

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

**Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee
Minutes**

May 19 & 20, 2005

Meeting was called to order by:

Dr. Julianne Serovich,
Chairperson

Members Present:

Ms. Linda Barson
Dr. Will Mosier, and
Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey

Staff Present:

Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Tracey
Hosom, Mr. Jim Rough

Guests Present:

P.R. Casey, A.A.G.

1. Discussion of Agenda:

Discussion and Approval of Agenda.

2. Approval of March 18, 2005 Minutes:

A motion was made by Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey to approve the March 18, 2005 minutes, seconded by Dr. Will Mosier. Motion carried.

3. Approval List for MFT and IMFT Applications:

Reviewed Independent Marriage and Family Therapist applications and approved 31 licenses.

Reviewed Marriage and Family Therapist applications and approved 2 licenses.

A motion to license was made by Ms. Linda Barson, seconded by Dr. Will Mosier. Motion Carried.

4. Intent to Deny:

Kimberly Holle: Application for IMFT.

A motion to issue Intent to Deny Notice was made by Ms. Linda Barson, seconded by Dr. Will Mosier. Motion carried.

Charles Jackson Jr.: Application for IMFT.

A motion to issue Intent to Deny Notice was made by Ms. Linda Barson, seconded by Dr. Will Mosier. Motion carried.

William Mulhausen: Application for IMFT.

A motion to issue Intent to Deny Notice was made by Ms. Linda Barson, seconded by Dr. Will Mosier. Motion carried.

5. Directors Report to Committee:

- Jim Rough, Executive Director, discussed with the committee the process by which they approve applications, and asked that they consider adjusting the process such that they do not need to approve all applications. Mr. Rough suggested they might only need to review the non accredited degree applications as well as problematic applications.
- Discussed current legislative issues, including updated reports from Dr. Mosier.

-Dr. Serovich added that she would like to discuss the flow of communication, and apologized for missing the last meeting. Dr. Serovich asked that if a board member misses the meeting then the chair of the committee, or designee, contact the absent member and discuss any important issues discussed at the meeting. Any information, including minutes is to be sent to the absent member by staff, including all materials/handouts from the full board meeting.

- Developed the rough draft of the strategic plan and the policy manual and asked that the committee review the materials in order to discuss them at the full board meeting and implement them at the following board meeting. The Director asked for any comments or feedback on any changes or additions the committee might like to add.

6. Investigations Report to the Committee:

Mr. Bill Hegarty reported that there are no new MFT investigations.

7. AAMFT:

None.

8. New Business: (new business was discussed on Thursday 19th)

- Discussed the requirements for grand parenting and any possible exemptions to the requirements. The committee noted that they must follow the law and rules when considering applications. Applications must meet the requirements as defined in the law and rules.
- Discussed the information given to applicants that take and fail the AMFTRB examination for marriage and family therapy. The process to date has been to simply notify the test taker “pass” or “fail”. In the instance of a failing result the committee will allow for the raw scores to be given to the applicant along with the cumulative range page of information. The goal is to simply provide the applicants with data to help them recognize any areas of weakness prior to retesting.

- Discussion surrounding the process for renewal. Dr. Serovich expressed concerns that newly licensed MFT's and IMFT's may not be familiar with the requirements for renewal, or that they should obtain post approval for continuing education that does not have marriage and family therapy board approval. Staff will draft a letter to send out to licensees. Draft will be reviewed at the next committee meeting.
- Dr. Mosier raised the concern about the amount of hours required for continuing education for renewal of dual licenses. Discussion was centered on other state requirements and possible ideas to change the required amount for dual license renewals. Staff will provide a listing of all marriage and family therapy board requirements for renewal at the July board meeting.
- Discussion regarding the board newsletter, requesting the newsletter includes renewal information for MFT's and IMFT's specifically addressing the procedures.

9. Old Business:

None.

10. Meeting Adjourned:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Linda Barson, seconded by Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey. Motion Carried.

Dr. Julianne Serovich, Chairperson