State Counselor Credentialing Boards Meet in North Carolina

Representatives from thirty-four states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB), and the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) gathered at Graylyn Conference Center in Winston-Salem, N.C., on August 8–10 for NBCC’s fifth Examination Review Conference for state counselor credentialing boards. More than fifty attendees heard presentations from NBCC and CCE staff on issues relating to examination construction, job analysis, FACT (Fair Access Coalition on Testing), and NBCC Examination Programs.

This event also offered the representatives a special opportunity to network with one another, share concerns and solutions, discuss the latest issues relating to counselor credentialing in the United States, and hear information on global counseling issues. It was exciting for everyone to see first-time representatives from Puerto Rico and Minnesota, where counselor licensure has passed but boards are just now in the process of being appointed.

Also attending for the first time was a representative from BACP, which accredits counsellors in the United Kingdom. NBCC board members and staff visited the BACP in Rugby, England, in February and June so it was a pleasure to have a member of the BACP here with us. Additional members of BACP will be visiting NBCC this fall for continued collaboration.

The state of Pennsylvania passed its licensure law six years ago but only passed final regulations and began licensing counselors in 2002. J. Michael Wilkins, a member of the Pennsylvania Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, in his fourth year of

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Call for Nominations for Board Positions

Information regarding board positions for NBCC and Affiliates will be posted on the NBCC Web site beginning October 1, 2003. Terms of office vary from three to five years. All interested NCCs are encouraged to apply. Additional information, application, and nomination packets may be obtained from our Web site at www.nbcc.org and from our NBCC Fax-On-Demand Line at 1-800-324-6222, document 6001.

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SPOTLIGHT ON NBCC AFFILIATES

Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE)

CCE joined NBCC in presenting at the International Association of Education and Vocational Guidance conference in Bern, Switzerland. The topic of discussion was the Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF). CCE is embarking on research that will explore how work behaviors of GCDFs match the career development needs of citizens in their respective countries.

In other news: CCE will now be managing the counselor licensure application review for the state of South Carolina. This will be in addition to the other states for which CCE has been providing review services.

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service, has attended all of the NBCC state credentialing boards conferences. “Each trip has reinforced, in my mind, NBCC’s commitment to the advancement of the counseling profession through credentialing and expansion into the world community,” Wilkins said. “That forward-thinking mentality has inspired me to continue to seek to expand and improve myself, personally and professionally, and not just in my local area but to think more globally overall.”

Dean Porter, executive director of the California Registry of Professional Counselors, has also attended every state boards conference since the beginning. “The information and support that I have received from other state licensing board members, and from NBCC staff, at this meeting has been invaluable in starting California’s efforts toward counselor licensure,” Porter said. “Meeting folks in person still has its place in this electronic age, and I am grateful that NBCC provides that opportunity.”

Despite a recent setback with their licensure effort, the representative from Hawaii, Sandra Joy Eastlack, was present and still hopeful that licensure will pass in her state. She and many others continue to work hard toward that end.

While professional associations regularly offer members of a profession the chance to network and learn together, it is rare that state professional boards get this opportunity. NBCC believes strongly that this is one of our most important functions. Susan Eubanks, NBCC associate executive director, has been integral in all of the conferences held to date. She reports, “The enthusiastic response from state boards to the invitation to attend our conference makes it a pleasure to plan and carry out.”

NBCC Executive Director Thomas W. Clawson says the conferences offer an excellent avenue for exchanging information between NBCC and state boards. “NBCC receives as much information from the participants as they obtain and take back with them. This conference helps NBCC continue to offer superior examination services to the counseling profession.”

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Counseling Torture Victims

With so many conflicts raging globally, many of us have become more aware than perhaps we wanted to of the serious problems faced by people around the world living in cultures where civil liberties are virtually nonexistent. In light of this, it seemed particularly appropriate to print the story of NCC Kathy Anderson.

Kathy Anderson, of San Diego, CA, serves as the executive director of Survivors of Torture, International, a nonprofit organization she co-founded in 1997. This organization is a healing resource for survivors of politically motivated torture and their families. It educates the general public and professional communities about torture and is an instrument to end torture.

“Typically, the word ‘torture’ does not come up in graduate school, let alone how to identify a torture victim, understand the effects of torture, and professionally treat a survivor,” says Kathy. “The therapists who work with Survivors of Torture participate in a specialized training program and are offered opportunities to debrief with the staff so they can provide quality care, as well as take care of themselves.”

It is not easy hearing the stories of these clients. When Kathy is asked how she is able to work in such a stressful environment, she says it is all worth it knowing that the survivors who have so many needs are receiving services that they otherwise would not be able to access. She says it is an honor to be in a room with a survivor and a privilege to be able to provide a safe, understanding environment in which the survivors can begin their healing journey. For more information about Survivors of Torture, visit www.notorture.org.

Recertification News

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**MARK GILSON QUOTED ON STOCK MARKET STRESS**

NBCC Approved Provider Mark Gilson was quoted extensively in a story done by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution in October 2002. Mark, a psychologist and founder of the Atlanta Center for Cognitive Therapy, gave information on why people react so strongly to stock market news and how we can all cope better with the ups and downs of Wall Street.

**HUGH GUNNISON, NCC,** of Canton, OH, has published a new book Hypnocounseling: An Eclectic Bridge between Milton Erickson and Carl Rogers. Contents include an examination of Rogers and Erickson with regard to their impact on counseling, the origin and development of values, the use of metaphors, hypnosis and hypnocounseling definitions, hypnotic phenomena, implied directive language, and the three-phase counseling process. Gunnison works with his wife in private practice in New York. He has published numerous articles and conducted workshops both in the United States and abroad. To order: visit www.pccs-books.co.uk.

**RUSSELL A. SABELLA, NCC,** of Ft. Myers, FL, has completed the second edition of SchoolCounselor.com: A Friendly and Practical Guide to the World Wide Web. Written especially with counselors in mind, this resource offers practical instructions and information on gaining Internet access, navigating the Web, searching for relevant materials, and developing your own counseling Web site. SchoolCounselor.com is suitable both for the novice and the more experienced Internet user. Sabella is an associate professor of counseling at Florida Gulf Coast University. To order from Educational Media Corporation: call 1-800-966-3382 or visit www.educationalmedia.com.

**MIA TENNENBAUM, NCC, LPC,** of Northbrook, IL, has created and published a new course for teens called Essential Life Skills for Teens®. Geared toward sophomore to senior level high school students, this program teaches the importance of understanding and applying the concepts of motivation, goals, opportunity and decision-making, authentic living, and managing and facilitating change. The course is offered both independently in communities and through high schools. Facilitators of the course must be certified by Tennenbaum and must have backgrounds as certified teachers, school counselors, licensed therapists, or certified coaches. Interested individuals and/or schools can learn more about the program, and about becoming a facilitator, by e-mailing Tennenbaum at Mia@MiaSharon.com or by calling 847-564-7507.
NCCs of Note

- Bradley A. Janey, NCC, of Union Dale, PA, has been elected president of the Pennsylvania Counseling Association for the 2003-2004 year. The presidential theme for his term, which began July 1, is “Thirty-five Years of Making Connections,” a reference to how far the organization has come and where it is headed. Janey is an assistant professor in counselor education at Marywood University in Scranton.

- Jeffrey A. Schwartz, NCC, of Charleston, SC, recently completed his J.D. degree from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, MO. While in law school, he was managing editor of the Journal of Law and Policy and will soon be published in volume 13. Schwartz received the Scribes Award for outstanding published writing contribution to the field.

- Richard von Stamwitz, NCC, NCGC, LPC, of Greensboro, NC, was recently selected for inclusion in the 2003-2004 class of the Senior Leadership Initiative, an interinstitutional program of the University of North Carolina. To be accepted into the program, participants had to propose a leadership project; von Stamwitz based his program proposal on “Aging Well/Life Planning Interventions for the ‘Young Old’: Promoting Innovative Programs in Adult Education and Faith Communities.” Von Stamwitz received a stipend for the year to aid in the development of his program.

- Jane R. Rosen-Grandon, NCC, ACS, LPC, LMFT, of Greensboro, NC, was chosen as the recipient of the Don Dinkmeyer Social Interest Award at the 2003 American Counseling Association conference in Anaheim, CA. The award recognizes an ACA member who has made a significant contribution in the counseling field in support of families and family members. Rosen-Grandon was cited for her nearly twenty-five-year career that has included inventory and Web page development; speaking engagements on the local, state, and national levels; and publications with a wide appeal both to professionals and the public. Her body of work has been called “remarkably insightful and thought-provoking.” She is the owner of Rosen-Grandon Associates (www.dr-jane.com) in Greensboro and does both community service training and pro bono counseling for teens.

Voluntary Audits

The following NCCs have passed the NBCC® Voluntary Audit for special recognition in continuing education. While 100 hours of continuing education are required for recertification, these NCCs have completed and documented more than 130 hours in the five-year certification period. They have received a special certificate citing this achievement and are to be congratulated for their dedication to excellence. NBCC salutes them!

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HOME STUDY PROGRAMS

For complete information on home study programs, you must directly contact the NBCC Approved Providers who have been approved for home study programs. We are now maintaining a list of these providers on our Web site (on the Continuing Education page) and on the NBCC Fax Information Line (1-800-324-6222, request document #4001). Please take advantage of this convenient list to contact these providers and see what they have to offer.

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