Counseling Compact Rules Committee Meeting
October 18, 2023, 12:00 p.m. ET
Zoom

Committee Members Present
Nate Brown, Chair
Dr. Andrea Brooks
Lindsey Courtney
Mary Drotleff
Ashleigh Irving
LeeAnn Mordecai
Tony Onorato
Dr. Denauvo Robinson

Committee Members Absent
Angie Smith

Executive Committee Members Present
Dr. Kylie Dotson-Blake

Legal Counsel Present
Nahale Kalfas

CSG Staff Present
Isabel Eliassen
Carl Sims

One member of the public was also present.

Welcome & Call to Order
- N. Brown called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. ET.

Roll Call
- I. Eliassen called the roll. One committee member was absent. Ashleigh Irving joined during the adoption of the minutes. T. Onorato joined during the discussion of the Rule on Data Set Requirements.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda
- N. Brown reviewed the agenda and asked if changes were needed. Hearing none, he called for a motion to adopt the agenda.
- **Motion**: D. Robinson motioned to adopt the agenda. M. Drotleff seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Review and Adoption of the Minutes**
- N. Brown reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting and asked if changes were needed.
- I. Eliassen noted an error in the minutes section of the previous minutes.
- N. Brown called for a motion to adopt the minutes as amended.
- **Motion**: L. Courtney motioned to adopt the minutes as amended. D. Robinson seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Rule on Data Set Requirements**
- N. Brown explained Data Set Requirements.
- N. Brown stated that a separate rule could be added for the background check.
- N. Kalfas provided an update on the SHARE Act, which has mostly not moved.
- N. Brown mentioned last time we discussed weekly uploads of data as a requirement listed in the data set rule.
- L. Courtney mentioned concern about how long states would have to come into compliance the compact data system requirements. She mentioned having a date certain would be helpful for states’ budgeting purposes.
- Compliance with the background check (CBC) requirement of the compact. N. Brown stated a preference for requiring compliance with CBC to participate in the compact. D. Robinson agreed with having a set of standards practitioners must meet to begin participating.
- N. Brown suggested having a timelines which tied the rules on the CBC and on data set requirements tied together.
- The group decided this issue should be discussed more in the future.
- N. Brown called for a motion to table the discussion.
- **Motion**: A. Irving motioned to table discussion of the rule on data set requirements for a future meeting. A. Brooks seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Bylaw Updates**
- N. Brown introduced the draft of the bylaws and said that the committee had initially discussed adding standby delegates to the executive committee, which was not necessary on a further reading of the bylaws, which provided for electronic, asynchronous elections.
- T. Onorato mentioned that his remaining concern was that someone who was elected would not be up to speed on the workings of the executive committee.
- N. Kalfas mentioned concern that the commission would have to justify changing the composition of the executive committee which was laid out in the compact legislation.
- N. Brown mentioned much institutional knowledge was with commission staffers.
T. Onorato clarified that his concern was with someone who left their role suddenly being replaced with someone who did not already have knowledge of that role.

D. Robinson voiced support for the creation of an onboarding process. A. Irving voiced support for this as well. N. Kalfas said chairs were onboarded intensely, but this could be extended to all executive committee members. The committee could also create a policy for onboarding commissioners, including a new commissioner orientation.

T. Onorato said a robust onboarding would address his concerns.

N. Kalfas offered to reach out to other commissions to see what their policies are.

Motion: T. Onorato motioned to table the discussion. A. Brooks seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Discussion of Public Comments on Proposed Rules

N. Brown reported that one comment had been received on the proposed rule so far. It was about the definition of home state, something that is not within the purview of the commission to change.

November and December Meeting Dates

I. Eliassen noted that the November meeting would occur the day before Thanksgiving and the December meeting would occur the week after Christmas.

I. Eliassen noted that any rules for the full Commission to consider in January would need to be approved by the Committee in November and suggested moving the November meeting up by one week and canceling the December meeting.

The group decided to meet at 1 pm ET on November 15 and cancel December meeting.

Questions and Comments

N. Brown called for comments from committee members. Hearing no comments from committee members, N. Brown opened the floor to comments from the public.

N. Kalfas shared that NBCC agreed to contribute $100,000 towards the data system and to alter the MOU with NBCC to make the use of the funds more flexible.

Adjourn

In the absence of further comments and further agenda items, the chair adjourned the meeting by declaration.