

BOARD OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY

MEETING AGENDA

December 6, 2022

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETING NOTICE

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Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Open Session

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Angela Sarafin, LMFT – Board Member	
Vacant – Board Member, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist	
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Vacant – Board Consumer Member	
BOARD STAFF:	
Ericka L. Walker, MSW - Executive Director	
Thelma Ofosu-Mensah, Health Licensing Specialist	
Joanne Drozdoski, Assistant General Counsel	
Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer	
Rebecca Odrick, Investigator	

OPEN SESSION DECEMBER 6, 2022

OS-1206-01	CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
OS-1206-02	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	
OS-1206-03	MINUTES <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the June 7, 2022, meeting.	
OS-1206-04	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health Updates • Revised Vaccination Requirements • Census: 201 Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists • District of Columbia COVID-19 https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine • District of Columbia Monkeypox https://dchealth.dc.gov/page/monkeypox • The Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) recruit’s talented and interested individuals from all eight Wards to serve on District Boards. Link to apply to serve on a Board: https://mota.dc.gov/page/boards-vacancies-or-available-seats 	
OS-1206-05	BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT	
OS-1206-06	CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT	
OS-1206-07	LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS Amanda Attiya, Policy Analyst	
OS-1206-08	FY 2023 MEETING DATES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 7, 2023 (Virtual) • June 6, 2023 (In-person) • September 5, 2023 (Virtual) 	

OS-1206-09	<p>VERIFICATION FOR POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION HOURS FORMS</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>Discussion and decision making.</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>The Board currently requires both examination and endorsement applicants to submit verification of 2000 post-clinical supervision forms during their initial application. The form needs to be completed and signed by their supervisors. This requirement delays the processing of applications because most often applicants, especially those applying by endorsements who have been licensed for many years in other jurisdictions and have obtained their supervision hours many years ago claim that they are unable to locate their supervisors to complete and sign off on the verification of supervision hours form. Most applicants claim their supervisors are deceased, have left the agency they worked with, or simply cannot find them. The Board has previously discussed the matter.</p> <p>The Board decided that applicants who fall in this category can request the State Board that have their original signed verification of supervision hours to send certified copies of the forms directly to the DC Board. If the form is sent directly from the State Board to the DC Board, it will be accepted in lieu of the verification of the supervised practice. The Board has seen an increase in the applications due to the expired waiver. Applicants by endorsement (some of them) are having issues submitting verification of supervised practice form completed and signed by their supervisors. Some State Boards don't send copies of the original verified supervised practice hours, or the D.C. Board is not in receipt of the supervised practice hours in a timely manner. This matter has delayed many applications pending approval.</p> <p>This matter is before the Board to discuss if it is willing to waive the submission of completed verification of 2000 post-clinical supervision practice hours by supervisors for endorsement applicants that are licensed for two or more years in good standing and submit licensure verification of good standing from all jurisdictions where the applicant held a license whether active or inactive.</p>
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OS-1206-10	<p><u>Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Approved Marriage and Family Therapy Licenses from June 7, 2022.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hunter Adams 2. Akilah Pierre 3. Chelsea Mazzotta 4. Diana Nesko 5. Uzma Knouss 6. Dale Williams 7. Brittany Page 8. Merraf Abel 9. Mayra- Bedolla-Lopez 10. Susannah Cobb 11. Time Whetzel 12. Cameron Froude 13. Brooke Croft 14. Heather Clendenin- Lemoine 15. Kaegan Engstrom- Garner 16. Brianna Brown 17. Kara McElaney 18. Liza Harbison 19. Lorna Boyer Chase 20. Liann Seiter 	
OS-1206-11	<p>MOTION TO CLOSE</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into a closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p>	

	<p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>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 and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a); 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 the 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>Roll Call Vote</p>	
	<p>This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the reasons set forth in the motion.</p>	

This concludes the Open Session meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for [March 7, 2023 \(Virtual\)](#).

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.