

Counseling Compact Executive Committee Meeting

March 21, 2023, 1:00 p.m. ET

Committee Members Present

Jamie Doming, Chair
Andrea Brooks
Brian Carnahan
Ashleigh Irving
Kim Speakman
Andy Miller

Committee Members Absent

N/A

CSG Staff Present

Isabel Eliassen

Seven members of the public were also present, as were the Executive Committee representative from NBCC.

Welcome & Call to Order

- J. Doming called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

- I. Eliassen called the roll. All committee members were present.

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. B. Carnahan seconded the motion. The agenda was adopted by acclamation.

Discussion of Data System

- J. Doming led the group in a discussion of the data system.
- C. Sims provided the group with information about U.S. Digital Response (USDR), a pro bono group that CSG has talked to on behalf of the Counseling Compact as well as the OT Compact and the ASLP-IC. This organization is composed of volunteers who have technical expertise in creating digital tools for governments. They can help the Commission both construct an RFP and evaluate proposals. After they confirm staffing of the project in the next week or so, the typical timeline is around 3 months.

- The committee members discussed different options for the data system, in particular the pros and cons of a central system manage privilege applications versus having states manage them. Specific concerns included: the ability of states to handle an increase in application volume, states utilizing paper systems, decreasing the risk of error, and the ability of states to send versus receive information.
- The group agreed that the ideal data system would process the privilege to practice to application and funds in a central manner and would aim to minimize the increase in administrative burden on states. The group agreed to present this conclusion to the Executive Committee.

Questions and Comments

- J. Doming asked if there were further questions from delegates or comments from the public.
- Members of the public brought up additional concerns, which included the differences in identifiers used by states, how states are informed of adverse actions, how fees are collected, and how fees are charged to practitioners.

Adjourn

- Hearing no further questions, J. Doming adjourned the meeting by declaration.