

The Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists
April 15, 2022, 10:30 am
Open Session Minutes

Meeting held via Google Meet joining info:

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Members in Attendance: Google Meet attendance report (Attached). A quorum of the Board was present.

1. Review and approve the agenda. Motion: Jeff Galecki, seconded by Sharon Bolden, Motion approved.
 2. Chair's Report: No report.
 3. Old Business (Kim Link):
 - a. Financial disclosures due April 30, 2022;
 - b. Kim Bennardi retiring in June 2022;
 - c. Two board member vacancies. Applications due May 9, 2022. See Board's website for more information.
 4. New Business
 - a. Implicit bias training course required for license, certification, registration renewal. It is a one-time requirement. Licensee will attest to completing the course at renewal. Courses must be approved by the Minority Health and Health Disparity Office of MDH. Courses are posted on MHHD website.
 5. Committee Reports:
 - A. Legs/Regs:

The committee would like to put these issues on a future agenda:

 1. Foster care regulations discussions;
 2. ADTs and CEUs, and
 3. Ethics requirements for CEUs for licensees

Telehealth regulations will be drafted this interim in order to sync the board's regs with the telehealth statute.
- Legislative Session 2022 Report (Prepared by Lillian Reese, read by Kim Link):
1. HB 902 Board issued a letter of concern, unfavorable report, bill withdrawn;
 2. HB 982 Board opposed,, unfavorable report, bill withdrawn;

3. HB1130 Board issued a letter of concern, bill did not make it out of committee;
4. HB 1138 Board opposed, bill did not make it out of committee, and
5. SB 899/HB1455 Board opposed, unfavorable report in Senate, bill did not make it out of the Rules Committee in the House.
6. SB820 by Scott Tiffin, LCPCM, allows LCPCs to perform mental health screening in addition to other mental health professionals.

B. Credentialing Committee (Bolden): No report.

C. Disciplinary Review Committee (Moore): Reminder to licensees to keep abreast of current issues of concern in the profession by checking the Board's website for the types of disciplinary issues and actions taken by the Board.

D. Alcohol and Drug Counselor Subcommittee (Donovan): Committee finalized its work on proposed revisions to the regulations. Kim Ink and Lillian Reese will work on a draft and will continue to work with the Committee until a version is ready for the entire Board to consider.

6. Other/Miscellaneous: Question from member of the public regarding a specific complaint. The Chair stated complaints are confidential and are not discussed in an open session. Complaints reviewed by DRC and referred for investigation, if warranted.

Motion to Adjourn by Jeff Galencki, seconded by Mark Donovan. Motion approved.