



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

**February 10, 2023**

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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<b>Committee members present:</b>	Craig Apperson, LMHC, Vice Chair Linda Sattem, PhD, Public Member Megan Simmons, LMFT Melissa Denner, LMHC, SUDP Beda Herbison, LICSW
<b>Committee members absent:</b>	Michael Fitzpatrick, LMFT, Chair Netra Kendle, EdS, Public Member
<b>Staff members present:</b>	Trina Crawford, Executive Director Brandon Williams, Program Manager Karen Gohlsen, Program Support Patience Roquemore, Program Support Luke Eaton, Assistant Attorney General Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst Jeff Orwig, Fiscal Analyst Ashley Maxwell, Supervising Staff Attorney Tiffany Drake, Credentialing Supervisor
<b>Guest presenters:</b>	None

On February 10, 2023 the Washington State Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee met online via Microsoft Teams. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the meeting was published to [the committee's website](#) and was sent out via the GovDelivery listserv.

## Open Session:

### 1. Call to Order – Craig Apperson, LMHC, Vice Chair

- 1.1. Introductions - The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. Committee members, DOH staff, and visitors introduced themselves.
- 1.2. Agenda – *Motion to approve the agenda, seconded, vote 5-0.*
- 1.3. Minutes - *Motion to approve the December 9, 2022 minutes, seconded, vote 5-0.*

### 2. Public Comment – Craig Apperson, LMHC, Vice Chair

- 2.1. No public comment received.

### 3. Assistant Attorney General Report – Luke Eaton, AAG

- 3.1. Mr. Eaton had nothing to report to the committee.

### 4. Program Update – Brandon Williams, Program Manager

- 4.1. Program budgets –The current program fund balances as of January 2023:
  - Marriage & Family Therapists: \$89,502
  - Mental Health Counselors: (\$41,862)
  - Social Workers: \$1,559,498
- 4.2. Credentialing Report - Mr. Williams presented the credentialing statistics for each program:

License Type	Active Licenses	Pending Apps.
LMFT	2,237	212
LMFT associate	738	45
LMHC	9,587	449
LMHC associate	2,688	257
LASW	150	55
LASW associate	416	28
LICSW	6,278	895
LICSW associate	2,863	94

- 4.3. Committee member recruitment update – DOH recruitments for a licensed advanced social worker and a public member to serve on the committee is still active. There are

four reappointments to be done as the terms end over the summer and recruitment for LISW will be done along with LMCH.

**5. Legislative Update – Brandon Williams, Program Manager**

5.1. Mr. Williams provided an update on the current legislative update to the committee.

**6. Rules Workshop - Brandon Williams, Program Manager**

6.1. Mr. Williams provided an overview regarding amendments to [Chapter 246-809 WAC](#) as discussed at the previous meeting. He has been working on the CR-102 along with the significant analysis and will submit for department review.

**7. Roundtable Discussion, Craig Apperson, LMHC, Vice Chair**

7.1. The committee would like to discuss change of chair and vice chair.

**8. Future Agenda Items – Craig Apperson, LMHC, Vice Chair**

- 8.1. Committee chair elections
- 8.2. Flow Chart – What to expect if a complaint is filed against a provider
- 8.3. Second Terms interest
- 8.4. FAQ sheet for 25-hour training hours of supervision experience

**9. Adjournment – Craig Apperson, LMHC, Vice Chair**

9.1. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

**Submitted by:**

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

**Approved by:**

Craig Apperson, Vice Chair  
Mental Health Counselors, Marriage &  
Family Therapists, and Social Workers  
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