



## SCCA Board Meeting

Saturday, September 24, 2022 10:30 am – 12:00 pm  
SCCA Board Transition Meeting via Zoom Meeting

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

**Attended:** Chandler Cox, Guy Ilagan, Katherine DeWitt, Aubrey Sejuitt, Jennifer Jordan, Dominique Roberts, Madison Farrell, Kiersten Warfield

## Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order and Roll Call

#### ❖ Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Chandler Cox (*President*) asked about the approval of the previous meeting minutes. Kiersten Warfield (*Board Member*) **made the motion** to approve the last board minutes. Guy Ilagan (*President Elect*) **seconded the motion**. The Board **unanimously approved** the previous meeting minutes from June 25, 2022. **The motion passed.**

#### ❖ Approval of the Agendas (Outgoing Board and Incoming Board)

Chandler Cox (*President*) asked about the agenda for today regarding its approval. Kiersten Warfield (*Board Member*) **made a motion** to approve and Katherine DeWitt (*Treasurer*) **seconded the motion**. The Board **unanimously approved** the September 24, 2022 agenda. **The motion passed.**

### I. Review Committee Reports

#### a. Conference Updates (Dr. Jennifer Jordan)

##### • Conference Committee—Conference Updates (Dr. Jennifer Jordan)

- ✓ There are a lot of staffing issues in the LLR. There is a temporary administrator who is really good. All of the application materials are online but, just not yet activated. We are looking at logistics as to whether or not we will continue to work with CCE. Hopefully, by the end of the year, everything will be online. That has been significant and exciting.
- ✓ As far as the conference, Dr. Jordan got some more applications. There were not that many pre-conference submissions, though. Some people will Zoom in but, the conference will not be like it was offered before. It is too difficult to have people Zoom in and use the Whova app. One of the suggestions used was to possibly record the sessions and offer them at another time. The only problem with that is with NBCC in regards to offering the credits. We would have to apply for that, Dr. Jordan would have to answer questions and people would need to take tests. For pre-conferences, people can do Zoom; however, this will not occur for the rest of the conference. Dr. Jordan was going to be on ethics. She decided to make it just a

regular sessions. There are not that many conference proposals but, there is a hope more will come in. The deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>.

- ✓ There is no keynote. Guy Ilagan (President Elect) suggested a Geraldine “Gerry” Henderson from Beaufort, South Carolina as a keynote speaker due to her experience with school counseling.
- ✓ We also finally got Quickbooks and Dr. Jordan is working on tax information. Last year, we made a lot of money in membership because of Member Planet. It was holding all of our money and then gave us a major cash payout of about \$14,000.00. The conference revenue was a little over \$42,000.00 and then our net revenue was a little over \$12,000.00.
- ✓ We discussed whether or not we would want a Hybrid option or just face-to-face. The group decided, as a whole, they felt it was too much work with not enough of a payback doing it virtually.
- ✓ There was also a discussion about donating money to the Gula-Geechee population. Finally, it was suggested we do something to make people feel more welcome.
- ✓ It was also suggested that we consider having badge ribbons to differentiate leadership and new members. Kiersten Warfield (*Board Member*) said she could put together some designs for polos and shirts. We will also do a membership bingo event at breakfast to fit the theme of community. This will help members feel more connected.

#### **b. Technology & Publicity (Kiersten Warfield)**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/129KMhpLvW0SGmYYWcnj6qH8laBk0hnKM/view?usp=sharing>

Kiersten Warfield (*Board Member*) has been working hard on our website and it looks great! Emails and social media have been fantastic, according to Chandler Cox (*President*). The Whova app has been updated for 2023 and registration was open on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August. A ½ page advertisement was already sold. Other listservs will be contacted to get information about the conference out. Another newsletter will go out this week and the information will include a call for volunteers. There are no new supervision advertisements that she has seen yet. We have had great virtual CEUs. There is a talk about getting half-day presentations started for 2023 after the conference. The mobile website needs some work so, Kiersten will work on that. Chandler has written two different blog posts. It was suggested that other members consider writing a blog post. Our website continues to remain active and often times we share from ACA.

#### **c. CE Proposal –(TPN) Trusted Provider Network—TPN Health**

Trusted Provider Network (TPN) reached out about wanting to partner with the SCCA to provide CEs. They are offering an account to help with CEs to us that would be on a national scale. We would have to provide a host or speaker but, they would manage the event from start to finish. They would do that for FREE if our workshop is free. If we charge a fee, they would take 15% of that. The workshops happen live and they have anywhere from 150-250 participants at any given time. Kiersten Warfield (*Board Member*) said that she likes this idea. They do not do conferences, according to Chandler Cox (*President*) but, they do up to 3-hour workshops. This would also alleviate the burden from Chandler and Kiersten in regards to offering CEs. Dr. Aubrey L. Sejuit (*Secretary*) agreed that this is something we should consider doing. Dr. Jennifer Jordan (*Executive Director*) noted that the extra money we would make from not spending money would be useful for the group. Chandler Cox (*President*) asked us to vote and it was unanimous from the Board that we would partner with TPN.

## **II. Advocacy Updates**

### **a. SC Coalition for Safer Schools**

We have joined the SC Coalition for Safer Schools. It has a lot to do with counseling because School Counselors have a lot to do with the counseling field. Many School Counselors are overwhelmed. There will also be trauma training for School Counselors, thanks to an upcoming bill. We are doing blog posts so, this is something we covered, recently. Our goal is to advocate for this legislation.

### **b. Medicare Reimbursement – Mental Health Access Improvement Act Passed the House!!**

This is the bill on Medicare reimbursement for counselors. The vote should be November or December in 2022.

### **c. Medicaid Audit Legislation**

We are in the beginning phases of helping with Medicaid audit legislation. Many counselors are getting audited if they provide services for people getting Medicaid. These audits are overly nit-picky and practitioners are losing money on this. If you are a Medicaid provider, you can have your wages garnished, should they find something wrong with your documentation. This could hurt future clients along with the practitioners. This limits access to poor, disabled, veterans, or anyone on Medicaid. Legislation is being introduced in the next session that is being spearheaded by practitioners. We are going to help with that and get sponsorship for this bill. We have reached out to the Controller and they have not yet responded.

### **d. Best Practices Counseling Children Through Parental Separation / Divorce – USC Children’s Law Center Partnership**

We want to work on a document for children and best practices should they deal with separation and divorce. While this is not legislation, this is a document that practitioners can use for working with this population.

### **e. Counseling Compact**

We will have sponsorship for the compact. Chandler Cox (*President*) has been really involved in this. She just needs to have someone help sponsor because it is a lot. She has a couple of people who want to be part of the Advocacy Committee. Tommy Vaughn (*Former President*). Because of this, Chandler will no longer be the point person for the counseling compact. Dr. Katherine DeWitt (Treasurer) knows Steven Ferrufino, someone interested in taking over the counseling compact. She will be the Board contact with Mr. Ferrufino.

### **f. Inquiry from SCAMHCA**

The SC AMHCA group has reached out about wanting to partner with the SCCA so we can work together. This is great to hear because it will make a difference to have allies when trying to get mental health legislation passed.

## **III. Next Board Meeting → February 23, 2023 | 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Annual Conference**