

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2025**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensed Professional Counselors SPECIAL MEETING was held in-person in Room 256SW, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY and via teleconference on February 4, 2025.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Andrea Brooks
Dr. Hannah Coyt
Dr. Charles Pemberton
Ms. Beverly Martin
Denise Hutchins

DPL STAFF

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

R. Kyle May
Wm. Jake Roberts

LEGAL COUNSEL

Sara Janes, OLS

OTHER

Bill P
Paige Greene
Trey Grayson

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Coyt shared a conversation she had with Dr. Sylvia Fernandez, a former Board member and the Executive Director of CACREP. It was relayed basic content areas are the same for all CACREP programs. It was noted, however, that the practicum and internship does not have to be in a clinical setting for School and Rehabilitation Counseling programs. It's the responsibility of the Board to look at the internship/practicum experience of each applicant. Clinical experience is University dependent, and not always supervised by a Licensed Professional Counselor leaving open scenarios where some students may not become licensed. Dr. Fernandez offered to meet with the Board to discuss any concerns they may have.

The Board discussed 201 KAR 36:060 Qualifying Experience Under Supervision, stating associates should receive broad exposure experience. There has been an increase in specialized experience with groups, substance use disorder, and school settings. The Board is currently limited to approval or denial. The Board discussed the ramifications if approved (associates will not gain broad experience with a variety of diagnoses, populations, different clinical settings, etc.), and if the agreement was denied (limits associates from working, and in a setting, they are qualified in).

The Board discussed a scenario with specifying the number of hours, or a certain percentage, an LPCA could gain in a certain criterion. It was noted a long-term solution was easier to think about, not sure how

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short term will look.

Several supervision agreements have been denied recently for lack of broad exposure. It was discussed if there was a way that we can approve with a disclaimer, referencing 36:060 – Section 5, in that the placement is approved, but the hours by themselves do not count towards full licensure.

The Board discussed and reviewed several regulations pertaining to LPCC licensure, experience under supervision, and the Board power in approval/denial of supervision agreements.

Allowing a certain number of hours (500) for a placement was discussed.

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The Board discussed the ability to approve the agreements with a disclaimer ~~right now. The Board will not~~ *not to* approve a full 4,000 hours in the noted placement but ~~will~~ allow the associate to earn a max of 500 hours *(as an example)* in this position, *with further discussion to be had*. For associates to apply for LPCC, they must obtain additional experience. Award approval with a warning of forthcoming information from the Board. Letter of approval should state “additional changes may arise after your approval”

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Dr. Pemberton made a motion to enter into closed session at 10:56 a.m., pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c), (f) (j) and (k) regarding deliberations of quasi-judicial bodies at which information protected by federal and state law may be discussed, to discuss Supervision Agreements and Parameters to be set. *Ms. Hutchins* seconded the motion, which carried, and the board entered closed session at 10:57 a.m.

Dr. Pemberton made motion to come out of closed session at 11:14 a.m. Dr. Coyt seconded the motion, which carried. No action was taken during the closed session.

Ms. Hutchins made a motion to rescind the denials of MM, MC, KW, KW, RB, and VJ’s supervision agreements, based on the job placement description and approve these applications with notice to the applicant that the placement may only be used towards a portion of the required 4000 hours, and will be subject to forthcoming information from the Board. Motion seconded by Dr. Pemberton. With Dr. Brooks abstaining from MC, the motion carried.

Ms. Martin made a motion for per diem. Ms. Hutchins seconded the motion, which carried.

ADJOURN

Dr. Pemberton made a motion to adjourn at 11:17 a.m. Motion second by Dr. Coyt and carried.



Dr. Andrea Brooks, Board Chair
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