

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

Minutes – Open Session July 21, 2023, via Google Meet

Approved by the Board on September 15, 2023

Members	Non-Members
Winnie Moore, LCPC, <i>Chair</i>	Nicki Drotleff, M.S., LCMFT Acting Executive Director
Sharon Bolden, LCADC, LCPC, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Kristen Lim, AAG
Elizabeth Guroff, LCMFT, <i>Secretary</i>	Shelly-Ann Barnes, Compliance Manager
Stacey Nelson, LCPC, LCPAT	Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordinator
<i>Vacant</i> , MFT	Alexandria Langston, Licensing Manager
Jeff Galeki, LCADC, LCPC	Sandra Boxley, Licensing Coordinator
Lisa Connors, LCPC	Janice Isaac, Licensing Coordinator
Mark Donovan, LCADC, LCPC	<i>Vacant</i> , Licensing Coordinator
C. Scott Frazier, III, Consumer	Mikalsh Simpson, Compliance Assistant
Karen Katrinic, LCMFT	Deena Lee Gordon, Investigator
Sharita Sivels, LCPC	
Kimberly-Poole-Sykes, LCPC	
<i>Consumer</i> , Vacant	

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

- I. Attendance taken. A quorum of the Board was present.
- II. Review and Approve Open Session Minutes from June 16, 2023: June minutes will be corrected and ready for the August meeting.
- III. Review and Approve the Agenda for May 19, 2023: Motion by Sharon Bolden and seconded by Mark Donovan. Motion carried.

- IV. Reports;
 - a. Chair
 - i. MFT Portability: AAMFT is rolling out Phase One of tier portability initiative. The AAMFT Board voted to designate Maryland as a Phase One state. The Board discussed and expressed some concerns. The Board agreed to turn further exploration of this to the Credentialing Committee. An invitation will be sent to AAMFT representative Amanda Darnley to make a presentation at the next Credentialing Committee meeting in August.
 - b.) Executive Director
 - i. A contractual Licensing Coordinator will start August 16, 2023. A list of candidates has been sent to Alexandria Langston to fill the position vacated by Tawana Brown.
 - ii. Given that staff are down two people and the number of applications remains constant they are doing the best they can to process applications
 - c.) Board Counsel
 - i. The Veteran Auto and Education Improvement Act has been codified by the Federal Government: If an active military service member or their spouse is licensed in another jurisdiction and are in good standing, the state he/she gets transferred to must automatically recognize the license and grant them the right to practice in the state. This supersedes our regulations. We will need to generate forms for this.
 - b. Discipline Review Committee: No report
 - c. Credentialing Committee:
 - i. Liza Guroff stated that the Credentialing Committee is also reviewing the regulations along with the applications current., She would like to meet with the Legs and Reg Committee.
 - ii. There was lengthy discussion about the RFP for credentialing software that the Department has posted for the Board of Nursing. Liza Guroff motioned that we join with the Board of Nursing and Karen Katrinic seconded to motion. The roll call vote resulted in 6 opposed and 5 in favor. Liza and Winnie will set up a meeting with the Secretary to get more information.
 - d. Legislation/Regulations Committee:
 - i. Karen stated that the committee is focusing on the regulations regarding fees as the language is unclear.
 - e. Alcohol and Drug Counselor Subcommittee: No report
 - f. Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee: No report

- V. Old Business : None
- VI. New Business ; None
- VII. Other/ Miscellaneous : none
- VIII. Next Meeting August 18, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Liza Guroff, Secretary