

South Carolina Counseling Association (SCCA)  
Meeting Minutes



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Spring 2023 Board Meeting Minutes  
April 29, 2023 | 10:00 am  
Meeting #4, 2022 – 2023

**Invited:** Chandler Cox, Guy Ilagan, Roxi Tolbert, Katherine DeWitt, Aubrey Sejuitt, Jennifer Jordan, Nikki Vasilas, Stephanie McMillan, Dominique Roberts, Madison Farrell, Kasey Ennis, Kiersten Warfield, Camilla Bravo, Amanda Budd

**In Attendance:**

Chandler Cox, Katherine DeWitt, Aubrey Sejuitt, Stephanie McMillan, Dominique Roberts, Madison Farrell, Kasey Ennis, and Kiersten Warfield.

**I. Review Committee Reports**

**a. Conference Updates**

Our Conference was well received again. We are contemplating going to another place instead of the Westin in Hilton Head, South Carolina, for future conferences.

**b. Technology / Publicity**

Our technology has been going well with social media posts being made regularly by Kiersten and Chandler Cox. It was noted that Facebook has not always been the best platform, after Chandler explored it a while back.

**i. TPN – CE Platform**

We have virtual CEUs. If you have not yet joined TPN, please do. There are free CEU opportunities. Dr. Laura Chase has confirmed that she will present for us on June 2, 2023.

**c. Elections Committee**

It was noted that Madison Farrell will be running as President-Elect unopposed.

**d. Advocacy Committee**

Chandler Cox has been nominated for an award from the American Counseling Association (ACA) called the Southern Region Award for the 2023 year for advocacy.

**i. Counseling Compact**

The Counseling Compact has cleared the Senate and needs to pass the House. There were questions but, nothing adversarial. The Senate wanted to know about disciplinary measures and whether or not it serve as barriers to our mental health clinicians in South Carolina. Thank you to Dr. Jennifer Jordan for being a huge advocate for this and really pushing this through. AMCHA is trying to take credit for pushing through this Bill.

**ii. Legislative Priorities for 2023-2024**

Chandler Cox will stay on the SCCA Board as the Advocacy Chair.

**1. Medicaid Audit Legislation**

We want to work with Medicaid so, that we can get reimbursed. Pharmacists have gotten some things changed so, they can bill Medicaid. We will join Pharmacists in these ventures. It was noted by Katherine Dewitt that we should do a survey to find out how many healthcare providers have dropped Medicaid.

**2. Military – VA Parity, TRICARE**

We are trying to get more people hired. Right now, we are looking at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and how they choose to hire more Social Workers instead of Counselors. We want to eventually look at having the Department of Defense (DoD) consider direct commissioning LPCs as Behavioral Healthcare Officers since, they only consider Social Workers with an MSW from a Council for Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program or Psychologists with a doctorate from an American Psychological Association (APA) accredited program. Chandler Cox will be working alongside other members of the Board to look at military parity for Counselors.

**3. Counselor Student Loan Forgiveness**

Currently, other healthcare providers are considered for Student Loan Forgiveness. We are trying to get that changed to include Counselors.

**4. Custody Practice's Manual – USC Children's Law Center**

There is a manual we are trying to work on with the University of South Carolina Children's Law Center to write a best practice manual to give Counselors in SC about custody. We are unable to provide legal advice but, if we work with attorneys, we can provide resources to Counselors without it being a liability.

II. Transition Meeting Scheduled → June 24, 2023, 10:00 am | Virtual