



**Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee and Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory Committee  
Joint Meeting Minutes**

**September 9, 2022**

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

**Substance Use Disorder Professional Advisory Committee**

**Members Present:**

Kenneth Pimpleton, SUDP, Chair  
Theresa Adkison, SUDP  
Gayle Martinsen, STR Treatment Mgr., HCA\*  
Raymond Gregson, CPC, Public Member  
*\*ex-officio member*

**Members Absent:**

Susan Cherry, SUDP, Vice Chair  
Bergen Starke, LMHC, SUDP  
David Sapienza, MD  
Lisa Rudduck, LMHC, SUDP

**Assistant Attorney General Staff:**

Luke Eaton, AAG

**Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee**

**Members Present:**

Michael Fitzpatrick, LMFT, Chair  
Craig Apperson, LMHC, Vice Chair  
Melissa Denner, LMHC  
Anjanette Jorstad, LASW  
Beda Herbison, LICSW  
Netra Kendle, EDS, Public Member  
Linda Sattem, Ph.D., Public Member  
Megan Simmons - LMFT

**Members Absent:**

None

**Assistant Attorney General Staff:**

Luke Eaton, AAG

**DOH Staff:**

Ted Dale, SUD Program Manager  
Brandon Williams, Licensed Counselors  
Program Manager  
James Chaney, Executive Director  
Karen Gohlsen, Program Support  
Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst

**Guest Presenters:**

None

*On September 9, 2022, the Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory Committee and the Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee met online via Microsoft Teams. Notice of the meeting was published on the Substance Use Disorder, Mental Health Counselor, Marriage & Family Therapist, and Social Worker profession websites and was sent out through the GovDelivery listserv for each profession.*

## Open Session:

### 1. Opening of Public Meeting – Kenneth Pimpleton, SUDP, Chair and Michael Fitzpatrick, LMFT, Chair

- 1.1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. Committee and agency staff members as well as public attendees introduced themselves and their area of practice. The Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory Committee did not have enough members present for a quorum so only members of the *Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Counselors, and Social Workers Advisory Committee* were able to vote on items as needed.
- 1.2. Agenda - Motion to approve the September 9, 2022 agenda, seconded, vote 8-0 (*Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Counselors, and Social Workers Advisory Committee*).
- 1.3. Minutes - Motion to approve the February 11, 2022 joint meeting minutes, seconded, vote 8-0 (*Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Counselors, and Social Workers Advisory Committee*).

### 2. Program Manager Reports – Ted Dale, Program Manager and Brandon Williams, Program Manager

*Mr. Dale is serving as the Program Manager for the Substance Use Disorder Professional Advisory Committee and Mr. Williams is serving as the Program Manager for the Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee.*

- 2.1. Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee Budget Report – Mr. Williams presented the current budget numbers. The following is the current fund balance for the three programs:
  - Marriage & Family Therapists - \$22,144
  - Mental Health Counselors - \$86,401
  - Social Workers - \$1,412,104
- 2.2. Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee Credentialing Report

Credential	Active Status	Pending Apps
LMFT	2,177	227
LMFT assoc.	687	70
LMHC	9,226	462
LMHC assoc.	2,571	322
LASW	151	66
LASW assoc.	393	38
LICSW	5,958	888
LICSW assoc.	2,749	130

2.3. Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory Committee Budget Report – Mr. Dale presented the current budget numbers. The fund balance for the program as of July 2022 is -\$450,042.

2.4. Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory Committee Credentialing Report

Credential	Active Status	Pending Apps
SUDP	2,964	244
SUDPT	1,477	91

### **3. Assistant Attorney General Report – Jake Miller, AAG**

3.1. Mr. Eaton, who is the assistant attorney general assigned to the Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee had nothing to report for either committee.

### **4. Timeline Renewal Discussion – Ted Dale and Brandon Williams, Program Managers**

4.1. There was a discussion with committee members regarding unique circumstances that have come up around associate and trainee renewal timelines.

### **5. Meeting Dates for 2023 - Ted Dale and Brandon Williams, Program Managers**

5.1. Since there is no quorum for the Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory Committee, this item has been tabled. The Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee will select meeting dates during the committee's breakout session after the joint meeting has ended.

### **6. Public Comment – Ken Pimpleton, SUDP, Chair, and Mike Fitzpatrick, LMFT, Chair**

6.1. There were comments from the public regarding creating a tiered credential, an issue with retired-active licenses, and an issue with the complaint process.

### **7. Joint Meeting Adjourned at 10:22 a.m.**

### **8. Breakout Session**

8.1. Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory Committee Discussion (Opened and adjourned at 10:23 a.m.)

8.2. Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee Discussion (Opened at 10:31 a.m.)

i) Mr. Williams presented draft language to update [Chapter 246-809 WAC](#) to the committee for review and comment. Next steps will be to collect public input and file the final draft with the Office of the Code Reviser.

- ii) 2023 meeting dates – The committee selected the following dates for 2023 (the joint meeting for June 9, 2023 will be confirmed when the SUD committee meets in December):
  - February 10, 2023
  - June 9, 2023 (joint meeting)
  - September 15, 2023
  - December 8, 2023
  
- iii) The committee adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

**Submitted by:**

Ted Dale, Program Manager  
Substance Use Disorder Professional Advisory Committee

**Approved by:**

Kenneth Pimpleton, Chair  
Substance Use Disorder Professional Advisory Committee

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**Submitted by:**

Brandon Williams, Program Manager  
Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee

**Approved by:**

Mike Fitzpatrick, Chair  
Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee

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