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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

MEETING AGENDA

FEBRUARY 21, 2025
10:00 AM – 2:00PM

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OPEN SESSION February 21, 2025

Call to Order:

OS-0221-01	**Roll Call:**	
OS-0221-02	**Approval of the Agenda** **Board Action:** Acceptance of the Febraury 21, 2025 Open Session Agenda.	
OS-0221-03	**BOARD/DEPARTMENT'S REPORT** **A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** • Operational Status Update • Licensure Census: • Legislative Updates: **B. BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT** **C. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT**	
OS-0221-04	**Open Session Minutes** **Board Action:** Consideration of the Open Session minutes from January 10th 2025, meeting.	
OS-0221-05	**EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION (MFT)** **Board Action:** To discuss whether to adopt into policy for MFT applicants who have already taken and passed the nation exam in other jurisdiction in lieu of the AMFRTB National Exams for licensure by endorsement to the District of Columbia. Also, to discuss whether to adopt into policy whether to contact AMFTRB to enquire which other States have Exams that are comparable or equivalent to the AMFTRB National Exams for licensure in DC. **Background**: The current regulation under section 7706 indicates the waiver of examination and educational requirements for licensure. Certain applicants have been licensed in other for a longer duration. For example, over 10 years, and have the required practical experience most often are required to take the AMFTRB National Exams prior to licensure by endorsement in DC. Some states do have the examination	

	waiver requirements for applicants applying by reciprocity provided they might have taken a state exam (example: California State Exams) which might be comparable to the National Exams. The Board to review section 7706 of the current regulations to identify if the requirements could be streamlined to facilitate the administrative, review, and approval process of applicants who fall under this category.	
OS-0221-06	**CACI and CACII Supervisor Qualification- Confirmation of The Documentation Required** **Board Action:** The Board is to confirm the documentations that are needed to verify the experience and didactic training of the CAC I and CACII. **Background:** The addiction counseling regulations indicated that a supervisor must meet the following: (a) Be an advanced practice addiction counselor; or (b) Be a licensed professional counselor, licensed clinical psychologist, licensed clinical social worker, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed medical doctor, or registered nurse; and (c) Hold one of the following: (1) A national certification in substance abuse counseling through the NAADAC- NCC or the NBCC; (2) A current certified addiction counselor II certification in substance abuse counseling; or (3) Documentation of a minimum of one (1) year of experience in substance abuse counseling and at least one hundred (100) hours of didactic training in covered areas outlined in § 8703.1. The supervisors are currently completing a 'verification of appropriate supervision' and attest that the applicants completed the required supervised experience hours. The form is also asking for the supervisor's qualification. Some of the supervisors are selecting that they met the one-year experience in substance abuse and at least 100 of didactic training. The form notes the Board has the authority to request this documentation. The board staff need clarification on what documentation is required to verify the supervisor's qualification of experience and didactic training and whether the prospective supervisors are required to provide that documentation along with the form.	

OS-0221-07	**Consideration of New Telehealth Policy** **Board Action:** To discuss the content of a telehealth policy specifically with regards to supervision verification accumulated hours. **Background:** There has been increasing issues with regards to telehealth practices in supervision verification. Telehealth methods of delivering care has steady increased over the past couple of years. The question is what supervision hours are acceptable for licensure if that supervision is out of the country and does the Board want to address US base companies allowing applicants for LGPC and/or LPC accumulate hours and submitting them for licensure here in DC.	
OS-0221-08	**AI to Complete LGPC and LPC Document Summary of Responses** **Board Action:** To discuss the effects of AI technology to complete LGPC and LPC documentation and how the Board wants to regulate the use of AI technology. **Background**: AI can create a great deal of potential in the field of licensed professional counseling (LPC) and licensed graduate professional counseling (LGPC), but there are ethical issues that need to be addressed. Some of the issues raised in the field of social work were informed consent, privacy, transparency, plagiarism and confidentiality just to name a few (please see attached ASWB discussion). These are potentially the same ethical issues in the field of LPC and LGPC. Currently, DC Health Board of Professional Counseling has not had any previous discussions about the role of AI documentation in LPC and LGPC. According to the article, 5 jurisdictions have provisions in place in the field of social work. The attached article can serve as a starting point or resource to look at how AI can/will alternate the landscape for LPC and LGPC documentation.	

OS-0221-09	**<u>Application for Approval for CEUs</u>** **<u>Board Action:</u>** The Board is to review a proposed application for approval of CEUs and determine if the application format is sufficient. **<u>Background:</u>** The Board staff has seen an increase an request for CEUs course request. Before now there was not an established form in which the applicant could use to formally request review of proposed CEUs being offered to professional counselors. The proposed application should help to streamline request process.	
OS-0221-10	**<u>Consent Agenda:</u>** **<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.	
OS-0221-11	**<u>Motion to Close</u>** **Board Action:** To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b). **Background:** Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following: 1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney	

	and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a). 2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6). 3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9). 4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14).	
	THIS SECTION IS FYI ONLY **NO BOARD DECISION OR ACTION IS NEEDED**	
OS-FY1	**Supervised Practice Form** **Update:** Pending the subcommittee meeting. **Background:** A supervised practice form is listed under section 9105.8 regarding the supervised experience requirement which requires the supervisor(s) to submit the completed form to the Board. The purpose of the graduate professional counseling license is to allow individual to practice under supervision of a licensed professional counselor. However, the regulations also indicate a supervisor, or supervisee shall submit a supervised practice form within 2 weeks of commencing supervision. In March 2022, the Board tabled to address the supervised practice form for the subcommittee.	

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