

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS
Minutes – Open Session June 19, 2020 via Google Hangouts Meet
Approved by the Board on August 21, 2020

Members	Non-Members
Jeffrey M. Galecki, MS, LCADC, LCPC, <i>Chair</i>	Danielle M. Vallone Acting Executive Director
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The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:40 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 May 15, 2020– Motion carried.
- III. Motion to approve the Agenda – Motion carried.
- IV. Executive Committee Elections – Nicki Drotleff, Vice Chair/Secretary.
- V. Presentation by Liz Nadeau, MALGBTIC of the Maryland Counseling Association re: Equitable Access to Competent Counseling: Position Statement, Mandatory Education on Counseling Transgender and Nonbinary Individuals, Families, Groups and Communities from an Intersectional Perspective
- VI. Reports;
 - a. Chair –
 - b. Board counsel – No report.
 - c. 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 before June 30, 2020.
 - ii. Shelly-Ann Barnes is the Acting Compliance Manager. An administrative specialist resigned from the Board.
 - iii. MDH has a hiring and budget freeze. The Board submitted a request to recruit for the Executive Director and Secretary position. All existing contracts were renewed for contractual employees.
 - iv. Office of Minority Health and Health gives a presentation each year at the Board Member Orientation, which is cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. Therefore, they are offering Google Hangout Live presentations for open sessions.
 - d. Credentialing Committee: Discussed an appeal letter regarding a denied request for an extension for testing, which was denied.
 - e. Legislation/Regulations Committee: No Report
 - f. Alcohol and Drug Counselor Subcommittee meeting to be held on July 17, 2020 virtually.
 - g. Disciplinary Review Committee: Committee continues to meet monthly to review new complaints, completed investigations and matters involving criminal history.
 - h. Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee: No Report
- I. Old Business (Vallone):
 - A. National examinations and testing sites (Pearson Vue) is reopening sites and operating with reduced capacities with social distancing and adhering to the new cleaning requirements. Some proctoring is moving online, it is unclear if this will be permanent or short term. They confirmed that the pandemic has not slowed down test/exam results. Should there be a second wave of the pandemic, they will re-evaluate and adapt as needed.

- B. The Acting Executive Director will meet with IT and the compliance tracking software vendor to ensure compatibility with the systems. Moreover, the Acting Executive Director will continue working on the contract details.

VI. New Business (Vallone):

- A. COVID and Updated Executive Orders are available on MDH's Website
- B. Interstate Compact licensed Professional Counselors (K. Link): Stakeholder review will begin in August. Ms. Link will forward information as it becomes available.
- C. Licensed Graduates and ADTs who expire during the state of emergency will remain active until 30 days after the state of emergency is lifted. The Acting Executive Director is working with IT to update the licensure database and a disclaimer to the license lookup search engine updating the public.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki Drotleff, LCMFT, Vice Chair & Secretary