



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

Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee Minutes

March 18 & 19, 2010

Thursday, March 18, 2010

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

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

Guests Present: None

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

2. Discussion/Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of January 2010 Minutes

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

IMFT- 3 Applications Approved

MFT - 4 Applications Approved

5. Director's Report to the Committee

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

- Mr. Rough reminded the Committee members to complete their paperwork for the Ohio Ethics Commission as filings are due April 15, 2010.
- Mr. Rough discussed the BMV Form 2326 regarding completion of substance abuse treatment. A letter was sent to the BMV stating that licensees of this Board should be able to sign this form if they are skilled in this area. This rule change was approved on March 8, 2010.
- 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 and a miscommunication regarding the Cost Savings Days, our Board will most likely need to go to the Controlling Board for FY 2011.
- Mr. Rough requested the MFTPSC continue reviewing the draft rules and make any suggestions or changes, as needed.

6. 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 actions discussed include Dr. Petrich speaking to students at the University of Akron and also to insurance panels regarding reimbursement to licensees.
- The Committee strongly requests the MFT licensure coordinator be involved with raising awareness of MFT licensure in Ohio and disseminating licensure information to Akron's students. The Committee emphasized the critical nature of this endeavor and requested the Executive Director, Mr. Rough, make it come to pass. Mr. Rough agreed and stated he would contact Dr. Parr at Akron to discuss viable options.

7. Continuing Education Units (CEU) Requirements

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

- The majority of the MFTPSC Committee members are in favor of banking CEU hours. Some reasons included the disadvantage to rural licensees of limited locations of in-person workshops and the ability to take relevant courses without losing the hours to renewal date specificity.
- Mr. Cranley requested for the Executive Director to seek input from professional organizations regarding this issue.
- The Committee discussed the logistics if such a policy took place and determined that the process and paperwork, if done effectively, would not be prohibitive in regard to staff time or resources.
- The Committee is still in favor of charging a fee to those seeking to become a provider of CEUs or offer CEU programs. The Committee is also in favor of possibly placing price controls on providers when they offer CEUs.

8. Working Meeting

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

9. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m., seconded by Dr. Petrich. Motion carried.

Friday, March 19, 2010

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

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

Guests Present: None

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Rule Review

The MFTPSC members discussed the proposed rules slated for review.

- 4757-9-05 Second paragraph:
 - “Issues on undue burden or disability accommodations should be addressed to the federal department...”
- 4757-29-01 (D) (3): Committee is fine with language regarding supervised training forms that need to be submitted to the Board within a specific time frame.
- 4757-5-02 (I):
 - For clarification: “Supervisors shall not sign as the training supervisor if they did not provide direct training supervision.”

3. **Executive Session**

At 10:39 a.m. Mr. Robertson moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Accepted by a Roll Call Vote – Mr. Robertson –aye, Dr. McGloshen–aye, Dr. Petrich– aye, Ms. Volters—aye, Mr. Cranley—nay.

At 11:00 a.m. Committee came out of executive session. Accepted By A Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

4. **Future Meeting Discussions**

The MFTPSC created a list of discussion topics they would like to address at future meetings. Among the topics included was a supervision designation for IMFTs, a re-testing policy for MFT examination, endorsement of out of state MFT licenses, and MFT online degree programs.

5. **Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Mr. Cranley to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 a.m., seconded by Ms. Volters. Motion carried.

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