

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, August 15, 2019**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. on Thursday, August 15, 2019, in Board Room 2 at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING: Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Doyle, Ed.D., LPC, LSATP
Danielle Hunt, LPC
Holly Tracy, LPC, LMFT

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT: Vivian Sanchez-Jones, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Charlotte Lenart, Licensing Manager
Brenda Maida, Licensing Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Barbara Allison-Bryan, DHP Chief Deputy
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Tracy moved to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2019 meeting. Ms. Hunt seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

DISCUSSIONS:

I. Unfinished Business:

Petition for Rulemaking Discussion:

- Aimee Brickner, petitioned the Board to amend the Regulations Governing the Practice of Professional Counseling to allow a licensed counselor to supervise residents without the two-year post-licensure clinical experience requirement, if the licensee has complete a doctoral level supervision course or doctoral level supervision internship as a part of the completion of a doctoral degree. The Board received five public comments in opposition of the petition. Ms. Hunt moved, which was seconded by Ms. Tracy, to recommend the full Board deny the petitioners request for changes to the supervisor requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

- Joyce Samples, petitioned the Board to amend the Regulations Governing the Practice of Professional Counseling to amend the criteria for a supervisor to have a minimum of five years of post-licensure experience or have documentation that the supervisor has experience in all clinical areas. The Committee discussed the petition to amend regulations. The Board concurred with the concept that the qualifications for a supervisor should be examined to ensure a quality clinical experience for residents and protection of the public. However, the Committee was concerned that requiring additional years of clinical experience

or other qualifications would result in reducing the supply of supervisors and restricting the number of residents pursuing licensure. To address all these concerns, the Board will be looking at requirements in other states and at the opportunities for credentialing supervisors.

Ms. Tracy moved, which was seconded by Ms. Hunt, to recommend the full Board approve and initiate regulations per the petitioner's request. After discussion, Ms Tracey moved to withdraw her motion and Ms. Hunt agreed.

Ms. Tracy moved, which was seconded by Ms. Hunt, to recommend the full Board deny the petitioners request for changes to the supervisor requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

II. New Business:

- **Recommendation for emergency regulations related to the issuance of temporary licenses engaged in counseling residency.** The Committee reviewed and discussed the draft suggestions from staff and the workgroup. Dr. Doyle moved, which was seconded by Ms. Hunt, to recommend the presented recommended emergency regulations for issuance of temporary resident license to the full Board. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Discussion on a supervisor designation and qualifications.** The Committee discussed this issue and asked staff to research the minimum requirements for supervisors in other states and to research the Board's authority to credential supervisors.
- **Discussion on creating didactic training in substance abuse definitions for each required area.** After discussion, the Committee recommended that staff contact the Board members who hold a substance abuse license or certification to help create definitions for each of the required didactic substance abuse training areas.

Dr. Brendel expressed concerns about the Board's due diligence and asked that the requirement of criminal background checks be added to the unfinished business going forward.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: The next Committee meeting is scheduled for October 31, 2019 at 10:00a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.



Johnston Brendel, Ed.S., LPC, LMFT
Chairperson

11/22/2019

Date



Jaime Hoyle, JD
Executive Director

11/25/19

Date