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Public Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2020

Room 1D

Subcommittee Members Present:

Jennifer Paine, Board Member
Karen Enegess, Board Member
Midge Williams, Massachusetts Mental Health Counselors Association

Staff Members Present:

Brian Bialas, Executive Director
Erin Murphy, Associate Executive Director
James O'Connor, Board Counsel

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m.

Discussion

The Subcommittee considered changes to 262 CMR 2.00 which includes requirements for licensure as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC).

The Subcommittee discussed whether to change 262 CMR 2.03(2) regarding reciprocity of applicants licensed in other states as LMHCs or the equivalent. The Subcommittee decided to simplify the regulation by requiring that reciprocity applicants show they meet the education and examination requirements and have had an equivalent license in good standing for at least three years preceding the application date.

The Subcommittee also considered whether to require continuing education on substance abuse and ethics but did not adopt the proposal.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.



The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on August 19, 2022.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director