

## **Counseling Compact Finance Committee Meeting**

April 12, 2023, 1:00 p.m. ET

### **Committee Members Present**

Kim Speakman, Chair  
Brian Carnahan  
Latofia Parker  
Angie Smith  
Jamie Doming, Commission Chair

### **Committee Members Absent**

Foley Nash  
Tom Black

### **Executive Committee Members Present**

Lynn Linde  
Kylie Dotson Blake  
Janet Hartman

### **Commissioners Present**

### **Legal Counsel Present**

Nahale Kalfas

### **CSG Staff Present**

Isabel Eliassen  
Carl Sims

Four members of the public were also present.

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

- K. Speakman called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. ET.

### **Roll Call**

- I. Eliassen called the roll. Two committee members were absent.

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

- K. Speakman reviewed the agenda and called for a motion to adopt the agenda.
- **Motion:** B. Carnahan motioned to adopt the agenda. L. Parker seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

### **Review and Adoption of the minutes**

- K. Speakman reviewed the minutes and called for a motion to adopt the minutes.
- **Motion:** L. Parker motioned to adopt the minutes. B. Carnahan seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

### **Discussion of NBCC MOU**

- N. Kalfas gave an overview of the MOU with NBCC. They sent a draft of terms which has now been converted to a full MOU. As previously discussed, terms are \$150,000 per year, paid on a quarterly basis.
- K. Dotson-Blake added that she hopes there may be an opportunity for budget review, if changes are necessary. Additionally, the MOU includes the option for the commission to co-locate its annual business meeting with NBCC's meeting, NBCC can help cover the cost of commissioner's flights and possibly meeting space as well.
- K. Speakman thanked NBCC for their support.
- B. Carnahan asked if providing funding would prevent an organization from applying to be secretariat. N. Kalfas stated that funders could still apply, but their role as funders could be a factor in the evaluation of the RFPs and could affect how contracts are written.
- K. Dotson-Blake added that NBCC's goal was to provide funding to keep cost of fees down and increase accessibility, and that they are open to adjustments if they can support in other ways.

### **Discussion of ACA funding**

- N. Kalfas gave an overview of the ACA funding and said that she would work with ACA to develop an acceptable MOU.
- L. Linde added that the ACA governing board voted to appoint \$1.2 million for the compact, including start up costs, the database, and ongoing expenses. Currently the commitment is for three years, but the governing board envisions continuing commitment.
- K. Speakman thanked ACA for their continued support.

### **Bank Account Update**

- N. Kalfas provided an update on the bank account. The bank account will be opened once a secretariat is in place so the Commission can pick a bank where the secretariat is located, which will ease financial processes. N. Kalfas has the information that the bank will need prepared already, so once the secretariat is chosen, the process can start immediately.
- L. Linde stated that with regards to fiscal processing, operations could continue under existing contract with CSG and ACA until the time secretariat is in place. The contract between CSG and ACA is in place until September and can be extended. ACA funding of the Commission will kick in when needed.

### **Questions and Comments**

- K. Speakman asked if there were further questions from delegates or comments from the public.
- N. Kalfas added, in order to clarify the process of the Commission agreeing to an MOU, that it was her legal opinion that the commission chair could sign the MOU (in consultation with the chair of the finance committee) as the chair has apparent authority to enter into that funding agreement.

### **Adjourn**

- Hearing no further questions, K. Speakman called for a motion to adjourn.
- **Motion:** B. Carnahan motioned to adjourn. L. Parker seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m. ET.