

Iowa Mental Health Counselors Association

Board meeting September 15, 2012 (9am)

Attendees:

Kelly Wagner- (President)	Present
Erik Oostenink- (Past president)	Present
Don Gilbert- (Treasurer)	Present
Amy Mooney- (Secretary)	Present
Sammie Nobles (Membership Chair)	Present
Christy Johnston- (Conference Chair Committee)	Present
Cassandra Storlie- (Ethics Committee Chair)	Absent
Kacey Peterson- (Government Relations Chair)	Absent
Jessica Romey- (Member at Large)	Present
Marty Wallace- (Member at large)	Present
Kristen O'Connor-(Public Relations Chair & Website)	Present
Carol Hinman- (Publication Committee Chair)	Present (via Skype & phone)
Katie Blair— (Student Representative)	Present
Susan Heitshusen (Student Representative)	Present

Meeting started 9am:

- Minutes from April 12th were reviewed: vote brought forward, 2nd and approval of minutes -*Approved*
- Goals: Vision Setting (Request to table for December meeting)
- Ethics Committee Report: By- laws: Presented by Sammie Nobles: Cassandra disseminated an attachment of IMHCA by-laws.

Request that all board members review & edut and this will be discussed, reviewed and voted for at the next board meeting in December. Motion to review and vote at next board meeting- *Approved*.

A big thank you for to Cassandra for her hard work.

- Membership Report: Updating for the website to go live. Anticipated date to launch new website: Two weeks from date. Kristen will be the new contact for web content.

Don Gilbert brought up a discussion of what content should be allowed on the website (meetings, bylaws and ethics etc..). Should criteria be established? Discussion of fees for postings? Trainings or Internships? Discuss at next meeting.

- New President Elect “Open” position: Erik Oostenink reported he has selected a suitable candidate (experience) which is being looked at and reviewed. He reported he did not want to announce the name at this time. Possibly new candidate will be taking office in November.
- Board Members: Need to write a comprehensive description of their position (Please review bylaws).
- AMHCA & IMHCA structure: Iowa branch discussion of support from AMHCA.
- Treasurer’s Report: All bills have been paid. Balance 1500. Dues are in paypal and have not been transferred. Discussion of Sammie and Don working together with fees and maintaining memberships.
- Membership Report: 192 members. Sammie reports the largest growth has been in the students.
 1. Speaking engagements for Drake University is set. Working with University of Iowa and University of Northern Iowa on possible speaking engagements.
 2. Discussion of student portion for the website to help provide benefits for the students. Reaching the online students.... Open to suggestions of how to best do this.
 3. Discussion of postcard mailing or brochure. Mass mailing. Budget was a question.

4. Auto responder on the website.
5. Facebook: need someone to monitor. Students link to Facebook more. Discussion of rotation of board member monitoring Facebook on a weekly basis.
6. Review of the website: links suggested for students & Facebook.
7. Discussion of cost : Jenny (webmaster) cost. Discussion of new webmaster and lowering cost. Don discussed his provider and benefits.
8. Carol via phone brought up: Discussion for anticipated annual budget. Discussion of forming a committee. Might be able to see if graduate students have interest for this?

Legislative report & Goals & Licensing issues : Erik Ooselnink

- Tricare accreditations: NCMHCE is required & CACREP school program. Tricare west is currently accrediting for the state of Iowa. Propose through IMHCA that school have a period to establish CACREP.
- Discussion of supervision of interns in the state of Iowa be restricted to only Iowa licensed LMHC's. Right now the supervision for a potential LMHC may receive supervision LMHC, SW & MFC. Goal is to narrow the scope and increase training for upcoming LMHC. Discussion of higher education of psychologist or psychiatrists providing this training was discussed.
- Discussed the potential of training for the new exam. Training cost is over 500.00.
- Discussed possible new Iowa Licensure rules for Iowa LMHC to have CACREP and NCMHCE.
- Discussion of licensure name change:
 - Temporary Licensure: change to *Licensed Associate Mental Health Counselor*.
 - LMHC: change to *Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors*
- Goals: Children's mental health redesign & lobbying for mental health changes.

- Discussion of opening up the code for clinical telehealth.

MOTIONS on these issues:

- Support encouragement of the licensure board to pursue as CACREP as a requirement for licensure (allowing for grandfathering period not specified). Don called for motion. Marty 2nd. Carries (8 votes in favor).
- Requiring exam NCMHCE for Licensure for the state of Iowa. Christy made motion and Don 2nd. Carries.
- Requiring LMHC counseling students to be supervised exclusively by LMHC's. Kelly motion. Katie 2nd. Carried. One abstained.
- Changing the titles:
 - Temporary Licensure: change to 'Licensed Associate Mental Health Counselor'
 - LMHC: change to 'Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors'
 - Don called for motion. Marty 2nd. (8 votes in favor) Carried.
- Support for applying for a grant through AMHCA. Erik called for motion. Kelly 2nd. (8 votes in favor) Carried.

Discussion of ethical issue concerning company contracted with Iowa for long term care evaluations: Amy Mooney

- Ascend Management Innovations was discussed . Discussion of ethical issues of the entity changing reports of LMHC and labeling the providers as 'data collectors' for their services. Currently, the Ombudsman for the Department of Human Services & the Ombudsman for Long term care issues have looked into the issues and several changes have occurred. The company is required by federal law to have a licensed provider see the patient and sign the final report.
- Carol via phone provides evaluations for Ascend company as well and discussed concern of rendering medical judgment/summaries which is outside her scope of practice. She has also discussed this with Ascends management.
- Board agreed at this point that the Ascend job posting will be removed. Amy Mooney will report status after call with State Ombudsman and status.

The annual IMHCA conference report: Christy Johnston

- Report the annual IMHCA conference will be on a Monday and Tuesday. April 15th & 16th, 2013 in Des Moines.
- Discussion with the committee having ethics course being rotated each year. Discussion of other speakers and speaker fees. Cost still being determined.
- Discussion of theme and speakers are needed.
- Discussed Marty possibly presenting on child play therapy
- Call for proposals for the IMHCA annual conferences needs to be put on website.
- CEU certificates: discussion of best way to do that.

Newsletter: Carol (via phone): Information needed from various board members for the newsletter. Deadlines for this are by the end of the month (September) and October the newsletter will be released.

- Discussion of membership committee and professional development committee.
- Discussion of the first awarded Diplomate status of AMHCA in the state of Iowa.

Conclusion of meeting. Next meeting set for December 8th at 9am. This will be at Don Gilberts office in Ankeny.