



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Health Regulation and Licensing Administration

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA

May 14, 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:

OPEN SESSION May 14, 2021

OS-0521-01	<p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</p> <p>The May 14, 2021 Open Session was called to order at 10:05am and a quorum was established.</p> <p><u>Board Members:</u></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><u>Board Staff:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aisha Nixon- Executive Director • David Walker – Health Licensing Specialist • Panravee Vongjaroenrat – Board Attorney • Leonard Howard – Board Investigator <p><u>Open Session Guests:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sadiqa Long • Dr. Angela Moss-Baker 	
OS-0521-02	<p>APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Ferreri to accept the May 14, 2021 Open Session agenda. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Sardi, Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, and Ms. Ruffin-Colbert voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-0521-03	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>DC Health remains in a telework posture. Board staff continues to process applications in a timely matter while working remotely. The Processing Center is still allowing in-person appointments for individuals to submit applications. To schedule an appointment, individuals should use the scheduling link on the Board’s website. DC Health is moving forward with plans for staff to return to the office on July 12, 2021. As plans are solidified, the Board and the public, will be updated.</p> <p>On May 13, 2021, DC Health introduced its online application portal. As part of the launch, paper applications have been removed from the Board’s website. Applicants who submitted paper applications prior to May 13, 2021, will be processed following the paper-based application process.</p> <p>The Board of Professional Counseling current licensure census is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-1290 • CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR I-81 • CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELOR II-163 • LICENSED GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-138 	
OS-0521-04	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <p>No Report</p>	
OS-0521-05	<p>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</p> <p>No Report</p>	
OS-0521-06	<p>MINUTES</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the April 9, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Dr. Sardi expressed concern regarding the motion made in the last meeting regarding vocational/career counseling. The matter will be placed on a future agenda for further discussion and reconsideration.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p>	

	<p>Motion made by Ms. Ferreri to approve the Open Session Minutes from the April 9, 2021 meeting with modification on page 9. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Sardi, Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, and Ms. Ruffin-Colbert voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0521-07	<p>DISCUSSION – TOTAL AMOUNT OF POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION HOURS</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss and determine whether to adjust the number of postgraduate supervision hours needed to become an LPC.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Currently, LGPCs are required to complete 3,500 post-graduate supervision hours. Inside of the total, 3,300 are general post-graduate supervision hours that can only be accumulated under the supervision of a licensed LPC, LICSW, Psychiatrist, and/or Psychologist. The first one hundred hours of immediate post-graduate supervision hours that can only be accumulated under the supervision of a licensed LPC, LICSW, Psychiatrist, and/or Psychologist. Finally, the last 100 immediate post-graduate supervision hours that can only be accumulated under the supervision of an LPC. The draft regulation review subcommittee is considering whether to decrease the required number of hours to 3,000. Reducing the number to 3,000 would bring the Board’s requirement closer to what other states require.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Ferreri to decrease the amount of postgraduate supervision hours to 3000 postgraduate supervision hours for the draft regulations. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Sardi, Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, and Ms. Ruffin-Colbert voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-0521-08	<p>DISCUSSION- GROUP VS. INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISION</p> <p><u>Board Action</u> Discuss and determine whether the 100 immediate post-graduate supervision hours must be under individual supervision.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Currently, the first one hundred hours of immediate post-graduate supervision hours that can only be accumulated under the supervision of a licensed LPC, LICSW, Psychiatrist, and/or Psychologist. The last 100 immediate post-graduate supervision hours that can only be accumulated under the supervision of an LPC and must be individual supervision. The subcommittee is considering if the hours can be accumulated under group supervision.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert to keep the 200-hour immediate postgraduate supervision requirement as is in the draft regulations. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Sardi, Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, and Ms. Ruffin-Colbert voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0521-09	<p>DISCUSSION – AMOUNT OF INTERNSHIP HOURS NEEDED FOR LICENSURE</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss whether to change the number of hours needed in an internship and practicum for licensure.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Currently, only LGPC applicants, are required to complete a 700-hour in internship/practicum. The Board requires this amount due to following CACREP standards. The draft regulation subcommittee is recommending lowering the number of hours to 600 to assist applicants graduating from non-CACREP programs.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Ferreri to decrease the amount internship/practicum hours to 600-hours in the draft regulations. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p>	

	<p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Sardi, Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, and Ms. Ruffin-Colbert voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0521-10	<p>DISCUSSION- SECTION 6607 LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Review of endorsement provision to decide whether option 6607.2(c) should be an endorsement option.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Section 6607.2 (c) allows an applicant that has held an independent professional counseling license for at least three (3) years and possesses the National Certified Counseling (NCC) credential issued by the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) qualify for licensure by endorsement. The subcommittee is considering whether to remove this section. Board Staff has provided the documents for review.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Ferreri to keep 6607 as is in the draft regulations. Seconded by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Sardi, Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, and Ms. Ruffin-Colbert voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0521-11	<p>DISCUSSION – DRAFT ART THERAPY REGULATIONS</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Review and discuss whether to use the previously drafted regulations for the new license type.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> After the hearing in 2019, HRLA leadership requested that the Board’s attorney and the public stakeholders work together to draft regulations for review. The group has draft regulations that are in line with the national requirements/standards.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert to move the draft regulation review to a subcommittee for review. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p>	

	<p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Sardi, Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, and Ms. Ruffin-Colbert voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0521-12	<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> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Ferreri to accept the May 14, 2021 consent agenda. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Sardi, Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, and Ms. Ruffin-Colbert voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0521-13	<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> Motion made by Ms. Ferreri to close the Open Session Meeting at 11:49am. Seconded by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u></p>	

	Dr. Sardi, Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, and Ms. Ruffin-Colbert voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
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The next open session meeting is scheduled for June 11, 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.

OSFYI-0421-01	<p><u>TELEHEALTH</u></p> <p>Background: 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.</p>	
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