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

Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2019
9 a.m.

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

Members Present:
Anjanette Jorstad, LASW, Chair
Michael Fitzpatrick, LMFT, Vice Chair
Carlos Carreon, LICSW, ACSW, BCD
Craig Apperson, LMHC

Committee Members Absent:
Paul David, PhD, LMHC, LMFT

Staff Members Present:
James Chaney, Executive Director
Ted Dale, Interim Program Manager
Joanne Miller, Credentialing Manager
Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst
Heather Cantrell, Policy Analyst
Karen Diehm, Program Representative

AAG Present:
Luke Eaton, AAG

On February 22, 2019, the Washington State Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee met at the Department of Health, 111 Israel Road S.E., Town Center 2, Room 158, Tumwater, WA. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the meeting agenda was emailed to members of the licensed counselors’ professional GovDelivery and posted to the professions’ webpages.
Open Session

1. Call to Order – Anjanette Jorstad, LASW, Chair 9:04 a.m.

1.1 Introductions – committee members, staff, and visitors introduced themselves.
1.2 Approval of the agenda – accepted and approved as written.
1.3 Approval of the previous meeting’s minutes – accepted and approved as submitted.

2. Manager Reports – Ted Dale, Program Support

2.1 Budget report – Nothing was too out of the ordinary; there was an increase in investigations and credentialing due to higher caseloads. A question was asked as to what it took to address a complaint. Ted explained the steps of processing a complaint and how it is decided whether it moves forward or not.

2.2 Member recruitment update – Ted relayed that there were three quality candidates interviewed, and the recruitment was still in process. The plan is to have it finalized by the end of the month. The Advisory Committee also has vacant committee and public member’s positions open. James mentioned if anyone knew of people with interest, to have them submit applications.

2.3 Next meeting date – that the next meeting, June 7, 2019, is a joint meeting with the Chemical Dependency Professional Advisory Committee.

3. Current licensing statistics – Joanne Miller, Credentialing Supervisor
Joanne reported there were more in pending status as many were from out-of-state, while others were waiting to take exams. The numbers should be going down soon as staffing issues are getting resolved. There is a new hire, and they are in the process of hiring another person. In the future, they will be striving for a 14 day timeline. Next meeting, Joanne will have a presentation on credentialing and the criteria involved and/or required.

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Mr. Eaton stated there was not of lot of news to report. He did note that a license suspension has filed a petition to be reviewed, and they are in the process of responding.

5. Review of Upcoming Legislative Session– James Chaney, Executive Director, and Ted Dale, Program Support
   - Music therapy looks like it may move through.
   - #1729 – proposal on getting graduate level providers certified as CDP’s quickly. DOH has submitted amendment language, and is working with the Governor and Legislature to refine the bill. James encouraged the committee to review this bill on their own, as it does affect their profession.
   - #5054 – there are separate reciprocity proposals for MFT’s and SW’s for the department to establish a reciprocity program and consider the requirements of implementing a compact. Again, James encouraged the committee to review this bill on their own, as it does affect their profession.
   - #5715 – companion to 1729 but the House bills seems to be the one moving forward.
   - #5904 – policy expanding to children and adolescence. Looks to be hefty, but know the status.
   - #1721 – University of WA is to develop a program in Dialectal Therapy (DBT). Will this lead to certification for every practice? This could set a precedent in certification.

Mr. Eaton presented a PowerPoint to the committee. Some of the points stressed in the training included: final actions, special meetings, what constitutes a meeting, executive sessions and requirements of, public attendance, disruptions and interruptions, posting of minutes, the code advisor, and risk management tips.

7. The Department’s Rulemaking for Chapter 246-809 WAC Licensed Counselors – Ted Dale, Program Support
   - Definitions handouts – Ted noted explained the colors and numbers the WAC 246-809 reflect as follows:
     110-Green-MFT
     210-Orange-MHC
     310-Purple-SW
   - Full chapter 246-809 WAC of proposed rule changes from previous meeting – there was much discussion and opinions on specific definitions. Ted said he would draft up something for the upcoming special meeting regarding the definition. Jeff Wise will also look into this.

8. Special Meeting Regarding Rules - James Chaney, Executive Director,
James stated the rules needed cleaning up and clarification. Especially for those people wanting to join. It was noted that it would also be beneficial to create a FAQ portion. This would best be done with a two-day session, with being either on a Friday/Saturday or Thursday/Friday. This meeting will require not only the committee members and executive director and program manager, but the AAG, and budget and credentialing staff. The meeting should also be scheduled possibly in July, after the Legislative session. A motion was made, seconded and passed to schedule this meeting.
9. **Newsletter**
   Ted will provide examples of other Board/Commission/Committee newsletters via email for the advisory committee to review and discuss at the next meeting.

10. **Topics for Next Joint Meeting**
    - Would like to have separate meetings for both committees afterwards
    - Credentialing through the alternative path information
    - HCA integration plan for 2020/2021
    - Legislative review for both CDP and Licensed Counselors
    - Certifications from DSHS BHA – i.e. Mental Health Professional

11. **Public Comment - Anjaette Jorstad, LASW, Chair**
    ASWB representative, Karen Tanner, would like the committee to address the challenges of supervision requirements for out of state applicants looking at increased mobility.

12. **Future Agenda Items – Anjaette Jorstad, LASW, Chair**
    - Newsletter template
    - Certificates? If not in joint meeting. (check if same DSHS certs from above)

13. **Adjournment** 12:27 p.m.

Submitted by:

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James Chaney, Executive Director
Washington State Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapist and Social Worker Advisory Committee

Approved by:

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Anjaette Jorstad, LASW, Chair
Washington State Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapist and Social Worker Advisory Committee

**Next Scheduled Meeting – joint w/ Chemical Dependency Counselors**
**Date:** June 7, 2019  
**Time:** 9 a.m.  
**Location:** Department of Health  
111 Israel Rd SE, Room 163  
Tumwater, WA 98501