



Certified Counselors & Hypnotherapist Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2025

Hybrid Meeting via Microsoft Teams and in-person WA DOH 111 Israel Road SE, Town Center
2, Room 153, Tumwater, WA 98501

Committee members present: Anthony Gitch, Hypnotherapist, Chair
Lisa Haglund, Public Member, Vice Chair
Betty Jensen, Certified Counselor
Lisa Webb, Certified Counselor
Sarah Prince, Public Member
Vacant, Hypnotherapist

Committee members absent: Nichole Basile, Public Member

Staff members present: Eve Austin, Executive Director
Katie Impecoven, Program Support
Alie Dobson, Program Support
Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst
Hyon Yi, Deputy Credentialing Manager

Assistant Attorney General: Luke Eaton, Assistant Attorney General

Guest presenters: None

On April 11, 2025, the Washington State Certified Counselors and Hypnotherapist Advisory Committee met in person at Washington State Department of Health and online via Microsoft Teams. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the meeting was published on the Certified Adviser, Certified Counselor, and Hypnotherapist professions' websites and was sent out via the GovDelivery listserv for each profession.

1. Call to Order – Anthony Gitch, Hypnotherapist, Chair – The meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

1.1. Introductions

Committee members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

1.2. Approval of the April 11, 2025 agenda. Motion to approve agenda, seconded, vote 6-0.

1.3. Approval of January 17, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion to approve, seconded, vote 6-0.

2. Management Reports – Eve Austin, Executive Director, Hyon Yi, Deputy Credentialing Manager, and Katie Impecoven, Assistant Program Manager

2.1. Budget Report – Eve Austin, Executive Director

Ms. Austin presented the program budgets for certified counselors/advisers and hypnotherapists as of January 2025.

Program	Current Fund Balance
Certified Counselors/Advisers	(\$1,250,000)
Hypnotherapists	\$26,830

2.2. Credentialing Report – Hyon Yi, Deputy Credentialing Manager

Mr. Yi presented the latest licensure statistics for certified counselors/advisers and hypnotherapists.

Program	Active	Pending
Certified Counselors	294	64
Certified Advisers	1	0
Hypnotherapists	682	11

Comments from the committee chair asking if we can customize this report to show more forecasting about upcoming credential applications.

2.3. Program Report – Katie Impecoven, Assistant Program Manager

Ms. Impecoven gave an update on the program manager being out of office, and welcoming new member Lisa Webb who is a certified counselor.

3. Public Comments – Anthony Gitch, Chair

3.1. There was a public comment asking for Department employee introductions and public members introductions. We have asked for questions during the reports be saved and discussed during the public comments agenda items. Public discussion on how to optimize budget and credentialing reports for professions.

4. 2025 Legislative Updates – Katie Impecoven, Assistant Program Manager

- 4.1 Ms. Impecoven shared a legislative report providing an overview of 2025 behavioral health bills of interests and status.

5. Chapter 246-810 WAC Rule Package update – Katie Impecoven, Assistant Program Manager

- 5.1. Ms. Impecoven shared a status update on the rules package for Chapter 246-810 WAC.

6. Break

7. HELMS Update – Eve Austin, Executive Director

- 7.1. Ms. Austin provided an update that a go live date for HELMS has been announced for the end of April.

8. Public Comment – Anthony Gitch, Chair

- 8.1. Public comments regarding timing of HELMS rollout and how public members can access the committee meeting recordings.

9. Future Business – Anthony Gitch, Chair

- 9.1. Lisa Haglund, committee Vice Chair, suggested we may want to discuss the rule changes, and asking about any rules meetings involved.
- 9.2. Eve Austin proposed a discussion of intervention services within the scope of CC.

10. Meeting Adjourned

- 10.1. Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Submitted by:

Carmen Leso, Program Manager
Certified Counselors & Hypnotherapists
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Approved by:

Anthony Gitch, Chair
Certified Counselors & Hypnotherapists
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