



Michigan Counseling Association
“A state branch in the Midwest Region of the
American Counseling Association”

Governing Council Meeting

June 27th, 2020
10AM-11AM

Called to order: 10:03am

I. Roll Call of Divisions and Chapters

- a. MACES- Aja Burks
- b. WMCA- Ashley VanBemmelen
- c. LPCNM- Susan Stendel
- d. Other chapters/divisions

II. Agenda from last meeting (4.11.2020)

- a. Review
- b. Approval-Ashley (Vote) Aja (Second)

III. President’s Report

- Michael’s first year of his term is 7/1/2020.
 - Goals
 - Website
 - Engaging social media

■ Supporting BLM movement

IV. Treasurer's Report

- a. Voting on 2020-2021 budget
 - Vote to approve budget Ashley (Motion), Susan (Second)
- b. Latest Treasurer Report
 - Vote to approve the treasurer's report Ashley (Motion), Aja (Second)

V. Task Force on Racial Injustice

- a. Ideas are being worked on/Suggestions are more than welcomed
- b. Want to help address tangible ways to make a difference
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VI. Public Policy Committee Report

- a. Medicare
 - Encourage counselors to write representatives to support Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2019- HB 945
- b. Mental Health Task Force
 - Rep. Aaron Miller attended quarterly meeting
 - There is a curriculum for adding mental health courses to K-12 education
- c. Webinars and Zoom Meeting with Legislators

VII. Professional Development Committee Report

- a. Waiting on Result of NBCC Audit
 - Been under audit since December 2019
 - Haven't received a firm answer
- b. MCA on the Web Series
 - Three webinars: Helping couples during COVID, Working with Black clients, Working with child clients during COVID
 - Next: Trauma with Ashley VanBemmelen and Otis
- c. More online webinars moving forward
- d. Planning a conference in the future
 - Forming a conference committee the goal is to have a conference once a year

VIII. Elections

- a. June 30th through July 21st

IX. Recruitment

- a. We need people

b. Efforts to recruit in the near and distant future

X. By Laws

a. 2 year terms for all board members was approved

XI. Publications

a. Find those that want to write in our newsletter, particularly on important topics

b. Hope to get the next edition out in August

- July 18th Deadline!!

XI. Discussion/Questions

Adjourned 11:02am