

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

MEETING MINUTES

July 29, 2024

10:00 AM – 2:00PM

HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board will have a hybrid schedule of in-person and virtual meetings. In-person meetings will resume in FY 2023, meeting dates can be found on the Board's webpage.

In-person meetings will be at 2201 Shannon Place Street, SE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20020.

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OPEN SESSION July 29 2024

Call to Order:

<p>OS-0729-01</p>	<p><u>Roll Call:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Sherk - Chairperson • Rhonda Pope-Brown- Board Member <p><u>Board Staff:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LaTrice Herndon-Executive Director • Panravee Vongjaroent – Attorney • Anthea Isaacs- Health Licensing Specialist • Kera Johnson- Policy Analyst • Greg Scurlock - Investigator • Leonard Howard - Investigator 	
<p>OS-0729-02</p>	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the July 29th 2024 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to accept the July 29th, 2024, Open Session Agenda. Seconded Rhonda Pope-Brown.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Rhonda Pope-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0729-03</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensure Census – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAC I- 89 CAC II – 164 LGPC – 557 LPC – 1837 PAT-3 • Rolling renewals are in effect and licenses will expire on the last day of the licensee’s birthday month every 2 years <p>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years. ▪ The revised HORA received Mayoral approval and has been introduced in the Council as the <i>Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023</i> (B25-0545). 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This legislation received a hearing on December 7th. Over 80 witnesses, many of whom were healthcare professionals, signed up to provide testimony. DC Health’s Associate Director of Health Professional Licensing Boards provided testimony in support and answered questions from the Council. ▪ DC Health has been working on the Committee on Health following that hearing. A mark-up was held on March 21st, 2024. The legislation was passed unanimously by the Committee of the Whole on First Reading on April 2nd and on Second Reading on May 7th. The legislation was signed by the Mayor on May 29th and will now go through Congressional Review. OGR anticipates this will become law by July 25th. <p>Council Recess: The District of Columbia Council will be on recess starting on July 15th through September 15th. During that time, limited activity can take place by the Council.</p>	
OS-0729-04	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist will now be under the Board of Professional Counseling with the approval of the HORA 	
OS-0729-05	<p>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</p> <p>None</p>	
OS-0729-06	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from June 21st 2024, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to accept the June 21st, 2024, Open Session Agenda. Seconded Rhonda Pope-Brown.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Rhonda Pope-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

<p>OS-0729-07</p>	<p><u>Board Approval</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to determine whether to end the time limit for LGPC licenses of 5 years.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Currently LGPCs are only allowed to keep their licenses for 5 years while they accrue their hours for LPC licensure.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Rhonda Pope-Brown to Table until the September Board meeting. Seconded Victoria Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Rhonda Pope-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0729-08</p>	<p><u>CEU Approval</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review the CEU application for OSSE Suicide Assessment and Intervention Training (SAIT) for Mental Health and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) in Schools</p> <p><u>Background:</u> OSSE submitted a CEU applications for the Suicide Assessment and Intervention Training (SAIT) for Mental Health that is designed to increase knowledge and improve the skills and confidence of clinicians and others who find themselves identifying high-risk youth, and planning for their care. OSSE also submitted an application for Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) in Schools to describe key components of the cognitive model and use core modules to plan evidence-based interventions for school settings</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Rhonda Pope-Brown to accept the CEs for the OSSE Suicide Assessment and Intervention Training (SAIT) for Mental Health course for 6 contact hours and the Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) in Schools course for 16.5 contact hours. Seconded Victoria Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Rhonda Pope-</p>	

	Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
OS-0729-09	<p><u>Consent Agenda:</u></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>Motion:</u> Motion made by Rhonda Pope-Brown to accept the Open Session Consent Agenda. Seconded Victoria Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Rhonda Pope-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0729-10	<p><u>Motion to</u></p> <p><u>Close</u></p> <p>Board</p> <p>Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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).

Motion:

Motion made by Victoria Sherk to close the open session agenda. Seconded Rhonda Pope-Brown.

Vote:

Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Rhonda Pope-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

In April 2022, Ms. Sherk requested interpretation and further guidance to elaborate on the existing regulation regarding the supervision (specifically whether or not to have a primary supervisor).

In May 2022, the Board requested to table this matter for the next Board meetings for additional information.

The next open session meeting is **September 20, 2024 at 10:00**

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