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## **MEET THE PANELISTS**

- DR. FREDRICK DOMBROWSKI, MODERATOR, IS THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT FOR THE AMERICAN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION AND AN ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT CHAIR FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF BRIDGEPORT'S CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PROGRAM. DR. DOMBROWSKI HAS ADVOCATED FOR THE COUNSELING COMPACT IN VARIOUS STATES AS WELL AS PROVIDED TESTIMONY TO SUPPORT THE COUNSELING PROFESSION.
- DR. SARAH ZALEWSKI IS THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT FOR THE CONNECTICUT COUNSELING ASSOCIATION
  AND SERVES AS THE HEAD OF THE CCA COUNSELING COMPACT INITIATIVE. DR. EVANS ZALEWSKI IS A COUNSELOR
  EDUCATOR AT CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY AND ALSO HAS A SMALL PRIVATE PRACTICE. DR. EVANS
  ZALEWSKI BELIEVES STRONGLY IN THE COUNSELING PROFESSION AND SERVES BOTH IT, AND HER CLIENTS,
  THROUGH ADVOCACY AND VOLUNTEERING.
- GREG SEARLS IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WYOMING MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS LICENSING BOARD WHICH IS A COMPOSITE BOARD OF COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND ADDICTIONS PROFESSIONALS. HE ALSO SERVES AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR SIX OTHER LICENSING BOARDS. GREG BEGAN HIS WORK WITH THE WYOMING PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARD OFFICE IN APRIL OF 2016. HE IS ALSO A WYOMING LICENSED FUNERAL SERVICE PRACTITIONER
- BRIAN SULLIVAN IS A PRINCIPAL WITH PRZYBYSZ + ASSOCIATES GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS. HE SERVES AS A LOBBYIST
  ON BEHALF OF OVER 20+ CLIENTS AND IS ALSO AN ATTORNEY. HIS WORK HAS INCLUDED LOBBYING FOR THE
  CONNECTICUT COUNSELING ASSOCIATION FOR THE LAST TWELVE-PLUS YEARS. BRIAN CURRENTLY LIVES IN WEST
  HARTFORD WITH HIS WIFE PATRICIA, SON MAKAI, AND THEIR DOG ELI.
- DR. TOMMY BLACK HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PC'S, CSW'S, AND MFT'S SINCE 2011, AND SERVED AS CHAIR FOR TWO YEARS. HE SUCCESSFULLY LOBBIED FOR THE COUNSELING COMPACT IN GEORGIA, ENSURING GEORGIA WAS THE FIRST STATE TO PASS THE COUNSELING COMPACT. IN ADDITION, DR. BLACK HAS WORKED WITH NUMEROUS OTHER STATES TO AID IN THEIR SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS AT PASSING THE COMPACT LEGISLATION. HE CURRENTLY WORKS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, WITH DOZENS OF OTHER THERAPISTS. HE SERVES NUMEROUS ADVISORY ROLES WITH NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND IS THE COUNSELING COMPACT COMMISSIONER FROM GEORGIA.

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