



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Health Regulation and Licensing
Administration**

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FL.

WASHINGTON, DC 20002

December 13, 2019

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

MEETING AGENDA

DECEMBER 2019 PUBLIC SESSION ATTENDANCE

Board Members:	Dr. Victoria Sardi-Brown, Chairperson	Present
	Laurie Ferreri, Board Member	Present
	Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert, Board Member	Present
	Victoria Sherk, Board Member	Present
Staff:		
	Aisha Nixon – Executive Director	Present
	David Walker – Licensing Specialist	Present
	Van Braithwaite – Board Attorney	Absent
	Suzanne Fenzel – Board Attorney	Present
	Leonard Howard – Investigator	Present

OPEN SESSION DECEMBER 13, 2019

OS-1219-01	<p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL The meeting was called to order at 10:17am and a quorum was established.</p>	
OS-1219-02	<p>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Ms. Sherk made the motion to approve the Open Session December 2019 agenda. Ms. Ruffin-Colbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1219-03	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT Ms. Nixon reported that DC Health’s oversight hearing with the Committee on Health at the Council of the District of Columbia is scheduled for December 19, 2019. The Committee on Health will also discuss the art therapy licensure bill. The Board currently has the following amount of active licensees:</p> <p>CACI – 95 CACII –169 LGPC – 290 LPC – 1208</p>	
OS-1219-04	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT No Report</p>	
OS-1219-05	<p>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT No Report</p>	
OS-1219-06	<p>MINUTES</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the November 8, 2019 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Ferreri made the motion to approve the November 2019 open session minutes. Ms. Sherk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1219-07	<p>CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE REVIEW</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To decide whether to approve the continuing education submitted by the District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE).</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p>	

	<p>OSSE would like to allow LPCs to receive 8 CEU hours if they took and completed their course titled “Youth Mental Health First Aid”. The evidence behind Mental Health First Aid demonstrates that it makes people feel more comfortable understanding and responding to signs of mental illness. Specifically, studies found that those who trained in Mental Health First Aid have greater confidence in providing help to others, improved concordance with health professionals about treatments, and decreased stress managing a crisis. Individuals also learn how to build mental health literacy and helping the public identify stigmatizing attitudes.</p> <p>The DC Board of Social Work approved the course on October 22, 2019.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Dr. Sardi made the motion to approve the continuing education course and allow LPCs to receive 8 CEU. Ms. Ruffin-Colbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1219-08	<p>DISCUSSION – STATE OF CACI/CACII JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To determine whether to implement an attestation form in lieu of the jurisprudence examination.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The regulations for the Certified Addiction Counselor (I and II) require all applicants to sit for the jurisprudence examination. Currently, Professional Testing Corporation (PTC) offers the jurisprudence examination. PTC informed DC Health that it is changing testing providers and provided the agency with a new contract. The new agreement is currently under review. Due to this, CACI and CACII applicants will no longer be able to sit for the jurisprudence examination effective January 1, 2020. Board Staff has provided an example of an attestation for from the Board of Psychology to review.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No motion was made. The Board is continuing to review the matter.</p>	

OS-1219-09	<p>DISCUSSION – 2019 BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss and provide feedback regarding the draft board announcements for December 2019.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No motion was made. The Board recommended language be added about how LGPCs are not allowed to own a private practice.</p>	
OS-1219-10	<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> <p><u>Motion:</u> Dr. Sardi made the motion to go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b). Ms. Ferreri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The next open session meeting scheduled for January 10, 2020 at 10:00am.</p>	

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