

Counseling Compact Compliance Committee Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2024, 12:00 p.m. ET

Committee Members Present:

Amy Mooney
Carol Staben Burroughs
Justin Moore
Dr. Lisa Connors (non-voting)
Kim Speakman (non-voting)
Tonya Schaeffer (non-voting)
Dr. Deneauvo Robison (non-voting)
Dr. Johnie Fredman (Chair)

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Dr. Kylie Dotson Blake

Committee Members Absent:

Cheryl Henry (non-voting)
Hannah Koyt (non-voting)
Laura Fazio-Griffith (non-voting)

Legal Counsel Present:

Nahale Kalfas

CCC Staff Present:

Greg Searls
Veronica Given

Welcome & Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Greg Searls at 12:05 p.m. ET. The Chair, Dr. Fredman, was delayed due to weather-related circumstances.
- Roll Call
- Greg Searls conducted a roll call, and a quorum was established with four of the four voting members present.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- A motion to adopt the agenda as presented was made by Amy Mooney.
- The motion was seconded by Carol Staben Burroughs.
- The agenda was approved unanimously by all members present. The motion carried.

Guest Presentation: Janet Orwig, PSYPACT Executive Director

- Janet Orwig, Executive Director of PSYPACT, joined the meeting to discuss compliance-related challenges faced by PSYPACT. She highlighted the following key issues:
- Adverse Action Reporting: The primary compliance challenge for PSYPACT has been the dual requirement to report adverse actions both to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and to the ASPPB's system.
- Public Comment on Rules: There have been difficulties ensuring that member states properly post links to their public comment sections, which has hindered compliance. Orwig clarified that it is not necessary to post the full text of the rule but rather a link to the relevant page where public comment can be submitted.
- Quarterly Compliance Reports: PSYPACT issues quarterly compliance reports and general reminders to member states. Orwig inquired whether the Committee provides advance notice to states at risk of non-compliance. Legal counsel Nahale Kalfas agreed that quarterly reminders would be a good practice to implement.
- Commissioner Recruitment: PSYPACT has encountered challenges in recruiting and retaining commissioners.
- Sharing Compliance Tools: Orwig agreed to share a compliance ranking spreadsheet with the Committee, which PSYPACT uses to prioritize compliance issues across member states.

Review and Adoption of the Minutes

- A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Amy Mooney.
- The motion was seconded by Carol Staben Burroughs.
- Tonya Schaeffer abstained from voting.
- The motion carried.

Update from Rules Committee

- The Committee discussed the proposed rule and determined that it was unnecessary to move forward, as the rule merely reiterated existing requirements. It was agreed that this proposal would be considered redundant.

Questions and Comments

- Update from Nahale Kalfas: Legal Counsel Kalfas reported that she has been reviewing the websites of member states to ensure compliance. She also emphasized the importance of ensuring that the Commission website provides sufficient FAQ resources, particularly if the Executive Director requires assistance in addressing compliance inquiries.
- Greg Searls Update: Greg Searls shared that a spreadsheet has already been developed to track compliance across member states. He welcomed any additional assistance in identifying areas where further FAQ support may be needed.

Adjournment

- With no further business to discuss, Dr. Fredman adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m. ET.