

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

Minutes – Open Session January 17, 2020

Approved by the Board on February 21, 2020

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

9:00 a.m. Discipline Review Committee

9:30 a.m. Credentialing Committee

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

- I. Review/Approval of Agenda – *Approved.*
- II. Review/Approval of Open Session minutes of November 15, 2019 – *Approved.*
- III. Reports:
 - A. Chair (Reported by Kim Link):
 - i. Newest Board Member is Lynn Duffy, Psy.D, LCPC.
 - ii. Chair will consider new committee assignments, members are encouraged to email the Chair with preferences for committee assignments.
 - iii. There will be three vacancies on the Board as of July 1, 2020. Information and applications will be posted on the Board’s website and in the next Board newsletter in February. The vacancies pertain to the following seats: LCPAT, LCPC and Consumer.
 - B. Board Counsel – No report.
 - C. Legislation/Regulations Committee (Link/Reese):

- i. LCPC and AD Counselor regulations have been submitted to OGA and are awaiting the Secretary's signature. As the regulations were not signed before the moratorium, it is likely the regulations will be reviewed by the Secretary after the legislative session.
 - ii. DLS's recommendations regarding the Board's termination date and other recommendations is attached hereto for reference. Kim Link testified at the Senate briefing on the DLS report on January 15, 2020.
 - iii. Motion to submit a Letter of Concern regarding SB103 Health Occupations – Diagnostic Evaluation and Treatment of Patients. Motion carried.
 - iv. Motion to oppose SB67 Public Information Act – Responses and Time Limits. Motion carried.
 - v. Kim Link met with Recovery Centers of America in Annapolis on January 16, 2020, to discuss proposed legislation that would allow clinical license applicants to practice while their application was pending review by the Board. Discussions with RCA will be continued to explore the feasibility and effectiveness of such a bill.
- D. Credentialing Committee (Bolden): Committee considered: Five requests for extension of time to complete CEUs for renewal; a request for waiver of NCE for out of state applicant; request for allowing transfer to LCPC before expiration of 2 year LGPC term; request to waive the LGPC requirement in total, and request for approval of curriculum from Texas Tech.
- E. Discipline Review Committee (Galecki): The committee continues to meet monthly. Committee implemented its recent policy on referral of complainants for evaluation by designated committee member in cases where there may be an imminent threat to self or the public. There is a post-deprivation hearing today at 11:30 am. Introduction of Tammy Galligan, Board Investigator.

F. Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee (Link): Committee met on January 8, 2020 at 10 a.m. and elected officers. BAAC meets quarterly. Agenda, minutes and meeting information are available on the website.

IV. Old Business (Link):

A. Alcohol and Drug Counselor Subcommittee met after last board meeting and will meet again today to discuss educational requirements for LCADC.

B. Online renewal portal is open and there have been no reports of any issues with the renewal process.

C. Maryland Law Assessment launched November 1, 2020 and appears to be operating in good order.

D. Interstate Compact for Professional Counselors Advisory Group continues to meet monthly via teleconference to work on general terms of the compact. The Council of State Governments anticipates that the drafting team will begin its work in March, followed by a public comment period in the fall, and introduction to state legislatures next session. Kim Link has been asked to serve on the drafting team.

V. New Business (Link):

A. MFT and stakeholders met in December to discuss changes to regulations. Will meet again via teleconference on January 27, 2020.

B. Kim Link met with Maryland Opioid Operational Command Center Director and team regarding licensure and certificate application procedure, requirements and workforce issues.

Motion to close Open Session. Carried. Open Session adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki Drotleff, LCMFT, Secretary