



State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee Minutes

January 21 & 22, 2010

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Members Present: Dr. Thomas McGloshen, IMFT, PCC
Dr. Deirdre Petrich, IMFT, PCC, LSW
Ms. Peggy Volters, IMFT, PCC
Mr. John Cranley, Public Member

Members Absent: Mr. Tommie Robertson, IMFT

Staff Present: Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan, Mr. Bill Hegarty, Mr. Jim Rough

Guests Present: None

1. Meeting Called to Order

Dr. McGloshen called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Discussion/Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Volters to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. Petrich. Motion carried.

3. Approval of November 2009 Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Volters to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting, seconded by Dr. Petrich. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Applications for Licensure

A motion was made by Ms. Volters to approve the following applications for licensure, seconded by Dr. Petrich. Motion carried.

IMFT- 1 Application Approved

MFT - 3 Applications Approved

5. Goldman Reviews (Licensure)

Howard Downing – A motion was made by Ms. Volters to deny Mr. Downing’s licensure application for not possessing the educational requirements to sit for the MFT examination. Seconded by Dr. Petrich. Dr. McGloshen recused himself. Motion carried.

6. Director’s Report to the Committee

Mr. Rough, Executive Director, gave his report to the MFTPSC.

- New Board members have been appointed. Deirdre Petrich has been appointed to replace Ken Trivison on the MFTPSC.
- The laws and rules exam online started as of January 1, 2010 and requires all new applicants for licensure to complete at a cost of \$10. The online exam is also being offered to current licensees to obtain 3 hours of Continuing Education credit at a cost of \$30.
- The Art Therapy Bill has had two hearings and Mr. Rough testified as an interested party. His stance was to discourage inclusion to this Board due to costs and also to future groups that may come forward seeking licensure.
- Mr. Rough discussed the Board’s budget which is within its limits and projecting higher savings. However, due to larger issues with the State’s budget, our Board will most likely need to go to the Controlling Board for FY 2011.
- Minor adjustments are needed to the draft rules regarding staff approval of licenses. The Board’s AAG proposed slight changes in wording to the existing process which the committees must review and approve.

7. Quantity of Ohio MFTs

The MFTPSC discussed possible solutions to the issue of the currently low numbers of MFTs in Ohio.

- The Committee believes better promotion of the license through more education and dissemination of information is needed for both current students in MFT programs and potential students in MFT programs.
- Some suggestions included fostering more speaking engagements at Ohio universities with MFT programs and closer cooperation with OAMFT to further educate the public and current/future licensees.

8. MFT Exam Score

The MFTPSC discussed how to insure competency when an expired licensee wants to re-apply or an applicant takes the exam but does not complete the licensure process.

- Several policy options are being considered including a requirement to take certain CEUs, completing a college course or possibly re-taking the AMFTRB examination.
- The Committee is in favor of creating an “Inactive” status to potentially avoid many concerns regarding not renewed or expired licenses.
- The Committee will continue to discuss this issue at future meetings.

9. Working Meeting

The MFTPSC proceeded with a working meeting to review CEU Programs and Providers.

10. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Dr. McGloshen to adjourn the meeting at 4:11 p.m., seconded by Ms. Volters. Motion carried.

Friday, January 22, 2010

Members Present: Dr. Thomas McGloshen, Dr. Deirdre Petrich, Ms. Peggy Volters, Mr. John Cranley

Members Absent: Mr. Tommie Robertson

Staff Present: Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan, Mr. Jim Rough

Guests Present: None

1. Meeting Called to Order

Dr. McGloshen called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.

2. AMFTRB Delegate

The MFTPSC chose Dr. McGloshen to be the new Ohio MFT Board delegate to the AMFTRB.

3. Continuing Education Units (CEU) Requirements

The MFTPSC members discussed several of the CEU issues that are under review and debate by the Board.

- The Committee made a decision to allow MFTs to obtain all 30 CEU hours online under 4757-9-04 (E).
- The Committee is in favor of charging a fee to those seeking to become a provider of CEUs or offer CEU programs.

4. Rule Review: Proposed Rule for Fines/Fees

The MFTPSC members discussed the proposed rule to implement fines and fees.

- The Committee advocates for applying fines to any licensee who requires a consent agreement for disciplinary action as a result of failing an audit. However, the Committee suggests that only the most egregious of audit failures receive consent agreements, as this is permanent discipline of a license.
- The Committee wishes to seek clarification on the ability to apply administrative fees to avoid disciplinary fines in certain situations.
- 4757-1-07 (B) speaks to 2nd offense; but what about 3rd or more offenses? Perhaps wording should state “For 2nd or more offenses...” OR “For 3rd or more offenses...”
- 4757-1-07 (A) (2): perhaps there should be a category of 61 days up to 120 days (as an example) and then after that extreme time period, possible revocation of the license.

5. **Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Mr. Cranley to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m., seconded by Ms. Volters. Motion carried.

Tommie L. Robertson
Chairperson of the Marriage and Family Therapist
Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC)