



Denise Hutchins, M.S., LPCC-S

Hello and thank you for the honor of your time and consideration for the Executive role as Treasurer with AASCB.

I have been licensed continuously in the Commonwealth of Kentucky as an LPCC since 2000 and have provided clinical supervision to LPCAs since 2012. I reside in Taylorsville, KY (Spencer County) with my spouse and daughter and I own, operate, and practice within Acadia Counseling, LLC, with two locations in Kentucky.

My chief strength as a candidate for a Board position is the depth and breadth of my experience as a counselor, supervisor, and manager over 22+ years in the field. My career started in a Family Preservation Program; subsequently, I moved to working with Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED) youth in an IMPACT program, both as a case manager and as a counselor. I have earned positions in management roles in foster care service delivery and as the lead clinician and program supervisor in an adolescent shelter/residential treatment program.

Since transitioning to private practice, first as an Independent Contractor, then as a sole proprietor and then group owner, I have provided my employees and colleagues a healthy, encouraging, and rewarding work environment.

I am a member of the American Counseling Association, the Kentucky Counseling Association, and the Kentucky Mental Health Counselors Association and I believe in the power of many voices united in advocacy for the profession.

This is my first-ever attendance at AASCB and my first year serving on a counseling Board (Kentucky). I have previously served as Chair of the non-profit Board for Theatre of PossABILITIES, Inc, in Lexington, KY (now disbanded) from 2003 to 2007. Additionally, I direct all financial aspects of her private practice, employing three full-time employees and boasting a net gross for 2022 exceeding \$300K. My practice is rapidly expanding, with a new location opening in January 2023, and employing an additional two full-time LPCC's.

Goals for my tenure as Treasurer on the AASCB Board are to provide a smooth transition from current Treasurer Lori Ellison, evaluate current financial goals of the Board, plan for financial stability and growth for the future, and set attainable, time-limited goals for the duration of my appointment. My attention to detail and persistent follow-through are assets in this role. Moreover, my physical proximity to the offices of the AASCB provides a clear advantage in successfully executing the position.

I am originally from the state of Maine, attending the University of Maine at Orono, where I earned my B.A. in Psychology in 1998, then moved to Lexington to attend the University of Kentucky, where I was awarded my M.S. in Education in 2000. I currently supervise eight LPCA's across the state of Kentucky and volunteer for Kentucky Great Dane Rescue, screening applicants for adoption, and manage social media platforms for the local high school sports broadcasting network.