



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

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

November 15 & 16, 2007

Meeting was called to order by:	Mr. Ken Trivison Acting Chairperson
Members Present:	Mr. Jose Camerino, IMFT, LISW Mr. Ken Trivison, IMFT, PCC Mr. Tommie Robertson, MFT Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey Dirck
	11/16 only
Members Absent:	
Staff Present:	Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan Mr. James Rough Mr. William Hegarty
Guests Present:	None

The Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC) meeting was called to order by Mr. Ken Trivison, at approximately 9:45 a.m. on November 15, 2007. The meeting took place at the offices of the Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage & Family Therapist Board, and took place over two business days. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m. on November 16, 2007.

1. Discussion of Agenda:

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Camerino. Motion carried.

2. Approval of September 2007 Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Camerino to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Robertson. Motion carried.

3. New Business:

- a. The committee reviewed one request for licensing examination. The committee denied the request to take the examination due to the applicant not meeting the educational requirements for a non-related MFT degree.
- b. The committee reviewed and approved a license for six applicants for the MFT credential.
 - i. A motion was made by Mr. Robertson to license these six individuals. Seconded by Mr. Camerino.
 - ii. The names of those licensed on November 16, 2007 are listed below:

Ms. Katie Adkins	M.0700018	Effective 11/16/07
Mr. Kevin Beatty	M.0700012	Effective 11/16/07
Ms. Nicole Cleland	M.0500016	Effective 11/16/07
Ms. Dawn Garber	M.0700021	Effective 11/16/07
Ms. Melanie McClellan	M.0700017	Effective 11/16/07
Ms. Shannon Swanson	M.0700002	Effective 11/16/07

- c. The committee reviewed one hardship request regarding supervision. The committee approved the request as the licensee provided detailed efforts to find a supervisor and none were reasonably available.
- d. MFTPSC reviewed current endorsement rules and agreed that the California examination content areas, reliability and validity are substantially equivalent to our requirements. Therefore, California licensees will no longer have to sit for the national examination to become licensed in Ohio.
- e. Discussion on what constitutes the practice of Marriage and Family Therapy while under training supervision
 - i. Marriage and Family Therapy contains individual therapy, assessment and intake as well as working with couples and families.
 - ii. There should be diagnosing and treating being conducted as well, however, in light of the current law, this has been difficult to attain for MFTs working in agencies.
- f. Discussion on Internet Therapy Rule
 - i. Committee met with Glenn Karr to discuss Internet Therapy and gain more insight into the issue
 - ii. Committee had spirited discussion regarding the Internet Therapy issue and will continue discussion at subsequent Board meetings; some concerns raised:
 1. How will Board address the technology aspect as well as location aspect of this practice?
 2. A discussion needs to take place regarding therapy, in general and what is ethical and unethical
 3. Should stipulations be created in regard to when and if to practice e-therapy?
 4. Are we promoting the practice of e-therapy by creating this rule?
 - iii. Mr. Camerino volunteered to be the MFT representative on the Internet Therapy Committee that is being formed
 - iv. As stated in the last meeting's minutes, the Committee wants to again stress the message that this is a high-risk endeavor.
 - v. MFTPSC agreed to continue discussion at January meeting.

- g. Discussion regarding proposed MFT rule changes to provide clarification of the language.
 - i. 4757-29-01 (C) (1) (a)
 - 1. Insert “with supervision designation” after professional clinical counselor and independent social worker in regard to approved supervisors for MFT training

4. Director’s Report to the Committee:

- a. Mr. Rough, Executive Director, gave an update on the MFT legislative issue.
 - i. There is now support from both parties on sponsoring a bill and there is likely to be introduction in December.
 - ii. ODMH has shown their support of the legislation and will speak to the Governor’s office.
 - iii. Suggestions were made that MFT licensees as well as members of OAMFT write each of their area representatives to show their support for this legislation.
- b. Mr. Rough discussed some issues regarding the current Laws and Rules.
 - i. There are language inconsistencies in the Rules in regards to “licensed mental health professional”. The suggestion was made to remove this language.
 - ii. There is currently nothing in our Rules that speaks to Records Storage. The suggestion was made to create similar language in accordance with HIPAA rules.

5. Meeting Adjourned:

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson to adjourn the MFTPSC on November 16, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Camerino; motion carried.

The minutes from November 15 & 16, 2007 have been approved by:

Mary Anne Sharkey Dirck
Chairperson of the Marriage and Family Therapist
Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC)