

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2015-16 Performance Report

State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure is to protect the public by promoting and enforcing laws and regulations which govern the practice of Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists, and Licensed Behavioral Practitioners.

LEAD ADMINISTRATOR:

The Executive Director position is currently vacant. For questions or comments you may contact:

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GOVERNANCE:

The State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure is an eleven member Board comprised of four (4) Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC), three (3) Licensed Marital and Family Therapist (LMFT), two (2) Licensed Behavioral Practitioners (LBP), and two (2) Community Representatives. All members are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Board hires the Agency's Executive Director. The Executive Director hires the Agency's staff.

The Board has established Committees to carry out the Boards business. The Committee name, Committee purposes, and the Committee members are outlined below:

**LPC Licensure Committee:**

The purpose of the LPC Licensure Committee is the review any inquiry that may require Board action and make a recommendation to the full Board.

LPC Licensure Committee Members:

- Kelly Collins, Ph.D., LPC
- Deborah Moran, LPC, LADC
- Eric Ashmore, Office Manager

**LMFT Licensure Committee:**

The purpose of the LMFT Licensure Committee is the review any inquiry that may require Board action and make a recommendation to the full Board.

LMFT Licensure Committee Members:

- Joanni Sailor, Ph.D., LMFT
- Thom Balmer, Ph.D., LPC, LMFT
- Eric Ashmore, Office Manager

**LBP Licensure Committee:**

The purpose of the LBP Licensure Committee is the review any inquiry that may require Board action and make a recommendation to the full Board.

LBP Licensure Committee Members:

- Kimberly Cox, MBA, LBP, LADC
- Lisa Deason, LBP, LPC
- Eric Ashmore, Office Manager

**LPC Complaint Committee:**

The Purpose of the LPC Complaint Committee is to review all Requests for Inquiry received by the Agency. The Requests for Inquiry are reviewed by the Committee and either dismissed as non-violations of the LPC Act and Regulations, confirmed as a violation of the LPC Act and/or Regulations and disciplinary action is recommended, or confirmed as a violation of the LPC Act and/or Regulations and a Board Hearing is scheduled.

LPC Complaint Committee Members:

- Amy Barnett, Ph.D., LPC, CSPT
- Nikki Nickols, AAG
- Eric Ashmore, Office Manager

**LMFT Complaint Committee:**

The Purpose of the LMFT Complaint Committee is to review all Requests for Inquiry received by the Agency. The Requests for Inquiry are reviewed by the Committee and either dismissed as non-violations of the LMFT Act and Regulations, confirmed as a violation of the LMFT Act and/or Regulations and disciplinary action is recommended, or confirmed as a violation of the LMFT Act and/or Regulations and a Board Hearing is scheduled.

LMFT Complaint Committee Members:

- Joanni Sailor, Ph.D., LMFT
- Nikki Nickols, AAG
- Eric Ashmore, Office Manager

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**LBP Complaint Committee:**

The Purpose of the LBP Complaint Committee is to review all Requests for Inquiry received by the Agency. The Requests for Inquiry are reviewed by the Committee and either dismissed as non-violations of the LBP Act and Regulations, confirmed as a violation of the LBP Act and/or Regulations and disciplinary action is recommended, or confirmed as a violation of the LBP Act and/or Regulations and a Board Hearing is scheduled.

LBP Complaint Committee Members:

- Lisa Deason, LBP, LPC
- Nikki Nickols, AAG
- Eric Ashmore, Office Manager

**Exam Scores Committee:**

The purpose of the Exams Scores Committee is to establish a process to accumulate exams scores for LPC, LMFT, and LBP candidates and post the results for public inspection.

Exam Scores Committee Members:

- Nisha Wilson, LPC
- Joanni Sailor, Ph.D., LMFT
- Lisa Deason, LBP, LPC

**Rule Development Committee:**

The purpose of the Rule Development Committee is to receive and make recommendations for changes to the LPC, LMFT, and LBP Regulations, conduct research, formulate new language, and present their findings and recommendations to the full Board.

Rule Development Committee Members:

- Joanni Sailor, Ph.D., LMFT
- Kelly Collins, Ph.D., LPC
- Kimberly Cox, MBA, LBP, LADC

**Personnel Committee:**

The purpose of the Personnel Committee is to work closely with Human Capital Management to post the Executive Director job description, accept applications, determine interview questions, establish the interview process, screen applications, and provide the full Board with a list of applicants for consideration.

Personnel Committee Members:

- Deborah Moran, LPC, LADC
- Nisha Wilson, LPC
- Lisa Deason, LBP, LPC

**Strategic Plan Committee:**

The purpose of the Strategic Plan Committee is to create and modify the Agency's FY 2013 – 2018 Strategic Plan, conduct research, and present recommendations to the full Board.

Strategic Plan Committee Members:

- Kimberly Cox, MBA, LBP, LADC
- Deborah Moran, LPC, LADC
- Kelly Collins, Ph.D., LPC

**GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:**

The Board is required to hold two (2) Regularly Scheduled Meetings each year and may hold up to four (4) Regularly Scheduled Meetings each year. All Board members and the Executive Director are expected to attend each meeting. In the event a Board member cannot attend a Board meeting, they are expected to notify either the Board Chair or the Agency staff. Board members that call in advance are noted for the record as excused. Board members that do not call in advance and do not attend the Board meeting are noted for the record as absent. The roll call is documented in the Minutes of each meeting and each Board member is documented as either present, excused, or absent.

This policy is being enforced.

**MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:**

Because we are a new state agency, the Board has spent the past twelve (12) months setting up a new office, hiring staff, promulgating emergency rules, promulgating permanent rules, entering into contracts, creating the Agency's FY 2013 – 2018 Strategic Plan, and creating Board policy and procedures. The Board has stated they are interested in modernization efforts and have asked Agency staff to research areas where modernization may occur and at what cost.

This research is ongoing.

**CORE MISSION:**

At this time the Agency does not have any services it is required to provide which are outside of its core mission, services that are duplicated or replicated, or services that are unable to be performed due to the performance of non-core services elsewhere.

**PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:**

To my knowledge the agency has not been approached by any foundation, for-profit or not-for-profit Corporation with efforts to privatize some of the functions of the Agency.