation of distance counseling. Issues of jurisdictional licensing were discussed, as well as definitions of terms used in TAD. Discussion followed. Dr. Conner moved that an Ad Hoc Committee be formed consisting of the Boards of Counseling, Social Work and Psychology to determine whether the Behavioral Science Boards need to develop a guidance document and/or propose regulatory change. Dr. Seeman seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Evelyn Brown will contact the other boards to arrange a meeting of representatives of the three boards. Dr. Seeman shared with the Committee that much of the AASCB distance learning presentation given at the Annual Conference in January was based on Dr. McAdams's research. Dr. McCollum stated that a graduate student at Virginia Tech has done some research on ethical issues surrounding TAD and that he would request permission to share the research with the committee.

ADJOURN:

Dr. Conner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. Dr. McAdams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.