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Board Membership (as of the Date This Report was Approved)

Date of Final Board Approval: 6/14/2024

Dorene Hagen - Licensed Professional Counselor, Chair
Sammie O'Neal - Licensed Professional Counselor, Vice Chair
Rachel Buddin-Young - Licensed Professional Counselor
Vacant - Licensed Professional Counselor
Vacant - Public

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Accomplishments

- HB 126 New Associate License, passed through Legislature
- Currently Updating Supervisor License Regulations
- Changed Regulations for allowance of Telehealth for Master's level counselors, under Board Approved Supervision
- Updating of disciplinary matrix
- New LPC license approvals 128
- New LPC Supervisor Licenses approvals 53
- Updating definition of Synchronous.
- Updating of requirements for applications by credentials, asking for removal of CE requirements
- CEU audits now the functioning of Division/Jeanne, rather than the Board.
- Overall, through right touch regulation, Updating of regulations and statutes to provide more national consistency
- 38 completed investigations in the last Fiscal year

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Activities

- Following Counseling Compact and how it would impact Alaska
- Working on frequently asked questions for easier public information
- National conference attendance, NBCC, CLEAR, AASBC, CRBS
- Board members worked with legislators on House Bill 126 and Senate Bill 116
- Board meetings held via Zoom, in August, December, February and May
- Consistent bi-monthly review and approvals for new LPC and supervisor LPC licenses
- Consistent review and assistance with investigations as needed

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Needs

- Board members – need public member and 2 LPCs to have a complete board
- Continue Right Touch Regulations - to continue relevancy and appropriateness of statutes and regulations - to create balance of public safety and ensure accessibility of -licensure for qualified individuals.
- Regulations updates for supervisors
- Regulations project for new Associate License - new license needs regulations
- New board member training - to ensure all new board members have information and knowledge needed to perform duties.
- Continued national conferences, NBCC (updated information for field), CRBS, AMHCA (our code of ethics), AASCB (ensures board proficiency and national standards), -CLEAR, ACA, FARB - these conferences are most beneficial for support, networking, and opportunity for extra information when attended in person.
- In person board meetings, at least one per fiscal year - helps board members collaborate and work on projects more efficiently and effectively.
- Creation of a workgroup to complete disciplinary matrix