



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

June 10, 2016

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:

Jany's Murphy, Ph.D., LMHC, CDP - Chair
Jennie Lindberg, LMFT – Vice Chair
Audrey Dangtuw, MA, LMFT, LMHC
Tawney Carrier, Public Member
Fredda Jaffe, LMFT

Staff members present:

Brad Burnham, MPA, Program Manager
Nancy Tyson, Executive Director
Sonia Ferguson, Program Support
Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst
Betty Moe, Customer Service

Other present:

Karen Langer, WMHCA
Anji Jorstad
Mary Clogston, WSSCSW

Committee members absent:

Carlos Carreon, LICSW, ACSW, BCD

AAG present:

Lilia Lopez, AAG

Others present via phone:

Emily Kurst
Laura Groshong, WSSCSW
Barbara Frazier
Ken Eisenberger
Omar Stone, NASW

On June 10, 2016 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** **9:02 a.m.**
 - 1.1 **Introductions** – Participants introduced themselves.
 - 1.2 **Approval of the agenda** - The agenda was accepted and approved.
 - 1.3 **Approval of the February 26, 2016 meeting minutes** - The February 26, 2016 meeting minutes were accepted and approved as presented.

2. **Manager Reports – Brad Burnham, MPA, Program Manager**

2.1 Budget report - Mr. Burnham presented the budget information for all three professions. The mental health counselors' (MHC) budget has a positive operating balance of \$823,078; the social workers' (SW) budget has a positive operating balance of \$875,296; and the marriage and family therapists' (MFT) budget has a negative operating balance of -\$63,817.

There were questions and discussion regarding the continued negative balance for the marriage and family therapists' budget. Mr. Burnham explained several items went over expense expectations.

When asked what the plan was to adjust the budget, Mr. Burnham said the fees will be reviewed and the income versus expenses should level out in a couple biennia.

The subject of cost recovery was brought up. Cost recovery is not part of a fund; it goes into a separate account as additional funds. A report may be requested.

2.2 CDP rulemaking update – The department is considering adopting a revised rule. There was a hearing in April 2016 and the department is looking at all comments. The status has not changed since April. Once a decision is made, it will be shared on the website and through the listserv.

2.3 Co-Occurring Disorders and Treatment Conference – Mr. Burnham said he and Ms. Nancy Tyson would attend.

2.4 Legislative update - Mr. Burnham reported on HB 1713, which addresses integrating the treatment systems for mental health and chemical dependency. It integrates the involuntary treatment provisions and systems for chemical dependency with mental health, and other provisions pertaining to minor-initiated and parent-initiated chemical dependency and mental health treatment for minors.

HB 2439 - which has to do with increasing access to adequate and appropriate mental health services for children and youth. It forms a workgroup to review data on mental health care for children and their parents. The department will be a member of the workgroup.

HB 2793 - which provides suicide awareness and prevention education for safer homes. The bill adds pharmacists to the list of health care providers required to receive one-time training on suicide assessment, treatment and management, and establishes a workgroup to develop a suicide prevention curriculum for pharmacy students. This is on the docket for next year. It will require providers to take mandatory trainings from approved programs.

HB 6445 - clarifies the role of physician assistants in the delivery of mental health services.

HB 6519 – Expands patient access to health services through telemedicine and establishing a collaborative for the advancement of telemedicine.

2.5 Examples from other states of supervisory registry for approved supervisors – Mr. Burnham presented additional information about Idaho’s and Oregon’s supervisor registries, which is related to a presentation by Mr. Thom Field, Washington Mental Health Counselors Association (WMHCA), at the previous meeting. At the February 2016 meeting, Mr. Field presented information concerning the states’ requirements for supervisors of mental health counselor candidates.

There was discussion on supervision of associates; some committee members thought it should be the department’s responsibility to have an approved supervisor list. The topic was tabled until the next meeting.

2.6 Recruitment for vacant advisory committee positions – Mr. Burnham said that he and Ms. Tyson are in the process of interviewing applicants.

2.7 Update on assignment of new assistant attorney general – Mr. Burnham introduced Mr. John Macejunas as the new assistant attorney representative.

2.8 List of external partners for the Office of the Secretary and Center for Public Affairs to communicate with on issues. Who should be the representative? The department is requesting the advisory committee have a representative for the Center for Public Affairs. Ms. Audrey Dangtaw volunteered.

3. Current licensing statistics – Ms. Betty Moe reviewed the licensing statistics.

Profession	Current Number of Credential Holders
LMFT	1,490
LMHC	6,353
LASW	117
LICSW	3,995
LMFTA	540
LMHCA	1,783
LSWAA	226
LSWICA	1,519
Total among all professions	16,023

4. Assistant Attorney General Report – Mr. John Macejunas introduced himself as the new representative from the assistant attorney general’s office.

5. AMFTRB proposed teletherapy draft guidelines -

The Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) is gathering feedback from licensing boards, training programs and licensed practitioners on the draft guidelines. Mr. Burnham said he would like to get the committee members to review and give him their comments and/or suggestions within two weeks.

6. FBI criminal background checks/RapBack legislation - Ms. Catherine Woodard, associate director of discipline, Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, provided an update on the RapBack service that provides a continuous criminal record monitoring service. Ms. Woodard would like the advisory committee's support.

7. Subcommittee rules workshops

The Clinical Supervision and Recordkeeping and Retention subcommittees met and continued to make updates, revisions and housekeeping amendments.

8. Consent Agenda - The consent agenda was approved and accepted as presented.

9. Public Comment – None

10. Future Agenda Items –

- Legal and disciplinary statistics
- Rules
- Telemedicine
- Revisit RapBack and role as a committee
- Agency request leg

11. Items to Monitor - None

12. Adjournment

1:38 p.m.

Submitted by:

Signature on file

Brad Burnham, Program Manager

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Approved by:

Signature on file

Dr. Jany's Murphy, Ph.D., LMHC, CDP, Chair

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