

Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists
Friday, July 15 · 10:30 am
Open Session Minutes

Meeting held via Google Meet.

Members in Attendance:

Kimberly J. Poole-Sykes
Nicki Drotleff
Scott Frazier
Michael Nettles
Jeffrey Galecki
Sara Carlton
Sharon Bolden
Elizabeth Gurhoff
Karen Katrinic
Stacey Nelson
Winnie Moore
Mark Donovan
Lisa Connors
Sharita Sivels

A quorum of the Board was present.

1. Review and approve the agenda. Motion by Sharon Bolden, seconded by Stacey Nelson. Motion approved.
2. Review/Approve minutes June Open Session meeting minutes will be ready to be approved in the August meeting.
3. Presentation: Kathy Rebbert-Franklin, MDH Behavioral Health Admin. Peer Recovery Specialists – Ms. Rebbert-Franklin discussed if the Board would be interested in taking on the certification of peer recovery specialists and their supervisors. Jeffrey Galecki stated that at this the Board does not have the staff or resources to support this because an electronic licensing system needs to be in place. He suggested that the Board should have an off line conversation to discuss further. The Board Chair indicated that she would like to meet with the interim director to discuss further and set up a meeting.
4. Chair's Report – The Board Chair introduced the new Board member Sharita Sivels. Ms. Sivels formally introduced herself to the Board.

With the appointment of Ms. Sivels, the Board says goodbye to Michael Nettles. The Board Chair thanked him for his service and wished him good luck in his future endeavors. He will be missed.

In late June, the Board Chair met with our attorney general and Board Counsel to discuss some of the concerns with the time and collaboration process. It was a very beneficial meeting she looks forward to working with Mr. Johannsen in the future.

Finally, a new prevention suicide hotline is now in effect. The number for the hotline is 988.

5. Old Business:

A. Update on executive director recruitment/interim director. – Scott Frazier, Winnie Moore and Nikki conducted interviews for the Executive Director position. At the end of the interviews it was decided to repost the position, which has been done.

B. Meeting w/ LCPCM. – The Board appreciates the time and collaborating and working on issues concerning all the licensing Board that they oversee.

C. Interstate LPC Compact Update. – The implementation of the compact is moving along. There are 9 to 10 states presently who have joined. Per the terms of the compact each Board must have a commission or delegate Board member or Executive Director. Since the Board does not have an Executive Director please contact Nicki if you are interested in representing the Board until an Executive Director has been hired.

6. New Business: - The current Board Counsel, Rhonda Edwards introduced Kristen Lim who is BOPCT's new Board Counsel.

7. Committee Reports:

A. Legislative/Regulations – Discussed how licensed mental health practitioners can be of service to foster care/adoption agencies.

The revision for the education requirements for alcohol and drug counseling was discussed about how to change the wording to match the LCPC. A motion was made by Karen Katrinic and seconded by Jeff Galecki to accept the revisions.

B. Credentialing – No Report.

C. Disciplinary Review – The committee continues to meet and review cases.

D. Alcohol and Drug Counselor Subcommittee – No Report.

8. Other/Misc. - None

Next Meeting: August 19, 2022

9. Adjournment – Motion was made by Karen Katrinic, seconded by Jeff Galecki.