

# BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

## MAY 19, 2017- OPEN SESSION – MINUTES

Approved by Full Board on September 15, 2017.

### Members Present

Susan A. Tangires, LCACD, LCPC, *Vice Chair*  
Candice Richardson Dickens, LCADC, LCPC,  
*Secretary*  
Linda Allen-Benton, LCMFT  
Anna Blasetti De Jong, LCADC, LCPC  
Lorraine G. Garcia, PhD., LCPC  
Aparna Ramaswamy, LCPC  
Marcia L. Mityga, LCADC  
Amanda Bechtel, LCPC, LCPAT  
Risa Ganel, LCMFT  
Meenakshi Gupta, Consumer  
Sara Carlton, EdD., Consumer

### Non-Members Present

Kimberly B. Link, J.D., Interim Exec. Dir.  
Ari Elbaum, AAG, Board Counsel  
Anna Sullivan, Administrative Officer  
Janice Isaac, Administrative Specialist  
Frances Cipriotti, Administrator  
Edward Fox, Investigator  
Ryan Heisler, Administrative Specialist  
  
Brandon Wright, DHMH  
Sharon Bloom, DHMH  
Kristen Neville, DHMH  
Justin Kozinn, Policy Analyst, DLS  
Hannah Dier, Policy Analyst, DLS

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*Susan A. Tangires called the meeting to order at 10:40am.*

- I. Review/Approval of Agenda – *Approved.*
- II. Review/Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2017 – There was no Open Session due to Administrative Hearing.
- III. Reports:
  - A. Vice Chair – None.
  - B. Regulations/Legislation Committee (*Amanda Bechtel, Chair*)
    - Update on revisions to CEU regulations and updated forms.
    - Sunset Review 2017 explanation and timeline (*Kristen Neville, DHMH*).
    - BAAC regulations effective May 22, 2017.
    - **Motion** to re-introduce HB 1652 next legislative session. **Passed.** Kristen Neville to submit concept paper on behalf of the Board.
  - C. Credentialing Committee (*Lorraine G. Garcia, Chair*)
    - No application statistics for prior month were reported due to personnel issues/transitions.
    - Update on peer review matters and applicants with criminal history.

- Discussion regarding asking an expert to train committee members on how to interpret criminal reports for more accurate evaluation of applications.

D. Board Counsel -None.

E. Kimberly B. Link, J.D., *Interim Executive Director*, Introduction; Legislative Audit; administrative agenda/priorities.

F. Brandon Wright, *DHMH*

- Update on meeting with county health officers regarding opioid epidemic and access to licensed health professionals. Vice Chair appointed Sara Carlton, Lorraine Garcia, and Sue Tangires to ad hoc committee to work with DHMH to address issues raised by health officers. Sara Carlton will act as point of contact.
- Discussion of plans for a uniform licensing system for use by all health occupation boards.

IV. Misc./ FYI

- FARB October 5-8, 2017; Deadline to register is mid-September, no decision as to whom will attend.
- Linda Allen Benton and Amanda Bechtel cannot attend next month's meeting.
- Meena Gupta will be present the entire day next month to ensure a quorum for the scheduled administrative hearing.

*Open session adjourned at 11:35 am.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Candice Richardson Dickens, LCADC, LCPC,  
Secretary*