

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2023

10:00 AM – 2:00PM

HYBRID MEETING NOTICE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board will have a hybrid schedule of in-person and virtual meetings. In-person meetings will resume in FY 2023, meeting dates can be found on the Board's webpage.

In-person meetings will be at 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20002.

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OPEN SESSION October 20th, 2023

Call to Order:

OS-1020-01	<p><u>Roll Call:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Sherk – Chairperson-Present <p><u>Board Staff:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LaTrice Herndon- Executive Director • Whitney Moore- Health Licensing Specialist • Panravee Vongjaroent – Assistant General Counsel • Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer • Mateo Lieb- Policy Analyst 	
OS-1020-02	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the October 20th Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to accept the Approval 2023, Open Session Agenda. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1020-03	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operational Status Update • Licensure Census LPC-1686 LGPC 453 CAC 2 157 CAC 1 87 • Sub Committee • Legislative Update: <p>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years. ▪ The revised HORA is currently going through Mayoral approval. <p>Opioid Epidemic Roundtable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Committee on Health is hosting a public roundtable on October 26th at 10:00am to declare the opioid and fentanyl crisis in the District a public health emergency. ▪ DC Health will provide testimony during this hearing alongside the Department of Behavioral Health. ▪ You can learn more at the following link and watch the hearing on the Council website. 	

	<p>DC Health Director Appointment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On June 8th, Mayor Bowser announced the appointment of Dr. Ayanna Bennett as DC Health Acting Director. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Bennett is a healthcare and public health executive with more than 20 years of experience in clinical practice, clinical service design, system integration, and quality improvement. Dr. Bennett most recently served as Chief Health Equity Officer and Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Office of Health Equity. ▪ The Committee on Health held a confirmation hearing on October 5th. During the roundtable, Acting Director Dr. Bennett expressed her eagerness and excitement to take on the role, highlighting her qualifications for the position. The hearing also included testimonies from members of the public who voiced their support for the new director and discussed the key issues they hope the Director will prioritize. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC HEALTH social media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Facebook: @dchealth ▫ Twitter: @_DcHealth ▫ TikTok: @dchealth ▫ Instagram: @dchealth • Additional Updates 	
OS-1020-04	<p>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report 	
OS-1020-05	<p>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report 	
OS-1020-06	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from September 15 2023, meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to accept the minutes from September 15,2023 Open Session Agenda. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-1020-07	<p><u>Licensure Pathways</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> In Attempt to provide easier pathways to licensure we are requesting each board to discuss and evaluate the following possibilities: Endorsement requirements, reciprocity pathways, and DMV reciprocity pathways.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to begin the process to allow reciprocity for Maryland and Virginia. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1020-08	<p><u>Standard Fine and Assessments</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review and discuss the increase of fines and assessments.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to adjust the standard fine and assesments. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1020-09	<p><u>CEU Approval</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review the two CEU applications submitted to the Board for approval.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Victoria Sherk to approve both CEUs submitted. Seconded Victoria Shrek.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Victoria Sherk voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed</p>	

	unanimously.	
OS-1020-10	<p><u>Art Therapy Forms</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review the Art Therapy Forms for licensure application and determine if the forms meet the requirements.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Art Therapy professional licenses have been implemented and are currently live. The Board Staff is currently working on creating the forms for the licensure applications.</p> <p>No Action</p>	

OS-1020-11	<p><u>Consent Agenda:</u></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>	
OS-1020-12	<p><u>Motion to</u> <u>Close Board</u></p> <p>Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>Background: Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney 	

	<p>and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6). 3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9). 4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14). 	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>THIS SECTION IS FYI ONLY</u> <u>NO BOARD DECISION OR ACTION IS NEEDED</u></p>	
OS-FY1	<p><u>Supervised Practice Form</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> Pending the subcommittee meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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-FY2	<p><u>Discussion on Supervision</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> Pending Additional Information.</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p>	

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 17, 2023 at 10:00

This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.