

The Board of Professional Counselor and Therapists

Attendance – April 16, 2021

Open Meeting - Minutes

Members	Non-Members
Jeffrey Galecki, MS, LCADC, LCPC, <i>Board Chair</i>	Tony Torain, Executive Director
Nicki Drotleff, LCMFT, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Danielle Vallone, Compliance Manager
Winnie Moore, LCPC, <i>Secretary</i>	Shelly- Ann Barnes, Investigator
Sharon Bolden, LCADC	Barbara Tanner, Investigator
Sara Carlton, Consumer	Ryan Dixon, Investigator
Mark Donovan, LCADC, LCPC	Rhonda Edwards, AAG
C. Scott Frazier, III, Consumer	Tawana Brown – Licensing Specialist
Karen Katrinic, LCMFT	Anna Sullivan – Licensing Specialist
Stacey Nelson, LCPC, LCPAT	Sandra Boxley – Licensing Specialist
Lynn Duffy, Psy.D., LCPC	Alexandria Langston – Licensing Specialist
Elizabeth Guroff, LCMFT	Janice Isaac – Licensing Specialist
Michael Nettles, D.Min, LCPC	Lillian Reese – Legislative/Regulation Coord
Lisa Connors LCPC	

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 10:30 a.m. at which time he established that there was a quorum.

The Chair identified Ms. Kim Nichols and asked if she represented a constituent group to which she replied that she represented herself. Two other persons attended the meeting by phone and chose not to identify themselves.

Sharon Bolden moved that the minutes be adopted and the motion was seconded by...

Sharon Bolden moved that the agenda be approved and it was seconded by Karen Katrinic.

The Chair indicated that he had no report.

The Chair recognized the Executive Director the administrative report and the following was discussed.

1. The board website has been frozen as the technical staff upgrades the site. The expectation is that migration will be completed by April 22nd.
2. The Executive Director articulated the policy related to CEUs and late license/certificate renewals. There had been confusion around whether those renewing their licenses needed to have the 40 units of CEUs that were ordinarily required. He made it clear that at the time of renewal, the requisite number of CEU would be required.
3. The Executive Director informed the Board that there was a proposal by the joint boards for additional part-time technical support. He indicated that nothing had been finalized, but the Board's participation in hiring someone would include additional spending for technical staff.
4. The Executive Director informed the Board that there had been a policy change such that employees were allowed to use Sick Leave to go and get vaccinated for COVID.
5. The Executive Director asked Ms. Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulatory Coordinator, to talk about the Legislative Session that had just ended on Monday, April 12, 2021. Ms. Reese discussed the bills to which the Board had taken positions and she gave the pass/fail results of those bills.
 - a. HB119/SB 313, Passed, The Board had voted to Amend, October 1
 - b. HB123/SB3 Telehealth, Passed, The Board had voted to Opposed
 - c. HB132/SB41 Mental Health Access, Passed. The Board voted to Amend, October 1
 - d. HB537/SB398 Mental Health, Did not pass, Board voted to Support
 - e. HB183/SB449 Equitable Access to Records, Passed, Board wrote letter of concern
 - f. SB565/ Public Health Data, Passed, Board voted to Oppose
 - g. HB732/SB568 Telehealth, Did Not Pass, Board voted to Support
 - h. HB736/SB571 Compact, Passed, Board's Bill, 9 more states needed to take effect.
 - i. HB1287/SB646 Alcohol Trainee Bill, Passed, October 1

The Credentialing Committee gave its report

1. The Credentialing Committee is working a review of the licensing process. Information was requested from the licensing specialists. Said information had been received from two licensing specialists and the committee was waiting on information from the others.

The Legislative and Regulations Committee gave its report

1. Licensee Lee give several suggestion for change to proposed regulations. Legal counsel informed that the requested changes would require legislative action and

not just modifications to the proposal. It was moved that the Board leave the proposal as it was. The motion was seconded by Michael Nettles. The Executive director was to inform Mr. Lee that his proposals had been considered but found unfeasible.

2. The second Legislative issue was raised for the committee by Mark Donovan who discussed the misunderstanding that one has to have an LGADC license before he or she can get the LCADC. He made the argument that one could go from a CAC-AD to the LCADC if one has the requisite hours. He made the point that this was how the licensing staff has been interpreting the rules. Thus, they should be re-instructed that while typical, the LGADC is not the only way to get to the LCADC. Further, Mark Donovan raised the issue of whether a certificate holder could retain his or her CAC when they have their LGADC so that they can continue providing supervision. He argued that it was ludicrous to disqualify one from providing supervision when they have had several years of supervising experience. The Chair asked the Executive Director and Legal Counsel to discuss the matter to ascertain whether legislative action would be required to address this matter.

The Discipline Review Committee gave its report

1. Nicki Drotleff reported that the DRC had a meeting earlier in the morning but had not been able to get through its lengthy agenda. She informed that the committee would select a Friday on which to meet to finish its agenda.

There was no report from the Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee

Under Old Business, Board members were reminded the Financial Disclosure filings were due by April 30, 2021.

There was no New Business

The only item under Miscellaneous was announcement of the next Board Meeting which is to be held on May 21, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:05 a.m.

Submitted by Tony W. Torain, Executive Director