

KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
MEETING MINUTES
March 29, 2024

A Special meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors was held via teleconference on March 29, 2024.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Hannah Coyt
Dr. Andrea Brooks
Beverly Martin
Denise Hutchins
Dr. Charles Pemberton
R. Kyle May

DPL STAFF

Stephanie Hilson-Robinson, Board Administrator
Lyndsay Sipple, Admin Section Supervisor

LEGAL COUNSEL

Sara Janes, OLS

OTHER

MEMBERS ABSENT

W. Jake Roberts

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Coyt called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Admin Section Supervisor reported the TA37 for the CRBS Summit was once again rejected. The Board discussed the importance of the conference every year, but especially this year with the Counseling Compact becoming active soon. The Board discussed adding additional information to the memo and to include session documentation for Board Administrator's and Board Counsel.

Dr. Brooks reported she attended the public hearing for the Department of Medicaid Services on March 22, 2024, for comments and revisions to 907 KAR 15:005 and 907 KAR 1:044, regarding the definition of MHA and defining their role. Department of Medicaid Services did include the three suggestions from KBLPC. Dr. Brooks reported on the major changes to the revised 907 KAR 15:005 and 907 KAR 1:044:

- There are currently two pathways to become a BHA. With the new revisions, a third pathway will be available: if you have graduated from masters and have put in application for licensure.
 - The Board remarked the need for a time limit on application completion/ approval.
 - Dr. Pemberton agreed to draft a revision to include a deadline for application completion/ approval.
- KBLPC previously asked for eligible BHA's to be enrolled in a master's level Practicum and Internship which was included in the former draft. New revisions now include the requirement of eligible BHA's to be enrolled in a master's level Practicum and Internship *or be enrolled in a master's program.*

The Board discussed the need of a scope of practice for BHAs to clearly define their role. Board Members discussed what the role of a BHA should only encompass:

- A BHA should only provide supportive services to a client after a licensed supervisor has established the client, completed assessments, provided diagnoses, and created the treatment plan.
- A BHA may provide supportive services based upon the treatment plan established by a licensed professional.
- Should have a maximum number of clients.
- Should not work with clients in a crisis situation.
- BHA could provide coping skills.
- Role should mirror internship/practicum

Board Members also discussed making the following recommendations:

- A regulatory body to oversee BHAs.
- Add specific requirements for clinical supervision.
- Ask for supervisor names.
- C1a1b – only those in internship/practice (needs to be in compliance with licensure law)
- Will ask that Scope of Practice is shared with BHA and regulatory agency

Chair Coyt, Vice Chair Brooks, and Board Counsel will draft a letter on behalf of the KBLPC requesting certain edits to the March 26, 2024, drafted revisions to 907 KAR 15:005 and 907 KAR 1:044 and present the document to the full Board no later than 1:00 p.m. on April 1, 2024.

Vice Chair Brooks made a motion to schedule a Special meeting to approve the letter recommending edits to 907 KAR 15:005 and 907 KAR 1:044 BHA definitions on April 1, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Mr. May seconded the motion, which carried.

Board Counsel shared Staff Suggested Amendments to 201 KAR 36:100. Counseling Compact, which includes an update to Section 2. Incorporation By Reference and advised the new regulation will be on the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee's agenda for approval.

An ARRS Meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., (or may be moved to April 9, 2024) to review the Staff Suggested Amendments. Vice-Chair Brooks advised 907 KAR 15:005 and 907 KAR 1:044 were also on the ARRS Agenda that date. Dr. Pemberton made a motion for Vice Chair Brooks to attend the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. May, which carried.

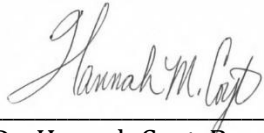
Dr. Brooks made a motion to approve the proposed FAQs, while tabling the FAQs on Renewals and CEUs to the Applications Committee. Motion seconded by Dr. Pemberton, which carried.

PER DIEM

Ms. Martin made a motion to pay per diem for today's meeting. Ms. Hutchins seconded the motion, which carried.

ADJOURN

Dr. Pemberton motioned to adjourn at 12:02 p.m. Second by Mr. May and carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hannah M. Coyt". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Dr. Hannah Coyt, Board Chair