

**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS**  
Minutes – Open Session January 15, 2021 via Google Hangouts Meet  
Approved by the Board on February 19, 2021

<b>Members</b>	<b>Non-Members</b>
Nicki Drotleff, LCMFT, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Rhonda Edwards, AAG
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Lynn Duffy, Psy.D., LCPC	Ryan Dixon, Investigator
Stacey Nelson, LCPC, LCPAT	Barbara Tanner, Investigator
Elizabeth Guroff, MA, LCMFT	Janice Isaac, Licensing Coordinator
Lisa Connors, LCPC	Alex Langston, Licensing Coordinator
C. Scott Frazier	Anna Sullivan, Licensing Coordinator
	Susan Roisterscher, LCPCM Willie Harris Anjalissa Johnson Rachel Faulkner

*The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.*

- I. Attendance taken and statement by Board Chair regarding statements by the public during meeting.
- II. Review and Approval of Open Session Minutes from December 18, 2020 – Motion carried.
- III. Motion to approve the Agenda – Motion carried.
- IV. Virtual presentation by Ann Ciekot along with Craig Lippens, On behalf of The Maryland Addictions Directors Council (MADC) and the Maryland Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence (MATOD), Re: ADT telehealth Bill

- V. Reports;
  - a. Chair: No Report
  - b. Acting Executive Director
    - i. Expense report forms were mailed to Board Members with instructions to complete and return in postage paid envelope to the Board for submission to the fiscal officer for payment. Also, Board members should check their state email accounts daily during session.
    - ii. The Board is setting up an automated phone system to direct callers to the appropriate Board staff or unit.
    - iii. The Board now employs three Investigators and introduced its newest Investigator Barbara Tanner.
  - c. Legislation/Regulation Committee: No Report
  - d. The Alcohol and Drug Counselor Subcommittee will resume meetings after session.
  - e. The Disciplinary Review Committee continues to meet monthly to review new complaints, completed investigations and matters involving criminal history.
  - f. Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee noted concerns regarding the need to regulate the practice in schools.

I. Old Business (Vallone):

- A. The State of Emergency remains in effect and the MDH website contains all Executive Orders.
- B. The Board discussed its concerns with the Licensed Professional Counselors Compact draft.

II. New Business (Vallone):

- A. The Board had no questions regarding MADC and the MATOD drafted legislation allowing ADTs to continue delivering services via telehealth after the public health emergency declarations are lifted.
- B. HB 233/SB 82 – State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists – Maryland Music Therapy Act. House Hearing – January 20, 2021, Senate hearing January 26, 2021; the bill was revised to include Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists. Board took no position on bill.
- C. HB 28/SB 5 Public Health - Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities. House Hearing - January 26, 2021, Senate Hearing February 2, 2021; Board took no position on bill.
- D. HB 224/SB 262 Department of Information Technology – Study of a Common Information 3 Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards. House Hearing - January 14, 2021, Senate Hearing January 19, 2021; Board took no position on bill.

- E. HB 123/SB 3 Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021. House Hearing – January 27, 2021, Senate Hearing - January 27, 2021; Motion to oppose; Motion carried. Mark Donovan and Winnie Moore will testify in opposition on January 27, 2021.
- F. HB 132/SB 41 Health- Mental and Emotional Disorders- Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative). House and Senate Hearings not scheduled yet; Motion to support with amendments; Motion carried.
- G. HB 344/SB 72 Open Meetings Act – Requirements for State Agencies and Local Boards of Elections (Maryland Transparency Act of 2021). House Hearing – February 11, 2021, Senate Hearing – Not scheduled yet; Motion to support with amendments; Motion carried.
- H. HB 119/SB 313 Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Types of Dementia. House Hearing – January 19, 2021, Senate Hearing – January 26, 2021; Motion to support with amendments; Motion carried.
- I. HB 309 Public Health Data- Race and Ethnicity Information. House Hearing – January 26, 2021; Motion to oppose; Motion carried. Karen Katrinic will testify in opposition on January 26, 2021.
- J. HB 183 Public Information Act – Revision (Equitable Access to Records Act). House Hearing – February 11, 2021. Motion to oppose; Motion carried. Witness needed for February hearing.
- K. HB 320 Maryland Longitudinal Data System- Transfer of Student Data - Modifications. Board took no position on bill.
- L. Board members should submit their financial disclosure filings by April 30, 2021.

*The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. to conduct an administrative/quasi-judicial meeting.*

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*Winnie Moore, LCPC, Secretary*