

Mental Health Faculty Meeting Agenda March 2, 2011

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

Meeting called to order at 1:05pm.

1. Minutes for February 9, 2011 meeting were accepted unanimously (with modification)
2. Dr. Lee presented a final draft of the Memorandum of Agreement for approval. Final edits were suggested, and memorandum was unanimously accepted (Montgomery moved, Sperry seconded).
3. Dr. Montgomery presented a policy statement governing the administration of the CPCE exam for all students admitted Fall 2011 and beyond. Discussion ensued and policy was adopted unanimously (Peluso Moved, Lee seconded). Policy will be included in future revisions of the handbook.
4. Dr. Nicoll raised the issue of and presented a memorandum outlining the growing need for individuals with masters degrees in counseling (particularly school counseling) to take the required coursework for licensure as an MHC in Florida. Several faculty acknowledge that they have seen an increased number of questions related to this issue. Dr. Nicoll proposed putting together an informational packet that would present the procedure for taking four courses for students to take as non-degree seeking students. These courses, as part of the normal rotation of

courses on the Port St. Lucie campus, are held on weekend “fast track” schedules, which would be attractive for these students. There was general consensus from the faculty that information related to applying for licensure, including state requirements for Practicum and Internship should emphasize that merely taking the courses were not sufficient for licensure, but to become a registered intern. Further, students taking these courses would not be eligible to take MHS 6800, 6801, or 6830 unless admitted into a degree-seeking program. Dr. Nicoll agreed to be the liason and contact person for any student inquiries, as well as agreed to create material to be distributed at conferences and via e-mail. Motion was passed unanimously.

5. Dr. Sperry presented a Syllabus Review for MHS 6401, 6070, & 6801 relative to the new MH Competencies Matrix. Dr. Peluso also discussed keying the objectives and competencies to the 2009 CACREP standards (in the II.G. matrix). It was agreed for the next meeting on April 13, that each faculty member would begin to take some of the general standards and fill in the grid to reflect these new competencies.

Additional agenda items were tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Peluso

