

**BOARD OF COUNSELING
DEVELOPMENT DAY MEETING
Thursday, August 17, 2017**

- TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting was called to order at 11:13 a.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2017, in Board Room 2 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.
- PRESIDING:** Kevin Doyle, Ed.D., LPC, LSATP
- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Barry Alvarez, LMFT
Johnston Brendel, Ed.D., LPC, LMFT
Natalie Harris, LPC, LMFT
Danielle Hunt, LPC
Bev-Freda L. Jackson, Ph.D., Citizen Member
Vivian Sanchez-Jones, Citizen Member
Maria Stransky, LPC, CSAC, CSOTP
Terry R. Tinsley, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, CSOTP, NCC
Tiffinee Yancey, Ph.D., LPC
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Holly Tracy, LPC, LMFT
Jane Engelken, LPC, LSATP
- STAFF PRESENT:** Tracey Arrington-Edmonds, Licensing Specialist
Christy Evans, Discipline Case Specialist
Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Charlotte Lenart, Licensing Manager
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
- WELCOME:** Dr. Doyle welcomed the Board members, staff, and the general-public in attendance.
- INTRODUCTIONS AND BOARD OVERVIEW:** Each Board member and staff provided a brief narrative of their professional credential(s) and personal life. The Executive Director informed the Board members that questions related to the licensure process, individual applicants and licensees should be directed to staff. Additionally, she reminded the Board that the gathering of three (3) or more Board members to discuss Board business constitutes a meeting and therefore requires public notice to stay in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Also, email conversations of 3 or more Board members can constitute a meeting. The Deputy Executive Director provided information on the disciplinary process and what would be required of Board members.
- PROPOSAL ON PORTABILITY:** **AASCB/ACES/AMHCA/NBCC Proposal on Portability** – Dr. Brendel informed the Board he attended the State Licensure Boards Meeting on August 10-11, 2017, in Greenville, NC with Ms. Lenart. One item of discussion was the portability of licensure from state to state. The Portability Task Force (comprised of representatives from the American Association of State Counseling Boards, the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, the American Mental

Health Counselors Association and the National Board of Certified Counselors) proposed portability minimum standards that should be reviewed and considered by the Board. If the Board decides to accept the Portability Task Force proposal, the regulations would need to be amended.

LICENSURE PORTABILITY:

Dr. Angela McDonald, AASCB President discussed the endorsement process and the five key tenets which influenced the proposed uniformed licensure by endorsement process:

- Significantly increase public access to qualified care
- Establish minimum standards for safe practice
- Reduce administrative burdens for both state regulatory boards and licensees
- Create consistency in licensure standards across state lines and
- Ensure the continued development of the profession and protection of the public

BOARD AND THE COUNSELING PROFESSION ISSUES:

The Counsel for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP) – Dr. Doyle informed the Board of the history of the CACREP proposal requirement for licensure and advised that the current comment period ended on July 14, 2017 and the Board will discuss the comments during the August 18, 2017 quarterly meeting.

Education Reviews – Ms. Denise Hall from Virginia Commonwealth University has requested that the Board offer guidance, or an educational only review, for potential applicants that do not meet the 60 semester hour or 90 quarter hour credit requirements and who may need additional coursework in the core coursework areas. Currently, the Board does not have authority to offer educational only reviews; however, legal counsel will research and inform the Board of its options.

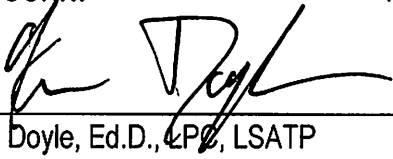
Summits (Academic & Supervisor) – The Board discussed past summits and agreed that the Board should conduct an academic summit every 2 to 3 years and that a supervisor summit should be conducted every other year in the Spring.

Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) & Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) Presentation – Representatives from DMAS & DBHDS provided information and answered questions related to the Peer Recovery Specialist & Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) requirements and their roles. DMAS provided clarification on reimbursement based on title and role.

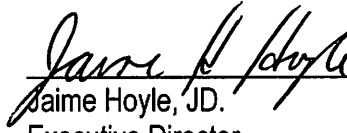
Other Topics – The Board discussed supervisor requirements and standards of practice, and agreed that these topics should be added to the agenda for the August 18, 2017 quarterly meeting agenda under new business.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.



Kevin Doyle, Ed.D., LPP, LSATP
Chairperson



Jaime Hoyle, JD.
Executive Director