COUNSELING COMPACT

Counseling Compact Rules Committee Meeting
August 27, 2026, 12:00 p.m. ET
Zoom

Committee Members Present – Voting
Angie Smith, Chair
Tony Alden, Vice Chair
Denise Hutchins
Gloria Lindsey
Dr. Gerard Lawson
Ashleigh Irving
Milagros Collazo joined at 12:12 p.m. ET

Committee Members Absent – Voting

Ex-Officio Members Present
Dr. Denauvo Robinson
Tony Onorato joined at 12:10 p.m. ET

Legal Counsel Present
Nahale Kalfas

CCC Staff Present
Greg Searls, Executive Director
Michelle Lynch, Program Coordinator

Members of the public were present.

Welcome & Call to Order

- Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. ET

Roll Call

- Director Searls called the roll. Committee members were present as noted above. A quorum was established with 6 of 7 voting committee members present.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda

- Chair Smith reviewed the agenda and asked for any discussion. Hearing none, she called for a motion to approve the agenda.
- **Motion**: Dr. Lawson made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. G. Lindsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Review and Adoption of the Minutes

- Chair Smith invited a review of the minutes from the previous meeting. No changes were proposed.
- **Motion**: G. Lindsey made a motion to adopt the July meeting minutes as presented. Dr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Rule for Compliance Review by States

- The Committee reviewed the draft rule and added a definition for "going live."
- The Committee discussed how to ensure states use the most current version of the self-assessment document with the possibility of developing a reporting form for states to submit.
- The Committee determined that the Compliance Committee should draft the form, with the Rules Committee providing feedback on its layout.
- The Committee suggested updates to the self-assessment document, including adding a "pass" option, increasing the size of the checkboxes, and clarifying when no plan is required.
- The Committee considered a joint meeting with the Compliance Committee but determined that a smaller work group would be more appropriate to avoid conducting committee votes.
- The Committee agreed that the Rules and Compliance Committee Chairs would form a work group with Legal Counsel Kalfas and Director Searls to discuss this rule further.

Bylaw Revision

- The Committee discussed lowering the required number of committee members, including capping committees at seven members without establishing a minimum or requiring an odd number of members. Director Searls noted that the Executive Committee provides oversight of committee membership.
- The proposed revisions would require each delegate to serve on a committee and clarify who may participate on committees.
- The Committee discussed adding committee participation to the compliance self-assessment document and noted that the Compliance and Executive Committees should consider the issue further.
- Legal Counsel recommended addressing committee participation through multiple approaches, including the proposed bylaw revision and updates to the compliance self-assessment document.
- Due to time constraints, Chair Smith decided to table the discussion for further consideration at the next meeting.

Rules for Future Consideration

- The committee did not have time to discuss this topic.

Public Comment

- Delegate J. Doming requested that the Committee review the rules to ensure consistent terminology when referring to the data system or CompactConnect. Director Searls requested that Delegate Doming share her feedback at the Full Commission meeting.

Adjourn

- Hearing no objections, Chair Smith declared the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. ET