

## **Counseling Compact Executive Committee Meeting**

December 14, 1:00 p.m. ET

### **Committee Members Present**

Jamie Doming, Chair  
Andrea Brooks  
Brian Carnahan  
Denauvo Robinson  
Janet Hartman  
Kim Speakman  
Latofia Parker

### **Committee Members Absent**

N/A

### **Commissioners Present**

Anthony Onorato  
Mary Drotleff  
Nate Brown  
Tom Black

### **Legal Counsel Present**

Nahale Kalfas

### **CSG Staff Present**

Isabel Eliassen

### **Members of the Public Present**

Amy Milsom	Dr. W. Bryce Hagedorn	Kylie Dotson-Blake
Angele Moss-Baker	Fredrick Dombrowski	Laura Berg
Angie Arreola	Greg Searls	Lauren Arnold
Anita Neuer Colburn	Holly Moorhead	Louisa Foss-Kelly
Anna Lieber	Jared Sossin	Milagros Collazo
Aprille Woodson	Jay Tift	Ryan Burkhart
Branden Cordeiro	Jennifer Johnston	Stephen Kennedy
Brandi Stalzer	Jessica Banik	Suzanne Dugger
Brian Sullivan	John Harrichand	Swang Oo
Carla Adkison-Johnson	Jolie Long	Sydney Elder
Charmayne Adams	Kaitlin Knapp	Tanisha Sapp
Cristina De Luna	Karen Caffrey	Teneka Gash
Dilani Perera	Kimberly Whitner	Tess Bettler

### **Welcome & Call to Order**

- J. Doming called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. ET and welcomed the committee to their first meeting.

### **Roll Call**

- I. Eliassen called the roll. No delegates were absent.

### **Review and Adoption of the Agenda**

- J. Doming reviewed the agenda and asked if changes were needed. Hearing none, she called for a motion to adopt the agenda.
- **Motion:** A. Brooks motioned to adopt the agenda. L. Parker seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

### **Review of Organizational Structure**

- J. Doming called on N. Kalfas to present the committee with information on the compact and committee's organizational structure.
- N. Kalfas reviewed the entity status of the compact; the governing structure of the compact; the statutory and contractual nature of the compact; delegates' responsibilities as commissioners; responsibilities of members of the Executive Committee and associated subcommittees; workflow between the full commission, Executive Committee, and subcommittees; and the rulemaking process of the Commission.

### **Discussion of Regulated Public Concern Regarding Professional Identity**

- J. Doming led the group in a discussion of public concerns regarding professional identity, noting in particular a meeting hosted by Dr. Ryan Burkhart and a joint memo letter the voting members of the committee had received from CACREP, ACES, and CSI on this issue.
- J. Doming made the following remarks on this issue: Regarding concerns about the profession getting watered down due to legislation in Florida, these issues will be dealt with in the rules committee. Many commissioners are counselors and all commissioners understand these concerns. The commissioners have the intention to address the issue of the definition of counseling exam and potential noncompliance if states are allowing those who are not eligible to join the compact. The Commission is aware, listening, and will be transparent in all rulemaking.
- N Kalfas added that it is atypical for compact legislation to name an exam because it can result in needing to re-enact if the name of the exam changes and renders the legislation void. The Commission's duty is to administer compact and protect the public. Compact's duty is not to define profession, although sometimes the two intersect. Administrators are employed by a state's professional licensing board, so even though may not be counselors, they are still listening to counselors. They are implementing the compact with the advice and assistance of the professionals they serve.

### **Update on Funding Sources and Ex-Officio Appointments**

- J. Doming informed the committee that each of the four ex-officio organizations, ACA, NBCC, AASCB, and AMHCA, had decided on a delegate and that the Commission had received an official appointing letter for Greg Searls with AASCB.
- Administrators are employed by board, so even though may not be counselors, are still listening to counselors. Are implementing the compact w the advice and assistance of the professionals they serve
- N. Kalfas reported that she conferred with ACA and their funding MOU is forthcoming. They are committed to assisting the Commission, but the Commission cannot provide a number until the MOU is received. She also asked other interested sources to reach out to CSG as interim secretariat. The commission will also pursue addition funding via grants from DOD, HRSA, and others because funding will be needed for the data system. After the data system is in place it may take some time before privileges are being issued because states must be onboarded to the data system
- J. Doming asked commissioners to begin discussions with their respective states to ensure their data systems are up to date and added that the committee would be asking states for database configuration information to make sure the compact data system is compatible with states.

### **Discussion of Future Meeting Dates**

- I. Eliassen asked the Committee if the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. ET was generally a good time to meet. The group agreed. I. Eliassen said she would set up a recurring meeting so the group would not have to re-register for each individual meeting.

### **Questions and Comments**

- J. Doming asked if there were further questions from delegates or comments from the public.
- Members of the public asked questions regarding registering for future Zoom meetings, dates of rule committee meetings, and other specific questions related to counselors' training and educational requirements.
- J Doming thanked the public for their input.

### **Adjourn**

- Hearing no further questions, J. Doming called for a motion to adjourn.
- **Motion:** B. Carnahan motioned to adjourn. K. Speakman seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m. ET.