

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, May 18, 2017**

The Regulatory Committee of the Virginia Board of Counseling ("Board") convened at 1:09 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Charles Gressard called the meeting to order.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: Charles Gressard, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, LSATP, Chairperson

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:** Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT
Kevin Doyle, Ed.D., LPC, LSATP
Danielle Hunt, LPC
Vivian Sanchez-Jones, Citizen Member

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
ABSENT:** Cinda Caiella, LMFT

STAFF PRESENT: Tracey Arrington-Edmonds, Licensing Specialist
Christy Evans, Discipline Case Specialist
Jaime Hoyle, Esq., Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Charlotte Lenart, Licensing Manager
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

ORDERING OF THE AGENDA:

Ms. Yeatts requested that she be able to provide an update on the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP) under old business. A motion was made to approved the revised agenda; it was seconded and passed with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ms. Hunt to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2017 meeting; it was seconded by Dr. Doyle and passed with all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None (no public attendees).

DISCUSSION:

I. Old Business:

- **CACREP Update:** 18VAC 115-20 Regulations Governing the Practice of Professional Counseling (LPC) requirement for CACREP accreditation for educational programs (action 4259) was approved by the Governor's Office. Any amendments will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting following the May 15, 2017 through July 14, 2017 public comment period.

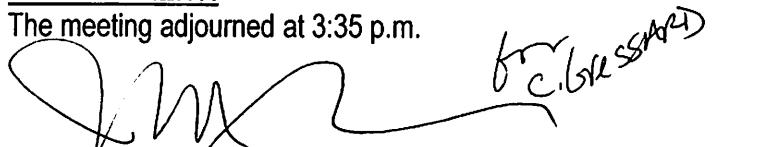
- **Adoption of Proposed Amendments for the Certification of Substance Abuse Counselors (CSAC) & Certified Substance Abuse Counselor Assistants (CSAC-A) Regulations Standards of Practice:** The Committee members approved the Adoption of Proposed Amendments for the CSAC & CSAC-A Regulations Standards of Practice as presented.

II. **New Business:**

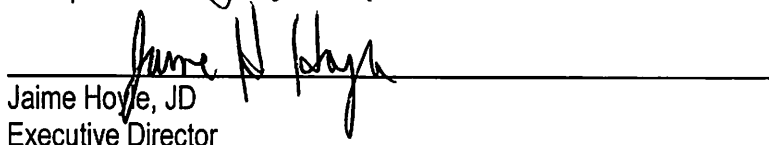
- **Discussion of the Licensed Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioners (LSATP) endorsement requirements:** Dr. Doyle moved to amend section 18VAC115-60-50 of the Regulations Governing Licensed Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioners and to delete Regulations 18VAC115-60-50(6) which requires official transcript documenting the applicant's completion of the education requirements prescribed in 18VAC115-60-60 and 18VAC115-60-70.
- **Foreign degree discussion:** The Committee Members agreed to discuss foreign degree requirements at the next scheduled meeting.
- **Review definition of required courses:** Staff will email Committee Members a list of definitions to review and to be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.
- **Discussion on continuing competency requirements for first year renewals:** Ms. Hunt moved that Regulations Governing the Practice of Professional Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) and Licensed Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioners be amended to state that first-time licensees by examination will not be required to verify continuing education on the first renewal date following initial licensure.
- **Discussion on deficient internship hours for LPC, LMFT & LSATP:** The Committee Members agreed to discuss the requirements and options at the next scheduled meeting.
- **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** at 10:00 a.m. on July 21, 2017

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

 *for C. Gressard*

Charles Gressard, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, LSATP
Chairperson *Johnston Brendel*


Jaime Hoyte, JD
Executive Director

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