



**Virginia Board of Counseling
Regulatory Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233
Board Room 4**

- CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Tracy called the Regulatory Committee meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
- PRESIDING OFFICER:** Holly Tracy, LPC, LMFT, Committee Chair
- COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Barry Alvarez, LMFT
Johnston Brendel, Ed.D, LPC, LMFT
Gerard Lawson, PhD, LPC, LSATP
Terry Tinsley, PhD, LPC, LMFT, CSOTP
Vivian Sanchez-Jones, Citizen Member
- BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director
Leoni Wells, Executive Assistant
- DHP STAFF PRESENT:** Erin Barrett, JD, Senior Policy Analyst, Regulatory Compliance Manager
- ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM/ROLL CALL:** Ms. Tracy requested a roll call by Ms. Hoyle. Ms. Hoyle announced that with 6 (six) members present a quorum was established.
- MISSION STATEMENT:** Ms. Hoyle read the mission statement of the Department of Health Professions, which is also the mission statement of the Committee and Board.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Agenda was adopted as presented.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Meeting minutes from the Regulatory Committee Meeting held on April 15, 2022 were approved as written with suggested edits.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.
- PUBLIC ATTENDEES:** none
- NEW BUSINESS:** The Board read and discussed a letter from Joshua C. DeSilva, who is the Vice Chair of Virginia Latino Advisory Board. Mr. DeSilva recommended that the Boards of Psychology, Social Work, and Counseling consider adding regulations to require that licensed providers in each profession complete continuing education credits in working with diverse populations

annually in order to renew their licenses. This would be in addition to the required ethics credits that the Board currently require by regulation.

The Committee was in support of the letter and asked Ms. Barrett to come up with a creative way to add the need for diversity training in a guidance document. This issue will continue to be on the agenda for future discussions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: I. Regulatory Report Update:

Ms. Barrett updated the Board on the current regulatory actions. Ms. Barrett provided two proposals (see attachment "A") for the Committee to consider to address the public comments and confusion over proposed changes to the endorsement requirements. After a long discussion, the Committee agreed that option 2 of the proposed changes would be beneficial to public by better illustrating the multiple avenues for licensure by endorsement.

Motion: Mr. Tinsley moved, which was properly seconded, to recommend to the Board to adopt final regulations with changes (option 2) as proposed by Ms. Barrett. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Review & Consideration of Guidance Documents

a. Discussion of Guidance Document 115-8 Approved Degrees in Human Services for QMHP Registration

Ms. Barrett stated that the regulations do not support separating the degrees into two categories within the guidance document. The Committee agreed to not take action on this issue.

b. Discussion of Reinstatement for Licensed Residents

The Board discussed the reinstatement for licensed residents. After having a lengthy discussion, the Committee did not make a decision but agreed to revisit this issue at a later time.

c. Discussion of the need Active/Inactive Status for Licensed Residents- Staff

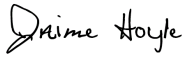
The Board discussed the need for active/inactive status for licensed residents. After discussion on this topic, the Committee agreed to revisit this issue at a later time.

NEXT MEETING:

Ms. Tracey announced that the next Regulatory Committee will occur October 14, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Tracey adjourned the July 15, 2022 Regulatory Meeting at 2:54 p.m.

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Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director

Attachment A

SUGGESTIONS TO ADDRESS PUBLIC CONFUSION OVER REQUIREMENTS

Option 1:

B. Every applicant for licensure by endorsement shall meet one of the following:

1. Educational requirements consistent with those specified in 18VAC115-20-49 and 18VAC115-20-51 and experience requirements consistent with those specified in 18VAC115-20-52; or

2. ~~If an applicant does not have~~ In lieu of documentation of educational and experience credentials consistent with those required by this chapter, he shall the applicant may provide evidence of one of the four following options in a-d, below:

~~a. Documentation of education and supervised experience that met the requirements of the jurisdiction in which he was initially licensed as verified by an official transcript and a certified copy of the original application materials; and~~

~~b. a.~~ Evidence of post-licensure clinical practice in counseling, as defined in § 54.1-3500 of the Code of Virginia, at the highest level for independent practice for 24 of the last 60 months immediately preceding his licensure application in Virginia. Clinical practice shall mean the rendering of direct clinical counseling services or, clinical supervision of counseling services, or teaching graduate-level courses in counseling; or

~~3. In lieu of transcripts verifying education and documentation verifying supervised experience, the board may accept verification from the credentials registry of the American Association of State Counseling Boards or any other board-recognized entity.~~

b. Verification of the Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor credential from the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) or any other board-recognized entity; or

c. Evidence of an active license at the highest level of counselor licensure for independent practice for at least 10 years prior to the date of application; or

d. Evidence of an active license at the highest level of counselor licensure for independent practice for at least three years prior to the date of application and one of the following:

(1) The National Certified Counselor credential, in good standing, as issued by the NBCC; or

(2) A graduate-level degree from a program accredited in clinical mental health counseling by CACREP.

Option 2:

B. Every applicant for licensure by endorsement shall meet one of the following:

1. Educational requirements consistent with those specified in 18VAC115-20-49 and 18VAC115-20-51 and experience requirements consistent with those specified in 18VAC115-20-52; or

~~2. If an applicant does not have~~ In lieu of documentation of educational and experience credentials consistent with those required by this chapter, ~~he shall~~ the applicant may provide **evidence specified in C.:**

~~a. Documentation of education and supervised experience that met the requirements of the jurisdiction in which he was initially licensed as verified by an official transcript and a certified copy of the original application materials; and~~

~~b. a.~~

C. Applicants for endorsement that do not meet the requirements in B 1 may provide evidence of one of the following:

1. Evidence of post-licensure clinical practice in counseling, as defined in § 54.1-3500 of the Code of Virginia, at the highest level for independent practice for 24 of the last 60 months immediately preceding his licensure application in Virginia. Clinical practice shall mean the rendering of direct clinical counseling services or, clinical supervision of counseling services, or teaching graduate-level courses in counseling; or

~~3. In lieu of transcripts verifying education and documentation verifying supervised experience, the board may accept verification from the credentials registry of the American Association of State Counseling Boards or any other board-recognized entity.~~

b.2. Verification of the Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor credential from the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) or any other board-recognized entity; or

e.3. Evidence of an active license at the highest level of counselor licensure for independent practice for at least 10 years prior to the date of application; or

d.4. Evidence of an active license at the highest level of counselor licensure for independent practice for at least three years prior to the date of application and one of the following:

(1)a. The National Certified Counselor credential, in good standing, as issued by the NBCC; or

(2)b. A graduate-level degree from a program accredited in clinical mental health counseling by CACREP.