



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Health Regulation and Licensing Administration

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA

July 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:

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OS-0721-01	CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-0721-02	APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA	
OS-0721-03	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT	
OS-0721-04	BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT	
OS-0721-05	CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT	
OS-0721-06	<p>MINUTES</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the June 11, 2021 meeting.</p>	
OS-0721-07	<p>DISCUSSION – CAREER AND VOCATIONAL COUNSELING</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss whether career and/or vocational counseling require licensure in the District of Columbia.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Board’s current scope of practice states the following:</p> <p>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 also includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 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 	

OS-0721-08	<p>DISCUSSION – EXTENDING SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON CEUS AND SUPERVISION</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss and decide whether to extend the previously approved policy that suspended the in-person CE requirement for CACI and CACII licensees.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor issued an Administrative Order that waived licensure requirements and allowed the use of telehealth. At the time, licensees also expressed concerns around receiving and providing supervision, sitting for the national examinations and in-person CE requirements. During the May 2020 meeting, the Board passed a motion to draft a policy that would suspend the in-person CE requirement for CACI and CACII licensees for the 2020 renewal. The use of the policy has expired and needs to be renewed.</p>	
OS-0721-09	<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-0721-10	<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 September 10, 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.

OPEN SESSION FYI – NO ACTION NEEDED

OSFYI-0721-01	TELEHEALTH <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.	
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