



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Health Regulation and Licensing Administration

### BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING OPEN SESSION MEETING AGENDA

**November 13, 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 NOVEMBER 13, 2020

OS-1120-01	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</b></p> <p>The November 13, 2020 Open Session meeting was called to order at 10:05am and a quorum was established.</p> <p><b>Board Members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Victoria Sardi-Brown (Chairperson) – Present</li> <li>• Laurie Ferreri (Vice-Chairperson) – Present</li> <li>• Victoria Sherk – Present</li> <li>• Vanessa Ruffin-Colbert – Present</li> </ul> <p><b>Board Staff:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aisha Nixon – Executive Director</li> <li>• David Walker – Health Licensing Specialist</li> <li>• Panravee Vongjaroenrat – Board Attorney</li> <li>• Leonard Howard – Board Investigator</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Session Guests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Nancy Butler</li> <li>• Dr. Sadiqa Long</li> <li>• Dr. Angele Moss-Baker</li> <li>• Ashley Harrell</li> </ul>	
OS-1120-02	<p><b>APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Ms. Ferreri made a motion to approve the November 2020 Open Session agenda without additions and/or corrections. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-1120-03	<p><b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b></p> <p>2020 renewals went live October 13, 2020. As of today, 398 licensees have renewed. A reminder email will go out next week to all renewal eligible licensees. Licenses must be renewed by December 31, 2020 to avoid a late fee. Renewals submitted between January 1, 2021 and February 28, 2021 will receive a \$85 late fee. In order to provide counseling services, an individual must have an active license.</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 2,012 active licenses which breaks down as follows:</p> <p>CACI - 95  CACII - 179  LGPC - 427  LPC - 1311</p>	
OS-1120-04	<p><b>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p> <p>No report</p>	
OS-1120-05	<p><b>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b></p> <p>No Report</p>	
OS-1120-06	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b>  Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the October 9, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b>  Ms. Ferreri made a motion to accept September Open Session minutes without corrections or additions. Seconded by Ms. Ruffin-Colbert.</p>	

	<p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi-Brown voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Sherk was unable to vote due to connection difficulties. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1120-07	<p><b>DISCUSSION – LGPC INTERNSHIP-PRACTICUM UPDATE</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Discuss actions taken to update internship-practicum requirements for the LGPC.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Currently, the regulations for the LGPC require applicants to complete at a minimum a 700-hour internship-practicum during their matriculation process. To allow the Board the ability to exercise the ability to accept internship-practicums with less than 700 hours, the Board created a subcommittee to produce a remedy for the matter.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> No motion was needed for this discussion.</p>	
OS-1120-08	<p><b>DISCUSSION – LGPC PRACTICE FROM OVERSEAS</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Discuss whether an active DC LGPC can provide virtual counseling services to residents and accumulate supervision while living overseas due to the pandemic.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> COVID-19 has changed the way licensees interact with clients and one another. Since the Board’s October meeting, the Board has been contacted about providing guidance on the following subjects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Receiving supervision from active DC LPCs who reside in the same foreign country as an active DC LGPC;</li> <li>2. Receiving supervision from licensed supervisor who resides in DC while working remotely from overseas; and</li> <li>3. Providing counseling services to DC residents while DC LGPC is located overseas.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Motion 1:</u></b></p>	

Dr. Sardi made a motion to allow DC LGPCs living in a foreign country to receive supervision from a DC LPC living in the same country. Both licenses will need to comply with regulatory standards of the country where they both reside as well as continued compliance with DC licensure regulations. Seconded by Ms. Sherk.

**Vote 1:**

Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion 2:**

Ms. Sherk made a motion to allow for remote supervision of a LGPC located in a foreign country by an LPC in the District of Columbia. In the event of an immediate need, the supervisee must be able to contact the supervisor. Both the supervisor and supervisee must comply with regulations of the foreign country and the District of Columbia. Seconded by Ms. Ferreri.

**Vote 2:**

Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion 3:**

Ms. Sherk made a motion to approve a provision of services by LGPC to DC residents while the LGPC is living in a foreign country. The LGPC would need to ensure they are following the standards of care in the District of Columbia and the country where the LGPC lives.

**Vote 3:**

Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OS-1120-09	<p><b>DISCUSSION – CAC REGULATION SUBCOMMITTEE</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Decide whether to create a subcommittee to review and provide revision recommendations to the Board.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> The current regulations for the CACI and CACII need to be updated. To assist the Board with the process, Board Staff is recommending the creation of a subcommittee to provide the Board with revision recommendations.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Ms. Ruffin-Colbert made a motion to create a subcommittee to review and provide revision recommendation to the CAC regulations. Seconded by Ms. Ferreri.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1120-10	<p><b>DISCUSSION - BOARD FALL ANNOUNCEMENT</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Review and provide any feedback/recommendations for the announcement.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> To assist with increasing communication between the Board and the public, Board Staff has drafted a notice on behalf of the Board.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> No motion was needed for this discussion.</p>	

OS-1120-11	<p><b>DISCUSSION – ETHICAL CONCERNS WITH DC SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS’ RIGHTS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2019</b></p> <p><b><u>Discussion:</u></b> Discuss the Board’s licensees are impacted by the law.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> No motion was made.</p>	
OS-1120-12	<p><b>MOTION TO CLOSE</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Ms. Ruffin-Colbert made a motion to close the November 13, 2020 Open Session meeting at 1:26pm. Seconded by Ms. Ferreri.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Ferreri, Ms. Sherk, Ms. Ruffin-Colbert, and Dr. Sardi-Brown voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1120-13	<p><b>MOTION TO ADJOURN</b></p>	

	<p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Boards.</p>	
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**The next open session meeting scheduled for December 11, 2020 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](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).**