

Mental Health Faculty Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2010

Attended: Montgomery, Nicoll, Sperry, Lee, & Peluso (Presiding and Recording)

Meeting called to order at 1:05pm.

A motion to accept the minutes of the 10/4/10 meeting was made by Dr. Montgomery, seconded by Dr. Sperry. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Peluso presented a draft of a Memorandum of Agreement that Dr. Lee had been asked to work on at the request of Dr. Johnson. It was a version that had been drafted by the Office of General Counsel to be used with Social Work interns. Several modifications were made by Dr. Lee. In addition, several additional modifications were suggested by the Mental Health faculty. Faculty agreed to send additional suggestions to Dr. Lee for incorporation into the MOA.

Dr. Peluso carried forward the issue of the use and usefulness of the GRE exam for admissions, and the use of another exam (i.e., CPCE exam) for formally assessing student's knowledge base in counseling following formal coursework. Discussion ensued, including the inadequacy of an exam to assess clinical competency. It was agreed that using the CPCE should be a part of an overall comprehensive assessment that would include assessment in MHS 6800/01/30.

Dr. Sperry made the following motion: "Obtaining a passing grade on the CPCE will become a graduation requirement for Mental Health students beginning with students entering the program in Spring 2011." Dr. Nicoll seconded the motion.

Dr. Peluso agreed to draft a policy for consideration regarding this new requirement.

Dr. Sperry made a presentation regarding measuring competency in courses (specifically MHS 6070). He distributed copies of a "Case Report Evaluation Rubric" and "Session Presentation Evaluation Rubric." He detailed how these follow along a defined path of competencies, and that they proceed from material that is presented in MHS 6401. Discussion ensued, and Dr. Nicoll moved that the MH Faculty would commit to a series of additional meetings will be set for the Spring semester to devise strategies for implementing more competency based methods of instruction in both the pre-practicum training courses (MHS 5005, 6401, 6070, 6222) and the field-based courses (MHS 6800, 6801, & 6830) and other courses. The targeted time for completion will be by Spring Break, 2011. This was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00

Respectfully submitted, P. Peluso