Counseling Compact Rules Committee Meeting

August 22, 2024, 12:00 p.m. ET

Zoom

Committee Members Present - Voting
Dr. Andrea Brooks, Chair
Justin Moore
Gloria Lindsey
Tony Onorato – joined at 12:10 p.m.

Committee Members Present – Non-Voting
Dr. Denauvo Robinson
Angie Smith
Ashleigh Irving

Committee Members Absent
LeeAnn Mordecai

Executive Committee Members Present
Matt Grayson
Dr. Kylie Dotson Blake

Legal Counsel Present
Nahale Kalfas

CC Staff Present
Greg Searls

Several members of the public were also present.

Welcome & Call to Order
- A. Brooks called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. ET.

Roll Call
- G. Searls called the roll. Three committee members were present. One committee member was absent. A quorum was established with 3 of 5 voting committee members present.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- **Motion**: G. Lindsey made a motion to adopt the agenda. J. Moore seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Review and Adoption of the Minutes
- A. Brooks reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting and asked if changes were needed. Hearing none, she called for a motion to adopt the minutes.
- **Motion**: G. Lindsey made a motion to adopt the minutes. J. Moore seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Discussion of Rule on Experience Requirement
- The Committee discussed if a minimum number of hours should be specified in the Rule to ensure that states do not lower the standard in the future and allow those that might not meet the current requirements to become a part of the compact. The Committee looked at hours and how states defined them. Some states say supervised hours. Some states say direct client hours. There is also a difference in the required number of hours for supervision and what types of supervision are acceptable. The minimum length of time to gain the hours was considered as well, but states are very different in defining that aspect as well.
- **Director Searls will find the minimum direct hours in all states to consider as a floor.**

Discussion of Bylaw Change to allow Temporary Representatives to vote on Committees
- The Committee considered a bylaw change due to the current participation level and the number of delegates required to meet the current standard of the bylaw. One of the considerations is to allow the alternates to become voting members on the Committees since they are state-appointed actors. The recommendation was clarified that the delegate and alternate from the same state should both not have voting rights on the same committee.
- The idea of allowing Executive Committee members to serve on one additional committee with voting rights was also discussed.
- The Committee has concerns with expectations not being clearly defined to states when they appoint delegates.
- The need for an attendance policy was addressed. The Commission does not have the authority to remove a delegate because they are appointed by the State and not the Commission. The Commission can forward attendance to the state so they are aware of if their delegate is participating or not.
- The Committee considered reducing the number of voting members on each committee because as the Commission grows, so will the number of Committees and therefore the number of people needed.

Questions and Comments
- Director Searls asked the Committee what day in October would work for an all-day meeting. The email chain had not been successful in finding a day. The Committee established November 1 for the all-day meeting. It was clarified that any Rule that

made it out of this committee by the end of November could be heard by the Full Commission at the Annual Business Meeting in February. The Committee also moved the November meeting to November 21, 2024, due to Thanksgiving on November 28.

Public Comment
- Chair Brooks asked for public comment.
- No public comment was provided.

Adjourn
- Having no further agenda items and hearing no objections, A. Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m. ET.