



Counseling Compact Rules Committee Meeting

January 23, 2025 12:00 ET

Zoom

Committee Members Present - Voting

Dr. Andrea Brooks, Chair
Justin Moore (arrival at 12:16)
Gloria Lindsey (arrival at 12:06)
Tony Onorato
LeeAnn Mordecai

Committee Members Present – Non-Voting

Dr. Denauvo Robinson
Angie Smith
Ashleigh Irving

Executive Committee Members Present

Matt Grayson
Dr. Beverly Smith

Legal Counsel Present

Nahale Kalfas

CC Staff Present

Greg Searls

Members of the public were present.

Welcome & Call to Order

- A. Brooks called the meeting to order at 12:03 ET.

Roll Call

- Director Searls called the roll. 3 committee members were present. A quorum was established with 3 of 5 voting committee members present. Two committee members joined the meeting late.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- **Motion:** T. Onorato made a motion to adopt the agenda. A. Brooks seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Review and Adoption of the Minutes

- A. Brooks reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting and asked if changes were needed.
- **Motion:** T. Onorato made the motion to accept the minutes as written, L. Mordecai seconded. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Discussion of Data System Rule

- The compact is in the process of making new decisions each day that will need to be reflected in the rules. The nuances of data collection and agreement between the states is still a process that is under review.
- N. Kalfas asked committee members to provide data-sharing agreements if anyone has access to them.
- N. Kalfas asserts that the Commission has the authority to require of states that anyone who is eligible to participate in the compact upload their information. The reason for taking so much care in drafting this rule is to provide assurances to states that have concerns about the amount of personal data being shared in the database.
- It was recommended that committee members who want to have a conversation with their state, start by reaching out to Isabel Eliassen (ieliassen@csg.org) because she knows what the generalized expectations are of what your state administrators are going to be feeding into the system, and can be specific about what the interface is going to look like.
- Most of the data in the database will be accessible already through state websites, but the compact still has the responsibility to safeguard that data as best they can.

Discussion of Fee Rule

- There was a comment asking for clarity that renewals need to be stated in the proposed Commission rule. The language is not there, so it would be in addition to the rule. It would be up to the committee whether they want to add the additional language or not. The language would be duplicative of the counseling compact model language.
- N. Kalfas advised that changing the language around the fee to make it clearer would not be a substantive change that would require another period of public comment.
- **Motion:** J. Moore motioned to accept the non-substantive edits to the rule. G Lindsey seconded. All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Public Comment

- Chair Brooks asked for public comment. No one asked to address the committee.

Adjourn

- Having no further agenda items and hearing no objections, A. Brooks declared the meeting adjourned at 1:16 ET.