



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Health Regulation and Licensing Administration

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA

April 9, 2021

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Notice

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all board meetings will be held virtually during the declared public health emergency.

Information on how to access the public portion of the meeting is listed below:

Join by Web

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OS-0421-01	CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-0421-02	APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA	
OS-0421-03	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT	
OS-0421-04	BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT	
OS-0421-05	CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT	
OS-0421-06	<p>MINUTES</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the March 12, 2021 meeting.</p>	
OS-0421-07	<p>DISCUSSION – CO-SIGNATURES ON CAC CLINICAL ENCOUNTERS</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Review and discuss whether co-signatures are required on CAC clinical encounter notes.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Board received an inquiry from the DC Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) on whether co-signatures were required on each encounter note for CACIs and CACIIs. Board Staff has provided documents for the Board to review.</p>	

<p>OS-0421-08</p>	<p>DISCUSSION – SCOPE OF PRACTICE VS. VOCATIONAL COUNSELING</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Review and discuss whether if the definition of the practice of professional counseling require a “vocational counselor” or “career counselor” be licensed.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Board received an inquiry regarding if vocational counselors require a license in the District. Here is the current practice definition for professional counseling (note the highlighted portion is to be added).</p> <p>(15A) Practice of professional counseling means engaging in counseling or psychotherapy activities, including cognitive behavioral therapy or other modality, with or without compensation, to facilitate human development and to identify and remediate mental, emotional, or behavioral conditions and associated difficulties that interfere with mental health and wellness. The practice of professional counseling includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. the processes of conducting interviews, tests, and other forms of assessment for the purpose of diagnosing individuals, families, and groups, as outlined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Disorders or other appropriate classification schemes, and determining treatment goals and objectives; B. Determining and evaluating treatment goals and objectives and implementing counseling techniques and evidence-based counseling methods, models, and interventions to achieve treatment plan goals; C. Assisting individuals, families, and groups through a professional relationship to achieve long-term effective mental, emotional, physical, spiritual, social, educational, or career development and adjustment; and D. Teaching and supervising the practice of professional counseling. 	
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OS-0421-09	<p>DISCUSSION – USE OF SUPERVISED PRACTICE FORM PENDING INVESTIGATION</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Review and discuss whether a supervised practice form can be approved while an investigation is pending.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Historically, supervised practice forms have not been offered or approved while an investigation is pending. Board staff is recommending the Board review and discuss the current policy with Board counsel.</p>	
OS-0421-10	<p>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting.</p>	
OS-0421-11	<p>MOTION TO CLOSE</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</p>	

The next open session meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2021 at 10:00am.

The Open Meetings Act governs this meeting. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.

OSFYI-0421-01	TELEHEALTH	
	<p><u>Background:</u> DC Health has created an inter-professional workgroup comprised of the Board Chairs from different licensure boards. The group was established to generate ideas on solving health matters from a multi-discipline approach. The Workgroup has decided to focus its efforts on the development of legislation to address telehealth. A subcommittee will be formed with representation from each health professional board.</p>	