# Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists November 18, 2022 10:30 a.m. Open Session Minutes

#### **Members in Attendance:**

Mary N. Drotleff, LCMFT, Chair Winnie Moore, LCPC, Vice Chair Sharon Bolden, LCPC, LCADC Secretary Sara Carlton, Consumer Member Mark D. Donovan, LCPC, LCADC C. Scott Frazier III, Consumer Member Jeffrey M. Galecki, LCPC, LCADC Elizabeth K. Guroff, LCMFT Karen E. Katrinic, LCMFT Stacey L. Nelson, LCPC, LCPAT Sharita A. Sivels, LCPC

#### **Members Absent:**

Lisa K. Connors, LCPC Kimberly Poole-Sykes, RhD, LCPC

Meeting held via Google Meet

# I. Call to Order/Attendance

The Board open session meeting on November 18, 2022 began at 10:32 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

# II. Review/Approve Agenda

Motion by Karen Katrinic, LCMFT to approve agenda and seconded by Sharon Bolden, LCPC, LCADC. Motion approved.

Mary N. Drotleff, Chair, reported that the Board open session minutes from the previous meeting on October 21, 2022 should be amended to reflect accurate attendance of members. As such, Ms. Drotleff stated that both Lisa Connors, LCPC and Sharita Sivels LCPC should be added to members present for the meeting and that Winnie Moore, LCPC, Jeffrey M. Galecki, LCPC, LCADC and C. Scott Frazier III should be removed as they were not in attendance. Review and approve minutes of October 21, 2022. Motion by Mr. Frazier and seconded by Ms. Bolden. The minutes of the October 21, 2022 Board open session were approved with such amendments.

# III. Chair's Report

- **a.** Ms. Drotleff introduced the new Executive Director Laura Berg, MSW. Ms. Berg briefly gave the Board an introduction to her background which includes that she possesses a master's in social work and has worked and practice in both clinical and administrative capacities as well as in leadership roles. Ms. Berg stated she is excited to enter into this current role and looks forward to getting to know each of members and various other stakeholders so that she can most effectively support the work of the Board.
- **b.** Ms. Drotleff reported she previously met with both NAADAC and MAC which she stated to be a productive meeting and looks forward to continuing the relationship with these groups. Ms. Drotleff stated she will be meeting with LCPCM as is scheduled on a bi-monthly basis.

## IV. Old Business

Ms. Drotleff stated there to be no old business to update on at this time.

#### V. New Business

- **a.** Ms. Drotleff reported that the Board will hold elections at the next month's meeting for the positions of chair, vice chair and secretary. Ms. Drotleff stated that Board members can nominate themselves or someone else and should contact Ms. Berg who will be coordinating the process to do so. Ms. Drotleff suggested that if one wishes to nominate someone else to check with that individual first regarding interest in holding office. Ms. Drotleff stated that those elected will begin office in January 2023.
- **b.** Ms. Drotleff reported to be developing Board bylaws which will hopefully be drafted in the near future to then be presented for a vote.

## VI. Committee Reports

## A. Legislative/Regulations

Karen Katrinic, LCMFT reported that she and Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordination, are looking forward to working with Ms. Berg and establishing an agenda regarding Board priorities. Ms. Reese reported that the proposed telehealth regulations are now being directed to the ALER Committee and thereafter will likely be published in the December 16, 2022 issues of the *Maryland Register* for the thirty-day comment period after which will be the final action process before being codified. Ms. Reese stated she will update the Board of the progress regarding these regulations.

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Ms. Reese reported that the legislative session will initiate on January 11, 2023 and will run, per policy, for ninety days. Ms. Reese requested that members check their emails daily during session regarding new bills and other related matters.

Ms. Reese further reported that the proposed alcohol and drug bill already has two sponsors for the upcoming session of Senator Malcolm Augustine and Delegate Bonnie Cullison.

# **B.** Credentialing Committee

Ms. Bolden stated there to be no report at this time.

# C. Disciplinary Review Committee

Ms. Moore reported that the members should continue to view the disciplinary actions page on the Board's website to remain aware of any sanctions.

# D. Alcohol and Drug Counselor Subcommittee

Mark Donovan, LCPC, LCADC stated there to be no additional report at this time beyond what Ms. Reese already communicated.

## VII. Other/Miscellaneous - None

Next meeting: December 16, 2022.

Motion to Adjourn by Ms. Moore sand seconded by Ms. Katrinic. Motion approved. The Board open meeting session ended at 10:45 a.m.

Submitted by,	
Sharon Bolden,	LCPC, LCADC Secretary