

Counseling Compact Executive Committee Meeting

April 2, 2025, 1:00 p.m. ET

Committee Members Present

Kim Speakman, Chair
Andrea Brooks
Tobi Zavala
Denauvo Robinson
Brian Carnahan

Committee Members Absent

Carol Staben Burroughs

Ex-Officio Committee Members Present

Matt Grayson, AASCB
Kylie Dotson-Blake, NBCC
Lynn Linde, ACA

Ex-Officio Committee Members Absent

Beverly Smith, AMHCA

Legal Counsel Present

Nahale Kalfas

CSG Staff Present

Isabel Eliassen

CAMS Staff Present

Greg Searls
Veronica Given
Julie Windsor

InspiringApps Staff Present

Brad Weber
Stacy Griffin

Welcome & Call to Order

- K. Speakman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. ET.
- K. Speakman expressed excitement in her new role as the President
- K. Speakman welcomed the new members C. Staben-Burroughs and T. Zavala

- K. Speakman thanked previous Executive Committee members J. Doming, L. Parker, and A. Irving

Roll Call

- Director Searls conducted the roll call. Absences were as listed above. A quorum was established with 5 of 6 voting members present.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- K. Speakman reviewed the agenda and asked if changes were needed.
- Hearing none, K. Speakman called for a motion to adopt the agenda with a waiver of posting noting an agenda had been posted but updates were made after the initial posting.
- **Motion:** A. Brooks motioned to adopt the agenda with the waiver. B. Carnahan seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Review and Adoption of Minutes

- March Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 - K. Speakman asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes.
 - K. Speakman called for a motion to adopt the minutes.
 - **Motion:** D. Robinson motioned to adopt the minutes. B. Carnahan seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Ex-Officio Updates

- NBCC - K. Dotson-Blake gave an update for NBCC. She discussed the progress of the counseling leadership coalition, which has been meeting for over a year. The coalition is working on a project to sustain the profession and address capacity issues. K. Speakman and G. Searls were thanked for their ongoing engagement.
- ACA - L. Linde reported on the recent conference, which had around 3,000 attendees, and the governing council's affirmation of their commitment to the compact. She also mentioned that the CEO is stepping down and an interim will be brought in.
- AASCB - M.Grayson thanked NBCC and K. Dotson-Blake for their participation in the coalition meeting. He announced the annual conference will be in Florida in February. He also mentioned that the monthly hangouts often include G. Searls as well in July there will be a webinar with G. Searls.

Committee Appointments

- K. Speakman discussed the challenges faced by the Finance Committee and the Compliance Committee due to lack of participation. She emphasized the need for more members to get involved and suggested reaching out to colleagues in other states.
- K. Speakman asked for G. Searls to pull up a list of committee appointment requests and it was stated that the roster of committee members is available on the website.

- **Motion:** B. Carnahan motioned to adopt the committee appointments A. Brooks seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Data System Update

- I. Eliassen provides an update on the data system testing process. She explains that they are ready to test with both fake and real state data, and are looking for states to volunteer, especially for API upload testing. So far, only four states from the OT compact have shown interest. Isabel has conducted onboarding calls with Minnesota, Tennessee, Ohio, and Wisconsin. She encourages states to schedule meetings to discuss the process and address any questions. Additionally, they are seeking practitioners to test the privilege purchasing interface.
- B. Weber from InspiringApps acknowledges previous communication shortcomings and outlines new measures implemented to improve information sharing, including recording sprint reviews and publishing feature lists and release notes. He welcomes further suggestions from the group to enhance communication.
- K. Speakman and K. Dotson-Blake discussed the need for careful selection of practitioners for testing the system to avoid potential public relations challenges. Andrea expressed appreciation for the willingness to address concerns and engage in communication. Isabel suggested a small group of 2 or 3 people for testing the practitioner end of the system, but was open to what the committee wants. K. Speakman agreed to put together a list of potential clinicians for testing and to communicate this by the end of the week.
- A. Brooks expressed concerns about the Kentucky system, a house-made system created by insurance agents, and asked if there had been issues with similar State-made systems. I. Eliassen shared that all states will have certain data to onboard but stated that the states should be able to communicate with the database.

Data System Financial Update

- G. Searls provided an update regarding the financial status of the project, with a focus on transparency. The project received \$161,000 from the Council of State Governments, exceeding the initial commitment of \$150,000. The team also discussed the addition of \$200,000 from the Council of State Governments to prevent exceeding the initial contract.
- G. Searls shared the need for additional transparency, which led to the creation of a financial update document. The document provides a breakdown of the funds received, the amount spent, and the remaining funds. He also discussed the possibility of slowing down on additional features once the basic features are operational.

InspiringApps Year 2 Contract

- K. Speakman thanked CSG for additional funding and turning the discussion to the Inspiring Apps year 2 contract. N. Kalfas certified that Executive Session was proper under Section 9.E.2.d of the Compact Statute.

- **Motion:** A. Brooks motioned to move into Executive Session to discuss D. Robinson seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried.
- Executive Session was entered at 1:41 p.m. Executive Session ended at 1:55 p.m.
- **Motion:** T. Zavala motioned to approve year two of the Inspiring Apps contract and the option for a one to three-day recovery. B. Carnahan seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Executive Director Update

- G. Searls updated the committee on the successful event with ACA. He thanked ACA for the booth and NBCC for the swag.
- G. Searls also mentioned he would be contacting the boards that responded to the survey to invite them to an onboarding meeting.

Annual Business Meeting, May Meeting Reschedule, and Extending Meetings

- G. Searls discussed if the committee wanted to continue with their annual business meeting in conjunction with AASCB in Orlando as the hotel and rooms need to be booked.
- **Motion:** A. Brooks motioned to approve the annual business in conjunction with AASCB B. Carnahan seconded the motion. All committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried. K. Speakman abstained.
- K. Speakman reminded members that we needed to change the May meeting and proposed May 21st at 1:00 PM ET, and the committee agreed
- D. Robinson suggested that we expand our meetings to 1.5 hours and the committee agreed.

Questions and Comments

- K. Speakman asked if there were further questions from delegates or comments from the public.

Adjourn

- Hearing no further questions and having completed all of the agenda items, K. Speakman declared the meeting adjourned.
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m. ET.