



**Board of Counseling
Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 5, 2021 at 10:00am
9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233
Board Room 2**

- PRESIDING:** Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Chairperson
- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Angela Charlton, Ph.D., LPC
Barry Alvarez, LMFT
Bev-Freda L. Jackson, Ph.D., MA, Citizen Member
Danielle Hunt, LPC, Vice-Chairperson
Gerard Lawson, Ph.D., LPC, LSATP
Holly Tracy, LPC, LMFT
Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC, CSOTP
Terry R. Tinsley, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, CSOTP
Tiffinee Yancey, Ph.D., LPC
Vivian Sanchez-Jones, Citizen Member
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Natalie Harris, LPC, LMFT
- BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director- Licensing
Jaime Hoyle, J.D., Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director- Discipline
Jordan Mudd, Executive Assistant
- DHP STAFF PRESENT:** David E. Brown, D.C., DHP Director
Barbara Allison-Bryant, M.D., DHP Chief Deputy Director
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
- PUBLIC ATTENDEES:** Debbie Oswald
Denise Dalykonrad VHCF
Lauren Turnman
- CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Brendel called the Board of Counseling Quarterly meeting to order at 10:02 am.
- ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM/ROLL CALL:** Dr. Brendel requested board members and staff introduce themselves.
Ms. Hoyle announced that with eleven members present at roll call with one member absent, a quorum was established.
- MISSION STATEMENT:** Dr. Brendel read the mission statement of the Department of Health Professions, which was also the mission statement of the Board of Counseling. Dr. Brendel read the emergency egress for Board Room 2.
- ADOPTIONS OF AGENDA:** The agenda was adopted as presented.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was provided.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** With no amendments to the August 20, 2021 meeting minutes, the minutes were approved as presented.
- AGENCY REPORT:** Dr. Brown went over our trials and tribulations with holding meetings virtually. He explained that he is unsure if virtual meetings will continue in the future. Dr. Brown

addressed the sound issues we have had in the conference center and how some of our equipment could use a refresh. He explained he is working with a contractor to get us updated and modern equipment. Dr. Brown explained how the pandemic brought work force issues to light. Dr. Allison-Bryan gave an update on Covid cases in Virginia and explained that cases are falling. She stated that Virginia ranks 10th in the nation as far as our proportion for citizens that are vaccinated. She stated the Pfizer vaccine has been approved for 5-11 year olds in Virginia. She announced that she thinks we will be back in office by the beginning of next year with a "new normal" . Dr. Brown explained the definition "new normal" which will consist of teleworking from home three days a week. He says the combination of teleworking and some focus on in person work will be the new normal. Dr. Brendel asked about the changes in DHP with the recent state election. Dr. Brown stated that the issues at hand in the agency will not change and that a lot of what happens in the agency will be unaffected by the election.

PRESENTATIONS:

Virginia's Licensed Professional Counselor Workforce: 2021 - Yetty Shobo, Ph.D., Deputy Director, DHP Healthcare Workforce Data Center
Assessment of Virginia's Licensed Behavioral Health Workforce-Debbie Oswalt, Virginia Health Care Foundation
(Attached)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ms. Hoyle addressed the counseling compact as unfinished business. She updated the board that Georgia and Maryland have passed the counseling compact. She stated Virginia may be moving forward with the counseling association carrying legislation for the compact. The board discussed what they believed to be the concerning and the favorable traits of the compact. Danielle proposed a motion in support of the compact. Barry Alvarez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with no one abstaining.

CHAIR REPORT:

Dr. Brendel reported that we continue to be a productive board.

LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY ACTIONS:

A policy for electronic participation in meetings was presented for consideration by Ms. Elaine Yeatts.
She read the conditions that must be met should a member request to participate virtually. A motion was made by Barry Alvarez to adopt the policy as written and was seconded by Vivian Sanchez- Jones. The motion passed unanimously with none opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of Proposed Regulations for the Licensure of Art Therapists:
Elaine noted the support of the licensure of art therapists shown in the comments section of the Town Hall website. She reviewed the regulations as recommended to the board by the Advisory Board of Art Therapy and discussed the role of an advisory board.

Motion: Dr. Brendel made a motion to adopt proposed regulations for the licensure of art therapists with the condition of changing the word "counseling" to "art therapy" throughout the document. The motion passed unanimously with none abstaining.

STAFF REPORTS:

Ms. Jaime Hoyle stated we have a new budget director so there is not a financial report in this quarter's report as he is still settling in. Jaime introduced Ms. Mudd as her new executive assistant.

Ms. Lenart gave her licensing report stating that we are seeing a lot of applications and staff is working very hard to approve applications within the 30 day timeline. She says overall everything is okay and we are continuing to move forward.

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Ms. Lang gave her disciplinary report. She stated that we are having a lot of cancellations of IFC and FH dates due to positive Covid-19 cases and exposures.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

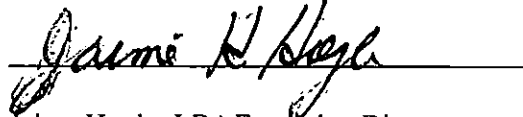
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ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Brendel adjourned the board of counseling quarterly meeting at 12:21 p.m.



Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT, Board Chair



Jaime Hoyle, J.D.; Executive Director