

**THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, August 19, 2016**

The Virginia Board of Counseling ("Board") meeting convened at 10:11 a.m. on Friday, August 19, 2016, at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Charles Gressard, Chair called the meeting to order.

PRESIDING: Charles Gressard, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, LSATP

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT
Cinda Caiella, LMFT
Danielle Hunt, LPC
Vivian Sanchez-Jones, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Georgen, Licensing Manager (CSAC & CSAC-A only)
Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Charlotte Lenart, Licensing Manger
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst

WELCOME:

Dr. Gressard welcomed the Board members and announced the Emergency Egress procedures.

ORDERING OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Brendel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Brendel made a motion to approve the May 20, 2016 meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dr. Gressard reported that the subcommittee and board staff recently met and recommended changes to the Regulations Governing the Certification of Substance Abuse Counselors and Substance Abuse Counseling Assistants.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the recommendations from the subcommittee.

Dr. Brendel motioned to recommend, on behalf of the Regulatory Committee, that the Board publish a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (“NOIRA”) to amend the Regulations Governing the Certification of Substance Abuse Counselors and Substance Abuse Counseling Assistants. The motion was seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Committee discussed the need to clarify the national certifications accepted for endorsement of a Certification of Substance Abuse Counselors (“CSAC”) certification. Dr. Brendel made a motion that Committee accept the National Certified Addiction Counselor, Level II (NCAC II) and Master Addiction Counselor with Co-Occurring Disorders Component (“MAC”) accreditations from NAADAC, The Association of Addiction Professionals, and the Advanced Alcohol & Drug Counselor (“AADC”) accreditation from International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (“IC&RC”) and publish this information in a guidance document. The motion was seconded and carried.

Ms. Lenart announced that the next Regulatory Committee meeting is scheduled for on November 3, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Charles Gressard, Chair

Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director