

**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS**

Minutes – Open Session April 19, 2019

Approved by the Board on May 17, 2019

<b>Members</b>	<b>Non-Members</b>
Risa Ganel, LCMFT, <i>Chair</i> , Absent	Kimberly B. Link, J.D., Exec. Dir.
Jeffrey M. Galecki, LCADC, LCPC, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Rhonda Edwards, Board Counsel, AAG
Nicki Drotleff, LCMFT, <i>Secretary</i>	Frances Cipriotti, Administrator
Aparna Ramaswamy, Ed.D., Ph.D., LCPC, ACS	Anna Sullivan, Admin. Officer Alex Langston, Admin. Specialist
Amanda Bechtel, LCPC, LCPAT	Janice Isaac, Admin. Specialist
Sharon Bolden, LCADC, LCPC	Lillian Reese, MDH
Sara Carlton, Consumer, Absent	Rachael Faulkner, LCPCM
Mark Donovan, LCADC, LCPC	Willie Harris, M-MFT
C. Scott Frazier, III, Consumer	Kim Lang, MDH
Husher L. Harris, Sr., LCPC, Absent	
Karen Katrinic, LCMFT, Absent	
Winnie Moore, LCPC	
Michael W. Nettles, LCPC, Absent	

9:00 a.m.      Discipline Review Committee  
                   Credentialing Committee  
                   Legs/Regs Committee

*The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.*

- I.      Review/Approval of Agenda – *Approved.*
- II.     Review/Approval of Open Session minutes of March 15, 2019 – *Approved.*
- III.    Reports:
  - A. Vice Chair –Reminder to complete financial disclosure forms
  - B. Board Counsel – No report.
  - C. Legislation/Regulations Committee (Bechtel, Reese, Link):
    - i. HB1104/SB958 passed. Effective date 07/01/2019. Regulations will need to be adopted to reflect changes in statute.
    - ii. HB22 – Use of Criminal History passed. Effective date 10/01/2019. Per Board Counsel, bill should not have an impact on how applications are reviewed as the Board has historically taken a comprehensive approach to reviewing an applicant’s criminal history.
    - iii. HB783/SB993 Task Force to Study Behavioral and Mental Health in Maryland. Neither chamber voted on this bill. Governor signed an executive order creating the task force. Mark Donovan applied to be on the task force as a representative of the Board.

- iv. HB829 – Health Insurance – Provider Panels – Graduate Providers. Bill passed as amended and includes graduate licenses under this Board. Effective date 10/01/2019.
- v. Motion to vote on final teletherapy regulations: Motion carried.
- vi. Regarding LCPC regulations, the committee reviewed most recent comments from LCPCM and will be revising the draft regulations; the committee is in favor of regulations that would allow applicants to practice while their application is pending under certain circumstances in lieu of “provisional” licenses.
- vii. The study guide and Maryland law exam need to be updated. Board Counsel will work on an updated version to be used until the new tutorial exam is available.
- viii. Committee would like students to be able to submit applications and sit for the NCE before they graduate in order to expedite the application processing time.

D. Credentialing Committee: Committee reviewed several applications regarding coursework and degree requirements.

E. Discipline Review Committee: The committee continues to meet monthly.

F. Board Composition Committee: A formal recommendation will be made to the Board at May’s meeting.

G. Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee: There are two vacancies on the BAAC; Applications are available on Board’s website; deadline for applications is June 1, 2019.

IV. Old Business: Kim Link

- A. Request for suggestions for information to be included in Board newsletter;
- B. New office secretary to begin shortly;
- C. Document retention/digitization project in ongoing.
- D. Motion to Close Open Session for purposes of obtaining legal advice (Galecki); Motion carried. Motion to re-open Open Session (carried) and Motion to not move forward with third party vendor platform for CEU auditing. Motion carried.

V. New Business:

- A. Amanda Bechtel attended annual LCPCM conference;
- B. Kim Link will present at MCBHA annual meeting on May 16, 2019.

*Motion to close Open Session. Carried. Open Session adjourned at 11:15 a.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Nicki Drotleff, LCMFT, Secretary*