

Dear *20/20: A Vision for the Future of Counseling* participating organizations and organizational delegates,

I have wonderful news to share. The 20/20 Building Blocks to Portability Project has concluded with a successful outcome. **Endorsement by over 90% of the participating organizations voting has been achieved for both the licensure title and the scope of practice for professional counseling:**

Our endorsed licensure title: *Licensed Professional Counselor*

Our endorsed scope of practice for professional counseling:

The independent practice of counseling encompasses the provision of professional counseling services to individuals, groups, families, couples and organizations through the application of accepted and established mental health counseling principles, methods, procedures and ethics.

Counseling promotes mental health wellness, which includes the achievement of social, career, and emotional development across the lifespan, as well as preventing and treating mental disorders and providing crisis intervention.

Counseling includes, but is not limited to, psychotherapy, diagnosis, evaluation; administration of assessments, tests and appraisals; referral; and the establishment of counseling plans for the treatment of individuals, couples, groups and families with emotional, mental, addiction and physical disorders.

Counseling encompasses consultation and program evaluation, program administration within and to schools and organizations, and training and supervision of interns, trainees, and pre-licensed professional counselors through accepted and established principles, methods, procedures, and ethics of counselor supervision.

The practice of counseling does not include functions or practices that are not within the professional's training or education.

Here are the specifics:

- Twenty-Nine of the 31 organizations participating in **20/20: A Vision for the Future of Counseling** voted. Their votes are shared below. One organization (ASCA) abstained and one organization (NECA) did not vote.
- The licensure title ***Licensed Professional Counselor*** received endorsement from 28 of the 29 (96%) voting organizations.
 - **Voting to endorse the licensure title *Licensed Professional Counselor*:**
 - *American Association of State Counseling Boards*
 - *American College Counseling Association*
 - *American Counseling Association*
 - *ACA Midwest Region*
 - *ACA North Atlantic Region*

- *ACA Southern Region*
 - *ACA Western Region*
 - *American Rehabilitation Counseling Association*
 - *Association for Adult Development and Aging*
 - *Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling*
 - *Association for Counselor Education and Supervision*
 - *Association for Counselors and Educators in Government*
 - *Association for Creativity in Counseling*
 - *Association for Humanistic Counseling*
 - *Association for Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Issues in Counseling*
 - *Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development*
 - *Association for Specialists in Group Work*
 - *Association for Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling*
 - *Chi Sigma Iota*
 - *Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification*
 - *Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs*
 - *Council on Rehabilitation Education*
 - *Counselors for Social Justice*
 - *International Association of Addictions and Offender Counselors*
 - *International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors*
 - *National Board for Certified Counselors*
 - *National Career Development Association*
 - *National Rehabilitation Counseling Association*
- **Voting not to endorse the licensure title *Licensed Professional Counselor*:**
 - *American Mental Health Counselors Association*
- **The Scope of Practice** received endorsement from 27 of the 29 (93%) voting organizations.
 - **Voting to endorse the scope of practice:**
 - *American Association of State Counseling Boards*
 - *American College Counseling Association*
 - *American Counseling Association*
 - *ACA Midwest Region*
 - *ACA North Atlantic Region*
 - *ACA Southern Region*
 - *ACA Western Region*
 - *American Mental Health Counselors Association*
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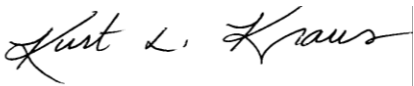
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 - *National Board for Certified Counselors*
 - *National Career Development Association*
- **Voting not to endorse the scope of practice:**
 - *American Rehabilitation Counseling Association*
 - *National Rehabilitation Counseling Association*

The next steps – how to ensure that these products are available to those who make major decisions about licensure of professional counselors across the country – are not yet established. I look forward to innovative methods from all of our participating organizations to utilize all of the consensus outcomes resulting from the 20/20 to continue to shape the future of the profession of counseling.

I sincerely thank each and every one of the delegates (those who began the Building Blocks Project and all who followed) whose efforts to give voice to their organizational affiliates were consistent and clear. The products of your labor have the potential to dramatically support interstate (and district) portability of professional licensure for counselors in the future.

As this correspondence marks the overall conclusion of an exhilarating and exhaustive 8-year process, the efforts and successes of everyone involved with the *20/20: A Vision for the Future of Counseling* I hope feel their time was well spent. I am honored to have had the opportunity to work so closely with you all for the past 4 years. I am proud of our accomplishments. Please accept my deep appreciation. Thank you.

Most sincerely,



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