

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

Minutes – Open Session February 21, 2020

Approved by the Board on March 20, 2020

Members	Non-Members
Risa Ganel, LCMFT, <i>Chair</i>	Kimberly B. Link, J.D., Exec. Dir.
Jeffrey M. Galecki, LCADC, LCPC, <i>Vice Chair, Absent</i>	Rhonda Edwards, AAG
Nicki Drotleff, LCMFT, <i>Secretary</i>	Frances A. Cipriotti, Administrator
Aparna Ramaswamy, Ed.D., Ph.D., LCPC, ACS, Absent	Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordinator
Amanda Bechtel, LCPC, LCPAT, Absent	Willie Harris, Metro MFT
Michael W. Nettles, LCPC	Janice Isaac, Admin. Specialist
Sharon Bolden, LCADC, LCPC	Danielle Vallone, Compliance Manager
Sara Carlton, Consumer	Jennifer Rhodes, LCMFT, Metro MFT
Mark Donovan, LCADC, LCPC	
C. Scott Frazier, III, Consumer	
Karen Katrinic, LCMFT	
Winnie Moore, LCPC, Absent	
Lynn Duffy, Psy.D., LCPC	

9:00 a.m. Discipline Review Committee

9:30 a.m. Credentialing Committee

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

- I. Review/Approval of Agenda – *Approved.*
- II. Review/Approval of Open Session minutes of November 15, 2019 – *Approved.*
- III. Reports:
 - A. Chair:
 - i. Introduction of Lynn Duffy, Psy.D, LCPC, newly appointed to Board.
 - ii. Discussion regarding interactions and outcome of situation involving an individual who was a client of a licensee and who filed grievances against Board members and staff.
 - B. Board Counsel – No report.
 - C. Legislation/Regulations Committee (Link/Reese):
 - Hearings on Sunset Extension held January 30, 2020 and February 6, 2020; both bills crossed over; there are no anticipated issues regarding the bill.

- HB42/SB67 - Public Information Act - Application for Inspection - Responses and Time Limits. House hearing - February 11, 2020, Senate hearing March 10, 2020; Kim Link testified that the Board would have difficulty responding to PIAs in the shortened time period provided in the bill.
- HB448/SB Health Care Practitioners – Telehealth, Senate hearing February 13, 2020 and House hearing February 18, 2020; Kim Link testified at both hearings regarding the Board’s position against the ability to provide counseling/therapy services solely through asynchronous interactions.
- HB820 Child Abuse and Neglect – Training of Health Care Professionals, House hearing February 20, 2020; Board took no position on bill.
- HB639 Public Health – Cultural Competency Coursework or Training, House hearing February 26, 2020; Board took no position on bill.
- SB766/HB1102 Maryland Music Therapists Act, Senate hearing February 26, 2020, House hearing March 5, 2020; Kim Link, Mark Donovan, and Nicki Drotleff will testify in opposition on February 26, 2020. Witnesses needed for March hearing.
- HB1616 Health Occupations Boards – Uniform Record Keeping Requirements; Motion to oppose HB1616; Motion carried, unanimously.

D. Credentialing Committee (Bolden): Committee considered one application seeking to use undergraduate appraisal course for LCPC; request was denied. Committee also considered request of applicant who applied in 2013 to sit for the NCE again without having to reapply; request denied. Request to use hours earned in Florida toward LCPC; allowed up to 1000 hours earned during internship. Discussion regarding accepting California state MFT exam. Katrinic to research if the exam is “normed” and will report back to the Board.

E. Discipline Review Committee (Ganel): The committee continues to meet monthly.

F. Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee (Link): No report.

IV. Old Business (Link):

A. Board held open session on Feb 10 to discuss position on telehealth bill. Opposed.

V. New Business (Link):

A. Motion to approve contract with ThoughtSpan Technologies, Inc. for disciplinary case management. Carried.

Motion to close Open Session. Carried. Open Session adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki Drotleff, LCMFT, Secretary