



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Health Regulation and Licensing Administration

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA

December 11, 2020

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:

OPEN SESSION DECEMBER 11, 2020

OS-1220-01	<p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</p> <p>The December 11, 2020 Open Session was called to order at 10:05am and a quorum was established.</p> <p>Board Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Victoria Sardi-Brown (Chairperson) – Present • Laurie Ferreri (Vice-Chairperson) – Present • Victoria Sherk – Present • Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert – Present <p>Board Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tonoah Hampton – sitting in for Ms. Nixon • David Walker – Health Licensing Specialist • Panravee Vongjaroenrat – Board Attorney • Leonard Howard – Board Investigator <p>Open Session Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sadiqa Long • Ashley Harrell - SafeShores • Amira Nyenna – Student 	
OS-1220-02	<p>APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Ruffin-Colbert made a motion to approve the December 11, 2020 Open Session agenda without additions and/or corrections. Seconded by Ms. Ferreri.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

<p>OS-1220-03</p>	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>DC Health remains in a telework posture. Board staff continues to process applications in a timely matter. The Processing Center has begun allowing in-person appointments for individuals to submit applications. To schedule an appointment, individuals should see the link on the Board’s website. Individuals are reminded to please continue to monitor coronavirus.dc.gov for the most update to date information pertaining to the pandemic. Additionally, individuals are encouraged to enroll in the District of Columbia’s COVID-19 exposure alert system.</p> <p>As of today, the Board has a total of 2,030 active licenses which breaks down as follows:</p> <p>CACI – 95 CACII – 180 LGPC – 436 LPC – 1319</p> <p>As of today, the Board has renewed a total of 829 active licenses which breaks down as follows:</p> <p>LPC – 565 LGPC – 145 CACI – 38 CACII – 81</p> <p>Licensees renewing after 12/31/2020 will be assessed a mandatory late fee of \$85. Additionally, after 12/31/2020, licensee cannot provide counseling and/or addiction counseling services until their license is renewed.</p>	
<p>OS-1220-04</p>	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <p>To assist the Board with processing applications with criminal background issues, the Board Attorney recommended the adoption of a CBC Chart. The chart would provide the Board with clear standards on how to handle criminal background check results.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Ferreri made a motion to approve the CBC Chart modifying the 7-year review window to a 10-year review and modifying the “maybe</p>	

	<p>okay” review status to “review case-by-case” review status for category 5. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1220-05	<p>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</p> <p>The Chairperson led a discussion on clarifying the regulations pertaining to the amount of CEUs for licensees who serve in leadership positions. Board staff shared with the Board that regulations state licensees in leadership positions can receive 10 CEUs per licensure period.</p>	
OS-1220-06	<p>MINUTES</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the November 13, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Ferreri made a motion to accept the November 13, 2020 Open Session minutes with the following modification:</p> <p>The Board passed a motion to create a subcommittee to review the proposed emergency rulemaking concerning the LGPC internship-practicum requirements.</p> <p>Seconded by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

<p>OS-1220-07</p>	<p>TELEHEALTH</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to provide any feedback/discussion.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> DC Health has created an interprofessional 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.</p> <p>No motion made for this matter.</p>	
<p>OS-1220-08</p>	<p>REGULATIONS REVIEW</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Review the recommendations of regarding the LPC and LGPC draft proposed regulatory revisions and determine whether to accept.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Subcommittee has provided a number of recommendations regarding updating Chapter 66 and Chapter 91 of the DCMR</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Sherk made a motion to table to this matter until 2021. Seconded by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

<p>OS-1220-09</p>	<p>DISCUSSION – ETHICAL CONCERNS WITH DC SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS’ RIGHTS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2019 cont.</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Discuss the potential impact the law will have on licensees.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The DC Sexual Assault Victims’ Rights Amendment Act of 2019 included the right to an advocate for 13 to 17-year-old youth in DC who have experienced sexual assault. For youth in this age range who were specifically impacted by peer-on-peer or stranger assault, the right to an advocate comes with an exemption to mandated reporting. Licensees would like to ensure that this exemption to mandated reporting under the law for these specific kinds of cases would not present a problematic ethical concern in the eyes of the Board. The Board discussed this matter during the November meeting and wanted to discuss further at the December meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Ms. Ferreri made a motion to create a subcommittee to review the SAVRAA Act and provide the Board with guidance. Seconded by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-1220-10</p>	<p>FYI – WEBINAR BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR COUNSELOR EDUCATION AND SUPERVISION</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Dr. Samantha Knox, Ed.D., LPC, LCPC, NCC, Director of Clinical Training, Graduate Counseling Program, Trinity Washington University, attended the webinar that focused on Innovative Strategies for Clinical Practice. The following is a list of strategies that were approved by CACREP to support students in securing hours during the pandemic:</p> <p><u>Direct:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating virtual direct transition activities (i.e. outplacement meetings, forums for students transitioning 	

	<p>from elementary to middle or middle to high, GRE/SAT seminars, college application process, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calling parents who are new to the school or agency • Creating recorded videos for incoming students or guidance lessons • Creation of webinar-like research presentations that can be posted on the program, agency, or school’s YouTube channel • Language translation services • Coordination with the Family Engagement Coordinator to volunteer with food distribution if the site also serves as a meal center • Conducting a telephone needs assessment with parents or adult clients <p><u>Indirect:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning huddles with faculty/ staff • Professional development • Faculty or staff meetings • Viewing of Theravue videos (or other clinical skills videos) and practicing skills • Webinars • Research around client populations <p>To view the webinar, please visit https://youtu.be/salmS_askZU.</p> <p>No motion made for this matter.</p>	
OS-1220-11	<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> Ms. Ruffin-Colbert made a motion to close the open session. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The December 11, 2020 Open Session ended at 12:26pm.</p>	
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The next open session meeting scheduled for January 8, 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.