



Washington State Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists,
And Social Workers Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2015

Physical Location:

Washington State Department of Health
Town Center Two
111 Israel Road S.E., Room 158
Tumwater, WA 98501

Committee members present in person:

Janys Murphy, Ph.D., LMHC, CDP - Chair
Jennie Lindberg, LMFT – Vice-Chair
Audrey Dangtuw, MA, LMFT, LMHC

Staff members present:

Brad Burnham, MPA, Program Manager
Nancy Tyson, Executive Director
Sonia Ferguson, Program Support
Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst
Joanne Miller, Credentialing
Dan Renfroe, Project Manager

Other present:

Marilyn Oakes-Greenspan, LICSW
Thom Field, WMHCA
Karen Langer, WMHCA

Committee members present via phone:

Fredda Jaffe, LMFT
Tawney Carrier, Public Member

Committee members absent:

Carlos Carreon, LICSW, ACSW, BCD

AAG present:

Debra Defreyn

Other present via phone:

Kirk Roberts
David Ward

On December 11, 2015 the Washington State Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee (committee) met at the Department of Health (department), 111 Israel Road, Room 158, Tumwater, WA. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the meeting agenda was emailed to members of the licensed counselors' professional Listserv and posted to the professions' webpages.

Open Session

1. **Call to Order – Janys Murphy, Ph.D., LMHC, CDP – Chair** **9:08 a.m.**
 - 1.1 **Introductions-** Dr. Janys Murphy conducted a roll call to identify committee members and participants within the room. The roll call also included an account of other participants in attendance via phone.
 - 1.2 **Approval of the agenda** - The agenda was accepted and approved.
 - 1.3 **Approval of the September 11, 2015 meeting minutes** - The September 11, 2015 meeting minutes were accepted and approved as presented.
 - 1.4 **Approval of the October 23, 2015 sub-committee meeting minutes on clinical supervision –** The October 23, 2015 sub-committee meeting minutes were accepted and approved as presented.
 - 1.5 **Approval of the November 6, 2015 Sub-committee meeting minutes on record retention –** The November 6, 2015 sub-committee meeting minutes were accepted and approved as presented.
2. **2016 Meeting dates of the advisory committee –**

The committee approved the following for meeting dates in 2016:

 - Friday, February 26
 - Friday, June 10
 - Friday, September 9
 - Friday, December 9
3. **Election of new chair and vice-chair –**

The committee approved Dr. Murphy to continue chair for another year and Ms. Jennie Lindberg to continue as vice-chair for another year.
4. **Manager Reports – Brad Burnham, MPA, Program Manager**
 - 4.1 **Budget report-** Mr. Burnham presented the budget information for all three professions. The marriage and family therapists' (MFT) budget has a negative operating balance of \$(29,926.00); mental health counselors' (MHC) budget has a positive operating balance of \$1,022,123.00; and the social workers' (SW) budget has a positive operating balance of \$906,100.00.
 - 4.2 **Health Care Authority's (HCA) recent telemedicine rulemaking –** Mr. Burnham said he introduced this at the September meeting. He said HCA recently adopted a new section of rule, WAC 182-531-1730, in order to expand the use of telemedicine for Washington Apple Health clients. This topic was initially part of a larger rule-making that began in 2014 to implement federal requirements under the Affordable Care Act. In October 2015, HCA completed the rule-making process and adopted a permanent rule that went into effect November 1, 2015. It is information on how and who to bill for telemedicine.
 - 4.3 **Legislative update –** Mr. Burnham gave an update on SHB 1721. He is part of a workgroup with another colleague to establish guidelines for emergency medical services (EMS) providers on when and how to transport patients to facilities other than hospitals, such as mental health

facilities and chemical dependency programs. Mr. Burnham said that are still issues trying to be worked out, such as liabilities. If they aren't worked out this session, it will be next session.

Mr. Burnham said each year the department holds Meet Me calls during the legislative session. He is looking for a committee member to listen in on the calls; Ms. Jennie Lindberg said she would be willing to do so.

4.4 Current licensing statistics - Ms. Joanne Miller went over the licensing statistics that credentialing provided, she said that the numbers haven't changed since September.

Profession	Current Number of Credential Holders
LMFT	1,452
LMHC	6,143
LASW	114
LICSW	3,910
LMFTA	478
LMHCA	1,755
LSWAA	214
LSWICA	1,456
Total among all professions	15,522

5. Assistant Attorney General Report – Debra Defreyn, AAG

Ms. Debra Defreyn said there was nothing firm to report. There have been a lot of discipline reports this year. There has been confusion with associates not understanding they don't work independently and some confusion on supervision and what an agreement should look like.

Dr. Murphy suggested having someone talk people through on how to be an associate, possibly twice a year. She suggested that could help with issues. Ms. Nancy Tyson suggested having Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the department's web page for associates helping them figure out how to go from point A to point B.

6. Online licensing project – Dan Renfroe, Project Manager

Mr. Dan Renfroe manages online licensing and information. He said that he is focusing on online renewals for licensing. Mr. Renfroe said currently there are nine registrations online. He said it takes about one-third of the time to apply online that it does to send in hard copies.

Mr. Renfroe said the following are goals for online licensing:

- Provide online portal for new license applications for health professions and facilities
- Provide streamlined, easy-to-use online applications
- Store license application data in licensing system
- Collect healthcare provider demographic information
- Improve healthcare workforce information

Mr. Renfroe said the following are benefits for online licensing:

- Reduce the amount of time to issue licenses
- Improve patient safety and access to care
- Allow providers and facilities to provide care sooner

- Improve access to care and reduce healthcare disparities
- Ensure healthcare workforce is used to their best abilities in places of greatest need

7. Rules Workshop –

Mr. Burnham went over the changes the sub-committee’s did on supervision and recordkeeping and retention in chapter 246-809 WAC with committee members.

There was still a lot of discussion on the topics of supervision and recordkeeping and retention. The committee decided there was still work to be done in both areas, so each sub-committee would be meeting again after the first of the year.

8. Review of legislation related to training in suicide-prevention

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

9. Consent Agenda –

The consent agenda was approved and accepted as presented.

10. Public Comment – Janys Murphy, Ph.D., LMHC, CDP – Chair

Mr. Thom Fields said each sub-committee should monitor CACREP.

Ms. Karen Langer had heard about a letter that had been sent to schools saying the schools needed to go through the CACREP process.

11. Future Agenda Items – Janys Murphy, Ph.D., LMHC, CDP - Chair

- New CDP WAC’s
- Suicide prevention

12. Items to Monitor

- CACREP standards and schools in Washington with CACREP accreditation
- CACREP accreditation-portability etc.
- Teletherapy-telehealth
- Parenting evaluation standards

13. Adjournment

12:54 p.m.

Submitted by:

Signature on file

Brad Burnham, Program Manager

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Approved by:

Signature on file

Dr. Janys Murphy, Ph.D., LMHC, CDP, Chair

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