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Board Minutes June 30, 2006

Present: Sally Tice, President, Kathy Kelly, MFT, David Arena, PCA, Morgan Plant, Lobbyist, Sherry Kristal-Turetzky, PARP, Sue Morano, Admin

Agenda handed out with a request for additional items by President. A new PCA Rep will need to be approved by the Board at this meeting. Introduction of PACP Board members to David Arena. LeeAnn Eschbach has officially retired from her position as PCA Rep in PACP. David Arena, Chair of the DeSales University Counseling Department will replace her as the PCA Rep.

MOTION: To approve David Arena to represent PCA on the PACP Board. K.Kelly, S.K.Turetzky, first & second the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

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Minutes:

Review of minutes from 12/2/05 with corrections.

MOTION: To approved the minutes with corrections. S.K.Turetzky, D. Arcana, first and second the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Discussion of income vs expenses. Fiscal End of Year summary was presented to each Board representative. Review and clarification of entries to David A. Balance of checking account on 6/30/2006 was \$10,242.00. When reconciled this amount will be carried into new year.

MOTION: To approve the Treasure's report, K.Kelly , S. Tice, first and second the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

PAMFT Update: New board members. Emphasis on grassroots advocacy. Review of issues of importance to organization. Regional Directors to meet monthly within their areas and continue to increase membership involvement in organization.

PCA Update: No current information. David.A. will be keynote speaker for the PCA annual conference at State College. David will look into holding a round table discussion at the conference for updating membership in PACP activities.

PARP Update: Currently without sitting president or president-elect. Working on getting more member involvement.

Lobbyist: To inform our new board member Morgan Plant gave a brief overview of how she was hired and her fees. She informed him that PACP has missed opportunities due to

the lack of member organization resources. At this time we learned that David A. has a J.D. degree which will be useful for us in the future. Morgan discussed changes in seats on the State Board and the fact that SW still have two open seats to fill. A discussion on how these seats are filled and how we view the importance of these seats followed. She updated us on other professional organizations, lobbyists, and some of the issues she is watching and reviewing with them.

Sally Tice reviewed the meeting on April 7, 2006 with PAMFT Pres, Pres-Elect, & Legislative Chair, with PACP President, Sally T., Sue M, Admin. and Morgan Plant. Meeting was planned to review issues and maintaining coordination with PACP.

PA State Licensure Board meetings are attended by Sue M. monthly. No meetings in July and August. Meeting held in April in Philadelphia for the purpose of allowing all interested to attend and see the type of actions and work is done by the Board. This meeting was poorly attended by licensees or professional organizations other than PACP and PAMFT. Meeting focused on "expectations" and CEU regulations. Expectations are that the regulation should be passed during the 2007-2009 term and by renewal 2009 we would expect to have CEUs accrued, 30 hours total.

Sally Tice reminded us that the Board cannot require anyone to accrue CEUs until the regulation is approved by the State and the process is put into action. Sexual Conduct regulation is pending and there will be a public meeting on July 6, 2006 by IRRC. We are in favor of the regulation and have no complaints at this time concerning its approval. The State Board sent a letter to IRRC and withdrew their request for changes to the supervision amendment. This amendment will stand as written. Only 6 supervisees who are going for a license may be supervised by same person. Internships and practicums are inherent part of training programs and are to be part of the 48 credits. Therefore, these hours cannot be counted as part of the 3600 hours for licensure.

Supervision Registry: Letters offering information and requesting feedback for a supervision log to be part of the website are being sent out monthly to all licensed professionals in MFT and PC. David A will provide assistance with this project.

MA Meeting: It was recommended by the State representatives that acceptance be gained county by county and through behavioral health organizations. PACP informed the participants of the importance this is to our fields of disciplines. Morgan continues to remind us that this ongoing issue is going to be most difficult to advance until more push from grassroots efforts in the counties by LPC/LMFT living in them is begun. (How important to your membership is Medicaid?)

Diagnosis bill: SB #841-Unchanged and not moved. Morgan wants to discuss resubmitting the bill with SW lobbyist in 2007 with all of us included. Language needs to be reviewed and PACP will submit a new version of the definition of "diagnosis." Each representative will submit a version for their discipline. This word can be helpful to us as we further our need for integration into behavior health bills. David A. will review each submission.

(Review Health Insurance Market Place Modernization Act (S.1955)

Confidential Communication Amendment. This will need to be readdressed in the 2007 session. The language is ready, there are problems with the SWs, and we will need to find a new sponsor. Child abuse reporting has new broadened requirements with psychiatrists and psychologists exempt.

Bridge insurance bill: No further information. Dan Marrow not present.

PACP will need to try to change insurance language so Highmark can't continue to say they "are legally required." To implement change we will need to take on the Insurance Federation to gain their cooperation. PAMFT has someone in national office who would possibly work on this issue. Contact will be made to see how this person can be of help in this state.

PA. Community Providers Association: Act 147. Sally T. continues to attend meetings on PACP behalf. Psychiatry and Psychology representatives are also present at these meetings. No action needs to be rendered at this time.

Organization/Mission/Goals:

Time to redo Alliance Agreement and Annual Budget

Remain legislative watchdog

Strengthen, retain, expand what we have.

Currently we have not been effective with legislative issues due to lack of financial and people resources. Need people to be invested and involved. We are only efficient when numbers are involved and we lobby together.

Access to care

Education for Board membership

Issues need to be focused

Outreach to varied organizations

\$300 left in PAC – needed for contributions to legislators for support on varied issues of interest for 2007: Bruce Barner, President; Morgan Plant, Treasurer

PAC envelopes need to go out again with organizations newsletter articles in August/Sept.

Checks made out to PACP PAC.

Review of PACP Mission Statement – corrected language.

Reviewed Alliance Agreement:

Educate members

State Board

State Government

Resource and Liaison to member organizations through newsletters articles, website

Continue to meet with relevant administrative personnel: per issues of interest to member organizations, eg: OMSAS.

Budget Discussion & Review:

Morgan willing to contract at current salary for legislative session.

Sue Morano willing to continue at current salary.

Budget items reviewed and recognized.

Motion: To approved recommended budget as stated at this meeting. KKelly second.
Unanimous Agreement.

Motion: To approve David Arena as Treasurer. SKT first, KKelly second. Unanimous approval.

Website: PACPAlliance.org will be PACP homepage address. Information is ready to be put on site and changes can be made/updated after viewing.

Newsletter: new PCA rep now current Treasure, meet with SW – define diagnosis, work with DPW for enrollment in MA, finish supervisor’s registry, website on-going.

Next meeting date: Saturday, November 11 at 10:30 AM Morgan’s Home

Backup: Saturday, November 18, 2006.

Possibility of meeting at Sally Tice’s office outside Harrisburg.

Email will be our communication standard for staying in touch during the time we do not meet. Sue M. will make sure each representative receives current information from Morgan or Sally.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Kristal-Turetzky