

November 10, 2024 IATA meeting notes  
11:00am-12:00pm  
Zoom

Members present:  
Amber Przybyla (President)  
Megan Bonke(Social Media Chair)  
Shan Ru Lin (Communications Chair)  
Jennifer LeRouge (SIUE student rep)  
Rebecca Kramer (Programs Chair)  
Blair Meehan (Membership Chair and Adler liaison)  
Julie Ludwick (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order by Julie 11:03 am  
Second by Rebecca at 11:03 am

### 1. **President**

- IATA's formal statement announcing we will not pursue licensing in 2025 has been sent out and publicized.. Dan Stasi knows this as well
- All board job descriptions have been updated, old job descriptions have been archived. Updates included removing information that is no longer reflective or valid with current board operations. Updated social media and communications job descriptions to reflect what tasks Shan and Megan complete. Removed AATA membership requirement
- Website has been updated as well
- In an effort to increase communication, CICO will have their lobbyist reaching out to members to meet monthly beginning this month.
- Next CICO meeting 3rd Thursday of the month at 4 pm, starting November 21 - can anyone attend?

### **Counseling Compact Update**

- 37 states have passed compact legislation with the compact going into effect in 2025
- IL will observe complaints and lawsuits against practitioners, continue discussions with opponents and address possible changes that can occur in the compact legislation.
- LCPC **only** eligible to participate in the compact

### **Legislation**

- Beginning January 2025 group or individual policy of accident and health insurance provide 1 annual mental health prevention and wellness visit. (HB2847)
- HB5282 adds coverage for individuals seeking mental health services as a result of a miscarriage or stillbirth. Would take effect in January 2026 if Pritzker signs the plan into law.
- HB5395 would ban prior authorization for in-person mental health treatment for the first 72 hours
- HB5094 - Behavioral Health Administrative Burden Task Force will review policies and regulation affecting the behavioral health industry to identify inefficiencies, duplicate or unnecessary requirements, burdensome restrictions and other administrative barriers. Goals are to eliminate documentation redundancy, standardize forms at the state level to

reduce admin burden, ensure consistency and unify requirements across all behavioral health provider types where possible. Effective since July 2024

- HB5353 aims to simplify licensure by creating a fast track for license restoration, require IDFPR to automatically approve applications for licensure examinations, grant temporary and expedited licensure to military spouses. Effective 1/25
- HB5457 grants exam accommodations for people whose first language is not english, prohibits licensing boards from disciplining anyone based solely on an immigration violation, clarifies an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) can be submitted in lieu of a social security number on licensure applications. Effective 1/25
- Adds language prohibiting immigration status discrimination to the individual licensing statutes.
- HB5239 prohibits the state from providing information, spending time and money towards any interstate investigations or proceedings seeking to impose civil or criminal liability upon a person or entity who provide information or services to someone receiving, seeking, inquiring or responding to inquiries about reproductive health care products or services that are lawful in IL. Effective 8/7/24
- HB4460 adds couples and family counselors to be covered in chicago for 1st responders

#### Counselor License Rule Changes that went into effect June 2024

- Defines one year residence
  - Simplifies restoration of license
  - Adds LMFT to the qualified supervisors list
  - Volunteer experience hours for LCPC, the individual must have LPC
  - LPC may not hold an ownership interest in a practice
  - At least 3 CT hours must include content related to ethics
- Restoration of inactive or expired licenses of 5 years or less requirements are suspended.

IDFPR announced they have reached an agreement to secure a new professional licensing system for individuals whose careers require a license to work in IL. IDFPR will partner with NIC Licensing Solutions, LLC to implement the new online system.

On a federal level 26 states, Puerto Rico, Washington DC and over 100 municipalities have banned conversion therapy.

- Next coalition meeting, November 21st at 4pm. Amber cannot attend but anyone else from the board is welcome to attend if able. The rep from the coalition of counselors will be meeting once a month for anyone wanting to join.
- **December meeting** - 2 hours, come prepared with goals for the next year and overview of what you completed in your role in 2024. Send overview to Julie, if able, prior to meeting. We will talk about how to focus on seeking out new board members for 2026/2027 and discuss options of what happens if we cannot find new board members.

## **2. Social Media**

- a. LinkedIn we have to have a 'person' account to add a 'business' account, so we now have both. Social media email is the primary email account and president email is linked as well. Board members: add your chair role to the LinkedIn business page.
- b. Completed shifting point of contact from 'programs' to 'social media chair' for LinkedIn point of contact. This is for LinkedIn notifications and access. Also, linked to president email.

## **3. Programs**

- Do something online or in-person at the beginning of 2025.

## **4. Communications**

- a. Will put in upcoming newsletter that we are beginning nominations for the 2026-2027 cycle.
  - b. Update board members page to reflect that Blair is Membership Chair and also Adler Liaison until new Adler student rep joins the IATA board.
- Survey through the US department of Labor for info for the general public for ONet. Recruiting ATR-BC's for this survey. ONet is a website for the public to find info on careers. This request was publicized in the most recent newsletter. This gives us the chance to share info about our field accurately. So far 9 people are interested nationally, reaching out through our social media posts. We will keep sharing this.

## **5. Adler Liaison-**

ATSA president sent out an email seeking a Adler rep. Cassie, can you connect with a student who may be interested in this role?

## **6. Membership-**

Blair will connect with Kelsey (past Membership Chair) to get Membership email set up.

We will start nomination planning for the 2026-2027 board.

## **7. Treasurer-**

We paid \$500 in annual CICO dues in October and the rate for our East Bank storage unit increased from \$65 to \$68/month.

The meeting was called to close by Julie at 12:02pm

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