



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

Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee Minutes

May 20 & 21, 2010

Thursday, May 20, 2010

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

Members Absent: Mr. John Cranley, Public Member

Staff Present: Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan, Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Mr. Jim Rough, Ms. Tammy Tingle

Guests Present: None

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:10 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 March 2010 Minutes

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

MFT - 3 Applications Approved

5. Review of Examination Requests

The members reviewed three requests for licensing examination; all three requests were approved.

6. Review of Supervision Hardship Request

The members reviewed a request for supervision hardship; the request was denied as the licensee did not show reasonable efforts to find an approved supervisor under the rule.

7. Director's Report to the Committee

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

- Mr. Rough reminded the Committee members that four Board members' appointments will be expiring in October of this year with at least two members not returning.
- Mr. Rough discussed all current legislation relevant to the Board that is pending including HB 62, HB 281 and HB 208. All have had recent hearings but not any significant movement toward passage or resolution at the current time.
- Input regarding the banking of CEUs was requested and received from the relevant professional organizations and a clear majority is in favor of the concept.
- 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.
- Any additions or suggestions for the July planning meeting agenda are requested.

8. Deputy Director's Report to Committee

Deputy Director Bill Hegarty and the investigations staff (Ms. Hosom and Ms. Tingle) spoke with the MFTPSC regarding current investigative issues including bartering and child custody cases and inconsistencies within the rules.

- The Committee was in favor of disallowing bartering in any circumstances as to avoid all potential conflicts.
- The Committee agreed that all rules need to be more clearly defined so as to create less confusion among licensees regarding the correct procedures for practicing.

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. Petrich to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m., seconded by Ms. Volters. Motion carried.

Friday, May 21, 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 9:03 a.m.

2. Rule Review

The MFTPSC members discussed the proposed rules slated for review and are satisfied with the rules as written.

3. Discussion Issues

IMFT Supervision Designation

The MFTPSC discussed adding a supervision designation for the IMFT license comparable to the one in place for the PCCs and the LISWs.

- It was agreed that a grandparenting option would not be utilized but specific criteria would be set for IMFT licensees applying for the designation. Suggested criteria included length of time an IMFT has held license, supervisory experience and competency, and completion of specific areas and amounts of CEUs or coursework to qualify.
- Committee suggested that staff begin drafting a rule that addresses the addition of this credential status.

Promotion of MFT License

Dr. Petrich discussed her recent trip to the University of Akron where she spoke to current students in the MFT program.

- Dr. Petrich conferred with Dr. Parr regarding the need for a continued cooperative relationship between the University's MFT program and the Board.

- Dr. Petrich stressed the importance and relevance of the MFT license and encouraged the students not to dismiss that credential in favor of pursuing only their Professional Counselor (PC) license.

MFT Examination Policy

The MFTPSC continued a previous discussion on 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.

- A consensus was met to implement a policy to require a certain number of CEU hours to be taken or the option of re-testing for re-licensure.
- Committee requested that staff begin drafting a rule that addresses this CEU/re-examination policy for expired MFTs seeking re-licensure.

The National Examination vs. State-constructed Examinations

As a result of two separate inquiries to the staff, a discussion was merited in regard to the Committee's policy on accepting state-constructed MFT examination scores for out of state applicants.

- Committee voted to allow California applicants pursuing Ohio licensure to use their passing score from the California state-constructed written examination.
- The determination was made that California's written exam is substantially equivalent to the national MFT exam which Ohio utilizes.

4. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m., seconded by Ms. Volters. Motion carried.

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