

# BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

## MEETING MINUTES

**October 21, 2022**  
**10:00 AM – 2:00PM**

### Virtual Meeting Notice

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**OPEN SESSION October 21, 2022**

**Call to Order:**

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| <p><b>OS-1021-01</b></p> | <p><b><u>Roll Call:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Members:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Sherk – Chairperson-Present</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Board Staff:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LaTrice Herndon- Executive Director</li> <li>• Lakisha Ross- Health Licensing Specialist</li> <li>• Whitney Moore- Health Licensing Specialist</li> <li>• Panravee Vongjaroenrat – Assistant General Counsel</li> <li>• Leonard Howard – Board Investigator</li> <li>• Gregory Scurlock-Board Investigator</li> <li>• Amanda Attiya, Policy Analyst</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Visitors:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angele Moss Baker, Past President AMHCA and DCMHCA</li> <li>• Jordan Potash, Clinician Art Therapy George Washington University</li> <li>• Dr. Lakeitha Owens</li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>OS-1021-02</b></p> | <p><b><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br/>Acceptance of the October 21, 2022, Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b><br/>Motion made by Victoria Sherk to accept the October 21, 2022, Open Session Agenda. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b><br/>Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>OS-1021-03</b></p> | <p><b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Latrice Herndon provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In person meetings will begin starting 2023. For the Board of Professional Counseling the in-person meetings will start in May 2023.</li> <li>○ There are Board member vacancies on the Board of professional Counseling. If anyone is interested, please contact the Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |  |

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|                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Licensure Census: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Professional Counselors: 1489</li> <li>▪ Graduate Professional Counselors: 531</li> <li>▪ Certified Addiction Counselors I: 90</li> <li>▪ Certified Addiction Counselors II: 171</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Ms. Aminda Attiya provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Council Period 24 will conclude at the end of this calendar year. Any legislation that has not been passed by then will need to be reintroduced during Council Period 25.</li> <li>▪ The Committee on Health will have new membership in the upcoming Council Period. OGR will be sure to provide updates on Committee makeup in January of 2023.</li> <li>▪ The Committee on Health hosted a hearing on four bills relating to DC Health on September 28<sup>th</sup>. One of those bills was the <i>High Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Health Professional Loan Repayment Program Amendment Act of 2022</i> (<a href="#">B24-0943</a>). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>This legislation establishes a scholarship program for education, training, transportation, and examination fees for eligible medical professionals. The bill would also expand the HPLRP to include loan repayments for medical sub-specialty professionals, part-time practitioners, and private providers in medically underserved areas.</i></li> <li>○ <i>The emergency and temporary versions have both passed.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ The Committee on Health is expected to hold its final markup for Council Period 24 in mid-November. Therefore, no other legislation under the Committee on Health’s jurisdiction is expected to move this year.</li> <li>▪ OGR expects that several pieces of legislation relating to DC Health will be considered, including the <i>High Need Healthcare Career Scholarship and Health Professional Loan Repayment Program Amendment Act of 2022</i> (<a href="#">B24-0943</a>).</li> <li>▪</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |
| <p><b>OS-1021-04</b></p> | <p><b>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There was no report from the Board attorney.</li> </ul>   |  |
| <p><b>OS-1021-05</b></p> | <p><b>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ms. Victoria Shrek provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Add the Art Therapy regulation to the November Agenda to vote on regulations.</li> <li>○ Allowed Jordan Potash, Clinician from George Washington University to speak on the importance of implementing the Art Therapy regulation for DC under the Board of Professional Counseling.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |  |

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| <p><b>OS-1021-06</b></p> | <p><b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br/>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from September 16, 2022, meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b><br/>Motion made by Victoria Sherk to accept the minutes from September 16, 2022, Open Session Agenda. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b><br/>Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>OS-1021-07</b></p> | <p><b><u>Consent Agenda:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br/>Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b><br/>The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting of the Board.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b><br/>Motion made by Victoria Sherk to accept Open Session Consent Agenda. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b><br/>Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> |  |
| <p><b>OS-1021-08</b></p> | <p><b><u>Motion to Close</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b><br/>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><br/>Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein,</p>   |  |

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|  | <p>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><br/>Motion made by Victoria Sherk to close Open Session Meeting. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b><br/>Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> |  |
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|                      | <p><b><u>THIS SECTION IS FYI ONLY</u></b><br/><b><u>NO BOARD DECISION OR ACTION IS NEEDED</u></b></p>  |
| <p><b>OS-FY1</b></p> | <p><b><u>Regulation Review: Art Therapy Regulations</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Update:</u></b><br/>Pending the subcommittee meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b><br/>The subcommittee members worked on drafting the Art Therapy regulations for the Board review and decision. In March 2022, the Board tabled the review of Art Therapy until the subcommittee resumes for the professional counseling regulation.</p>  |
| <p><b>OS-FY2</b></p> | <p><b><u>Supervised Practice Form</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Update:</u></b><br/>Pending the subcommittee meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b><br/>A supervised practice form is listed under section 9105.8 regarding the supervised experience requirement which requires the supervisor(s) to submit the completed form to the Board. The purpose of the graduate professional counseling license is to allow individual to practice under supervision of a licensed professional counselor. However, the regulations also indicate a supervisor or supervisee shall submit a supervised practice form within 2 weeks of commencing supervision. In March 2022, the Board tabled to address the supervised practice form for the subcommittee.</p> |

OS-FY3

**Discussion on Supervision**

**Update:**

Pending Additional Information.

**Background:**

In April 2022, Ms. Sherk requested interpretation and further guidance to elaborate on the existing regulation regarding the supervision (specifically whether or not to have a primary supervisor).

In May 2022, the Board requested to table this matter for the next Board meetings for additional information.

**The next open session meeting is November 18, 2022, at 10:00 am**

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