

Counseling Compact Executive Committee Meeting

April 5, 2023, 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

Ex-Officio Committee Members Present

Greg Searls, AASCB
Lynn Linde, ACA
Kylie Dotson-Blake, NBCC
Beverly Smith, AMHCA

Commissioners Present

Tom Black
Nate Brown

Legal Counsel Present

Nahale Kalfas

CSG Staff Present

Isabel Eliassen

16 members of the public were also present.

Welcome & Call to Order

- J. Doming called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

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

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- J. Doming reminded those in attendance that the commissioners included counselors and counselor educators and were interested in what was best for the profession.
- J. Doming reviewed the agenda and asked if changes were needed. Hearing none, she called for a motion to adopt the agenda.
- **Motion:** K. Speakman motioned to adopt the agenda. A. Brooks seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Review and Adoption of Minutes

- J. Doming reviewed the minutes and asked if changes were needed. Hearing none, she called for a motion to adopt the minutes.
- **Motion:** K. Speakman motioned to adopt the minutes. D. Robinson seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Committee Reports

- **Rules committee** -Interim chair, A. Brooks provided an update on the Rules Committee.
 - The committee voted to extend the meeting time from one hour to 1.5 hours.
 - The committee tabled the discussion on qualifying exam for the Compact.
 - The committee voted to nominate N. Brown (Colorado) as the chair of the Rules Committee.
 - J. Doming called for a motion for the EC to accept the nomination of N. Brown for chair of the Rules Committee. A. Brooks made the motion. B. Carnahan seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- **Ad Hoc Committee on Data System**—J. Doming discussed the results of the member state survey and decided the committee would move forward with the RFI and RFP process.
 - The committee explored the large differences between state systems.
 - The committee decided that in the ideal version of the data system, the commission would process fees and applications and send fees and info on to states. States would be responsible for the initial information entered into their state system, which would shared with the compact system.
 - C. Sims added that U.S. Digital Response, a nonprofit organization, would assist the committee in writing the RFI/RFP pro bono.
 - C. Sims stated that USDR believes an RFP would be a more efficient method and an RFI might not be needed.

Nurse Licensure Compact Data System Information

- J. Doming directed commissioners to a letter from Nursys about using their platform for the Data System. The system would involve an initial licensing fee as well as ongoing costs with the vendor.

American Counseling Association Funding Information

- L. Linde provided funding information on behalf of ACA. ACA has committed to allocating 1.2 million dollars for the Compact for the next three years. The funds will be used for items such as the cost of the data system, the executive director, setting up an office, and other ongoing expenses.
- J. Doming expressed appreciation of ACA's commitment on behalf of the commission.

National Board for Certified Counselors Funding Information

- K. Dotson-Blake provided funding information on behalf of NBCC. NBCC has committed to allocating \$150,000/year for the Compact for the next three years.
- NBCC is also interested in helping reduce the costs of the commission's annual meeting via co-locating with NBCC. Work on legal agreements to work out the details will be continued.
- J. Doming expressed appreciation of NBCC's commitment on behalf of the commission.

Secretariat RFP Process

- J. Doming reported that now that there are funding sources for the Compact, an RFP will be put out for a Secretariat.
- I. Eliassen provided details on the RFP process for the Secretariat. The RFP would be posted on April 13, 2023, and the deadline for submissions would be May 19, 2023. CSG would determine if proposals were responsive, and responsive proposals would be evaluated by the Executive Committee, guided by a rubric.

Legislative Update

- I. Eliassen stated that Wyoming, Virginia, and Arkansas had enacted the legislation, bringing the number of member states to 20. Additional states will likely enact the compact in coming months.
- L. Linde and N. Kalfas added that a high number of states had the legislation introduced as well.

Questions and Comments

- J. Doming asked if there were further questions from delegates or comments from the public.
- A. Brooks requested that commissioners keep individual state legislation on their radar as counseling regulations that could impact the profession are relevant to the compact. N. Kalfas clarified that counselors would need to operate under the regulations in the state where the client is located. A. Brooks emphasized that the compact would need to ensure counselors with privileges in states that have very different scopes of practice receive education on the compact.
- D. Spinks asked for clarification regarding the operation of the data system. J. Doming clarified that the decision on this would not be final until more information was provided from USDR. The ad hoc committee decided they wanted the commission to process the applications, but the decision was not definitive and the RFP will not necessarily be written as such.

- No additional comments or questions were asked by members of the public or committee members.

Adjourn

- Hearing no further questions, J. Doming called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- **Motion:** L. Parker motioned to adjourn the meeting. K. Speakman seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. EST.