



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Health Regulation and Licensing
Administration**

**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 19, 2021

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Notice

Currently, all board meetings will be held virtually during the declared public emergency.

Information on how to access the public portion of the meeting is listed below:

OPEN SESSION NOVEMBER 19, 2021

OS-1121-01	<p>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</p> <p>The November 19, 2021 Open Session was called to order at 10:07AM and a quorum was established.</p> <p><u>Board Members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Sherk – Present • Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert – Present <p><u>Board Staff:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LaTrice Herndon – Executive Director • David Walker – Health Licensing Specialist • Panravee Vongjaroenrat – Board Attorney • Leonard Howard – Board Investigator • George Scurlock – Compliance Officer <p><u>Open Session Guests:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sadiqa Long • Ayanna Coleman • Erica Loadman • Sarah Sweeney 	
OS-1121-02	<p>APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert to accept the November 19, 2021 Open Session agenda as presented. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Sherk and Ms. Ruffin-Colbert voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1121-03	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>The licensure waiver has been extended to March 31, 2022. Individuals want to use the waiver must meet the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be in good standing in your home states; and 2. Must be vaccinated against COVID-19 unless granted a medical or religious exemption by the Department of Health. 	

	<p>Additionally, one the following must be applicable as well:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must be hired to work at a DC licensed healthcare facility (hospital); or 2. Working with an existing client who is now living in DC. <p>DC Health now offers 90-day temporary licenses. The process is automatic for those who have applied, with fee, criminal background check results, National Practitioner Data Bank self-query, and a verified license in good standing.</p>	
OS-1121-04	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <p>The LGPC Final Rulemaking was published on 11/19/2021. The rulemaking would allow the Board to review non-CACREP accredited programs and determine whether the program is equivalent to CACREP programs including the internship-practicum component.</p>	
OS-1121-05	<p>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</p> <p>No Report</p>	
OS-1121-06	<p>MINUTES</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the October 15, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert to accept the October 15, 2021 Open Session Minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Sherk and Ms. Ruffin-Colbert voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1121-07	<p>PRESENTATION – DISTRICT ADDICTION CONSULTATION SERVICE</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The District Addiction Consultation Service (DACS) is a free service which aims to help DC providers connect to local substance use disorder resources, patient resources, and more.</p> <p>No action needed and/or taken.</p>	

OS-1121-08	<p>HORA AMENDMENT RELATED TO ART THERAPY</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss and determine whether to move on the recommendations from the subcommittee.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> During the art therapy subcommittee meeting, the subcommittee discussed the HORA revisions pertaining to art therapy. The subcommittee would like the following amended in the HORA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Removing provisions related to a doctoral degree in art therapy. Applicants for licensure are only required to complete a master’s degree in art therapy. 2. Revising the “supervised practice” requirement to make it clear that 50% of required supervision must be completed by a Board-certified art therapist supervisor or a licensed art therapist. This ensures licensees complete more supervision with an art therapist. <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert to approve the use of the two amendments. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Sherk and Ms. Ruffin-Colbert voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1121-09	<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. Ruffin-Colbert to approve the November 19, 2021 Open Session Consent Agenda. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p>	

	<p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Sherk and Ms. Ruffin-Colbert voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1121-10	<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> Motion made by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert to close the November 19, 2021 Open Session Meeting at 11:03am. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Sherk and Ms. Ruffin-Colbert voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

The next open session meeting is scheduled for December 17, 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.

OPEN SESSION FYI – NO ACTION NEEDED

OSFYI-1121-01	<p>CACREP REQUESTS FEEDBACK ON 2024 STANDARDS</p> <p>Background: The CACREP Standards Revision Committee (SRC) is pleased to disseminate DRAFT 2 of the CACREP 2024 Standards. Draft 2 includes all sections: The Learning Environment, Academic Quality, Foundational Curriculum, Professional Practice, Specialized Practice Areas, Doctoral Standards, and the Glossary.</p> <p>This draft reflects the SRC’s guiding principles of quality improvement and unified professional identity; consideration of feedback from Draft 1; the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) requirements for data and reporting such as minimum thresholds; data gathered through SRC presentations, job analyses, CACREP board feedback, and other data sources to support the changes made to the standards. We considered issues such as DEI, program delivery, technology, and the current and future states of both the Counseling profession and higher education. The standards reflect minimum expectations; programs are encouraged to think about their aspirational and specific goals using the mandatory standards as a starting point.</p> <p>Deadline for submission of feedback is by midnight December 31, 2021. https://cacrep.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3qoeYjNLzfamn5Q</p>	
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