

Board of Professional Counseling

MEETING AGENDA

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FLR.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**Friday, November 8, 2019
10:00am – 2:00pm**

NOVEMBER 2019 PUBLIC SESSION ATTENDANCE

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| 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 | Absent |
| | Dr. Shauna White – Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Control (sitting in for Ms. Nixon) | Present |
| | David Walker – Licensing Specialist | Present |
| | Van Braithwaite – Board Attorney | Present |
| | Leonard Howard – Investigator | Present |

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| OS-1119-01 | CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL The meeting was called to order at 10:15am and a quorum was established. | |
| OS-1119-02 | APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA The agenda was amended to include a discussion about LGPCs accepting payments for services in Virginia. Dr. Sardi made a motion to approve the agenda with the requested addition. Ms. Ferreri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. | |
| OS-1119-03 | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Mr. Walker informed the Board of the current licensure census. As of November 8, 2019 the Board has the following active licensees: CACI – 95 CACII – 169 LGPC – 283 LPC – 1198 Mr. Walker and Dr. White discussed with the Board the implementation of the public health priorities which went into effect on November 1, 2019. All District of Columbia licensed counselors, graduate counselors, and addictions counselors (I and II) are required to complete 4 CEUs under any of the topics listed on the announcement. The health priorities list is currently on the Board's website. To assist licensees, Dr. White suggested the Board to use free 12 CEU offered through the Board of Pharmacy. | |
| OS-1119-04 | BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT No report | |
| OS-1119-05 | CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT The Chairperson discussed the need to update the regulations for the CACI and CACII. | |
| OS-1119-06 | MINUTES <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the October 11, 2019 meeting. <u>Motion:</u> Ms. Sherk made a motion to approve the October 11, 2019 open session minutes. Ms. Ferreri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. | |

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| OS-1119-07 | <p>DISCUSSION – PROPOSED ART THERAPY BILL</p> <p>There is a proposed bill before the Council of the District of Columbia that would create a new license for art therapists in the District of Columbia. No action is needed at this time from the Board.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No action was needed from the Board. The Board discussed the bill currently before the Council of the District of Columbia.</p> | |
| OS-1119-08 | <p>DISCUSSION – ASSESSING AND DIAGNOSING OF AUTISM</p> <p>Discuss whether LPCs in the District of Columbia can conduct assessments and diagnose individuals who may be on the autism spectrum.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No action was needed from the Board. The Board agrees with the ACA stance that if a LPC has the appropriate training, it would be appropriate for the LPC to conduct assessments and diagnose individuals who may be on the autism spectrum.</p> | |
| OS-1119-09 | <p>DISCUSSION – NOTICE IN VIRGINIA TO ALLOW PAYMENT ACCEPTANCE</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Virginia Board sent out a survey to active licensees asking if individuals who are accumulating post-graduate supervision should accept payments for service.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No action was needed from the Board. The Board has addressed this issue through its regulations.</p> | |
| OS-1119-10 | <p>MOTION TO CLOSE – 11:50am</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</p> | |

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| | <p>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. Ruffin-Colbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The next open session meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2019 at 10:00am.</p> | |
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