



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

Regular Meeting Notice

March 7, 2025

Time:	9:00 a.m.
Location:	Washington State Department of Health Town Center East 2 (TC2) Building, Room #167 111 Israel Road SE, Tumwater, WA 98501
Contact Person:	Lana Crawford, Program Manager (564) 669-1455
Board/Committee Members:	Megan Simmons, LMFT, Chair Beda Herbison, LICSW, Vice Chair Kim McBride, LMFT Joel Freedman, LMHC Linda Sattlem, Ph.D., Public Member Melissa Denner, LMHC, SUDP Vacant - LASW Vacant - Public Member Vacant - Public Member
Assistant Attorney General:	Sierra McWilliams, Assistant Attorney General
Staff:	Lana Crawford, Program Manager Brandon Williams, Executive Director James Smartt, Program Support John Simmons, Program Support Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst Evan Shigaya, Policy Analyst Tiffany Drake, Credentialing Supervisor Kelsey Cato, Regulatory Analyst
Guest Presenters:	None

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the agenda for this regular meeting was made available online at least 24 hours prior to the start time of the meeting pursuant to RCW 42.30.077.

Open Session:

1. Call to Order – Megan Simmons, LMFT, Chair

- 1.1. Introductions
- 1.2. Approval of March 7, 2025, agenda
- 1.3. Approval of November 15, 2024, meeting minutes

2. Public Comment – Megan Simmons, LMFT, Chair

The public will have an opportunity to provide comments during this time.

3. Assistant Attorney General Report – Sierra McWilliams, AAG

The AAG will report on any items relevant to the advisory committee.

4. Program Updates – Lana Crawford, Program Manager and Tiffany Drake, Credentialing Supervisor

- 4.1. Budget Report
- 4.2. Credentialing Report
- 4.3. Committee member recruitment update

5. Legislative Updates – Lana Crawford, Program Manager

Update on legislation introduced in the 2025 session.

- 5.1. Legislative Report

6. Rule Making Updates – Lana Crawford, Program Manager

Update on current rulemaking activities.

- 6.1. [CR102 WSR 25-04-16 \(PDF\)](#) Supervisor directory, supervision standards, stipend program, practicing on a pending license.
- 6.2. [CR101 WSR 24-10-012 \(PDF\)](#) Reducing barriers to licensure and streamlining the credentialing process.

7. HELMS Update - Brandon Williams, Executive Director

Update on the transition of HELMS

8. Advanced Suicide Prevention Continuing Education – Brandon Williams, Executive Director and Kelsey Cato, Regulatory Analyst

Update on the Advanced Suicide Prevention Continuing Education

9. Subcommittee Report: Associate Application Process Update - Beda Herbison, LICSW, Advisory Committee Vice Chair and Kim McBride, LMFT, Advisory Committee Member

Update and review the progress with the subcommittee.

10. Bylaws - Lana Crawford, Program Manager

The committee will review and vote on bylaws.

10.1. Advisory Committee Bylaws

11. Roundtable Discussion - Megan Simmons, LMFT, Chair

Open discussion for the advisory committee.

12. Future Business – Megan Simmons, LMFT, Chair

The committee will discuss agenda items for future meetings.

13. Adjournment - Megan Simmons, LMFT, Chair

Next Scheduled Meeting:

June 13, 2025 – Joint meeting with Substance Use Disorder Professional Advisory Committee
9:00 a.m.

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