



Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee Minutes

November 15, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

Committee members present:

Megan Simmons, LMFT, Chair
Beda Herbison, LICSW, Vice Chair
Kim McBride, LMFT
Joel Freedman, LMHC
Linda Sattem, Ph.D., Public Member
Vacant - LASW
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Committee members absent:

Netra Kendle, Ed.S., Public Member
Melissa Denner, LMHC, SUDP

Staff members present:

Lana Crawford, Program Manager
Joe Miller, Executive Director
Eve Austin, Executive Director
James Smartt, Program Support
John Simmons, Program Support
Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst
Brandon Williams, Project Manager
Marie Carp, AAG

Guest presenters:

None

On November 15, 2024, the Washington State Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee met online via Microsoft Teams and in person at the Washington State Department of Health, Town Center East 2 (TC2) Building, Room #153, 111 Israel Road SE, Tumwater, WA 98501. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the meeting was published to [the committee's website](#) and was sent out via the GovDelivery listserv.

Open Session:

- 1. Call to Order – Megan Simmons, LMFT, Chair** – *Meeting was called to order at 9:02 am*
Introductions – *Committee Members and program staff were introduced*

Approval of the November 15, 2024, agenda – motion to approve the November 15, 2024, agenda, seconded, vote passed.

Approval of September 6, 2024, meeting minutes - motion to approve the September 6, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded, vote passed.

- 2. Public Comment – Megan Simmons, LMFT, Chair**

There were no public comments at this time.

- 3. Office of Health Professions Updates - Lana Crawford, Program Manager and Joe Miller, Executive Director**

Ms. Crawford and Mr. Miller updated the committee on recent developments within the Office of Health Professions.

Transitions - Mr. Miller updated the Committee on upcoming changes in the Office of Health Professions that are relevant to the committee

New BCC Member Orientation – Ms. Crawford provided the committee with information regarding and links to sign up for the new BCC Member Orientation being put on by OHP

- 4. Assistant Attorney General Report –Marie Carp, AAG**

The AAG had no items relevant to the advisory committee to report at this time.

- 5. Program Update – Lana Crawford, Program Manager and Joe Miller, Executive Director**

Budget Report – Mr. Miller presented the budget report to the committee

Credentialing Report – Mr. Miller presented the Credentialing Report to the committee

Committee member recruitment update – Ms. Crawford gave an update on ongoing recruitment efforts to the committee

- 6. 2025 Proposed Advisory Meeting Dates - Megan Simmons, LMFT, Chair**

The committee considered the 2025 proposed meeting dates.

Motion to adopt September 5, 2025, meeting as an in-person meeting, seconded, vote passed.

Motion to adopt March 7, June 13, September 5, and December 5 as the 2025 meeting dates, seconded, vote passed.

- 7. Subcommittee Reports - Joel Freedman, LMHC; Beda Herbison, LICSW**

Bylaws Draft – Mr. Freedman gave an update on the Committee Bylaws Draft for the Committee to review and discuss further at the 2025 March Committee Meeting

Associate Application Process – Ms. Herbison gave an update on the Associate Application Process

8. Licensed Counselors Rules Update - Lana Crawford, Program Manager and Brandon Williams, Project Manager

Ms. Crawford and Mr. Williams provided an update regarding the status of the current rules and reviewed the proposed language that affects licensed counselors.

9. Compact Updates – Lana Crawford, Program Manager

Ms. Crawford provided an update on the counseling compact.

[Counseling Compact](#)

[Social Work Compact](#)

10. Roundtable Discussion - Megan Simmons, LMFT, Chair

Open discussion for the advisory committee.

The committee discussed topics for research and discussion at future committee meetings including:

- *Having a discussion regarding Discipline – with a possible presentation from WRAMP – emphasis on discussing trends esp. associate vs fully licensed or years of practice*
- *Setting aside agenda time for current topics from professional organizations – either at a particular meeting or as a standing agenda item for them*

11. Future Business – Megan Simmons, LMFT, Chair

The committee discussed agenda items for future meetings.

12. Adjournment - Megan Simmons, LMFT, Chair

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 am.

Submitted by:

Lana Crawford, Program Manager
Mental Health Counselors, Marriage & Family
Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory
Committee

Approved by:

Megan Simmons, Chair
Mental Health Counselors, Marriage &
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