

**Minutes**  
**Counselor Education Advisory Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 1, 2022**  
**4:00 to 5:30 pm**

1. Welcome and Introductions - Abby Gorbatoff, Ken Delano, Barbara Valente, Isaiah Martin, Dr. Quinn Pearson, Dr. Amy Davis, and Dr. Kevin Stoltz.
2. Review and Approval of the Minutes from the April 14, 2022 Advisory Council Meeting. – Dr. Amy Davis made a motion to approve the minutes with changes, Barbara Valente seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Enrollment and Credit Hour Production Updates – Dr. Quinn Pearson shared Department enrollment growth information with the group and announced that the Department will be searching for a new faculty member for fall 2023. It will be the first time in the history of the Counselor Education Department that we will have five full faculty members.
4. CACREP Update—Dr. Pearson reported on the Department’s progress toward complying with 2016 Standards: updated syllabi, updated and new rubrics, etc.
5. Diversity Meetings—Fireside Chats
  - Fall 2022 - Three meetings were held during the fall 2022 semester. The first consisted of discussing what students wanted from the meetings and how the meetings might be structured. In the second meeting, two mentors joined the group via Zoom. Based on positive student feedback, the final meeting involved hosting two additional mentors. Although the meetings are well attended, the diversity among students who attended is minimal.
  - Spring 2023 – Drs. Pearson and DaSambiagio-Moore are planning two meetings to be held in February and March. A student survey will be sent out to gauge student interest.
  - Survey Ideas – Council members discussed ideas for the survey, including the following questions: Did you attend or not? What would it take to get you here? If you attended, what brought you here? What did you like/dislike about the meetings? Can you bring a friend from the program? Do you want to meet more mentors? What types of diversity to you identify with? Should demographics be included?
6. ALCA 2022 Conference—Dr. DaSambiagio-Moore received the Outstanding Research Award, and Drs. DaSambiagio-Moore and Pearson received special presidential awards. Two school counseling graduates, Terica Lewis-Hicks and Sadie Sturdivant received outstanding practitioner awards. All faculty and several students presented at the

conference, and multiple students attended. Dr. Davis spoke about how impressed everyone was with our UNA students.

7. Additional Clinical Sites – Council members brainstormed potential clinical sites as follows:
  - Remedy Behavioral (ages 16+) opened in October, and the best contact is Leah Chandler. This new site is believed to have a Nurse Practitioners and master’s level therapist.
  - Possible new site on Florence Boulevard East of Therapy Village (the name is unknown at this time).
  - Integrated Behavioral Health, which has more than one site.
  - Sunrise Lodge in Russellville.
  - Riverbend Center for Mental Health—discussed contacting clinical directors of various programs as the first point of contact: Amber Jones (Children Services), April Irby (SMI Adults), Adria Galloway (Adult Services).
8. Current Issues in Clinical and School Settings—Advisory Council Members, Ken Delano and Barbara Valente, both agreed anxious teenagers is the fastest growing part of their client population. Anxious children in schools was also discussed; although school systems are trying to address the problem, it is still prevalent and has been worsened by COVID. Dr. Davis mentioned learning about Multitiered Systems of Support (MTSS) at the ALCA conference. A new publication regarding substance abuse treatment has been released by SAMHSA. Clinical settings are receiving training related to “trauma-informed settings,” which recommends more inclusive environments (e.g., eliminating separate bathrooms for “staff”). Dr. Kinney, Dean of the COEHS, was instrumental in getting a gender-neutral bathroom established in Stevens Hall, a change for which the Counselor Education Department advocated. Dr. Davis mentioned that a new certification, which includes completing specialized training, is forthcoming for clinicians who want to work with children ages 0-5 and plan to bill insurance.
9. Other Business – No Additional business was presented.
10. Next meeting will be on April 27, 2023.