



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

### Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee Minutes

**November 19 & 20, 2009**

**Thursday, November 19, 2009**

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

**Members Absent:** Mr. Tommie Robertson, IMFT  
Ms. Deirdre Petrich, IMFT, PCC, LSW

**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 9:30 a.m.

**2. Discussion/Approval of Agenda**

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

**3. Approval of September 2009 Minutes**

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

**4. Approval of Applications for Licensure**

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

**MFT - 3 Applications Approved**

**5. Review of Examination Requests**

The members reviewed two requests for licensing examination; both requests were approved.

**6. Goldman Reviews (Licensure)**

At 10:10 a.m. Ms. Volters moved to enter into executive session. Accepted By A Unanimous Roll Call Vote. At 10:58 a.m. Committee came out of executive session. Accepted By A Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

**Howard Downing** – A decision was made to table the matter until the January board meeting pending the inclusion of the two absent committee members. Those present included Ms. Volters, Mr. Cranley and Dr. Susan Huss, Chair of the Board. Dr. McGloshen recused himself.

**7. 1:30 p.m. – MFTPSC Administrative Denial Hearing**

The matter of the eligibility of Lewis Bunton to be licensed as a marriage and family therapist in the state of Ohio came before the Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee on November 19, 2009.

Members present were Mr. Cranley, Ms. Volters and Board Chair Dr. Huss.

A Notice of Proposed Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Mr. Bunton by the Counselor, Social Worker, & Marriage and Family Therapist Board on June 3, 2009. An administrative hearing was held on November 19, 2009. Assistant Attorney General Leah O'Carroll represented the State. Mr. Bunton was present and not represented by counsel.

The Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee reviewed all the evidence and determined that Mr. Bunton would be denied as he does not meet the educational requirements to sit for the MFT examination.

**8. Statute Changes**

The Committee discussed the proposed statute changes to Chapter 4757 of the Revised Code. In regard to the statute of Board member pay, the MFTPSC does not wish to pursue issue of statute change from per diem to per hour. The reason for this decision is that it would be a semi-permanent fix for a more than likely temporary problem.

**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 4:05 p.m., seconded by Ms. Volters. Motion carried.

**Friday, November 20, 2009**

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

**Members Absent:** Mr. Tommie Robertson, Ms. Deirdre Petrich

**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 9:05 a.m.

**2. 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. She was unable to attend this meeting due to a prior commitment.
- Mr. Rough is recommending January 1, 2010 as the start date to require the laws and rules exam online for all new applicants for licensure at a cost of \$10. It is being offered to current licensees to obtain 3 hours of Continuing Education credit at a cost of \$30.
- The Art Therapy Bill had been introduced in the legislature but was not scheduled for a hearing at this time.
- Mr. Rough discussed the travel rules for Board members that were revised beginning October 1, 2009. It includes a per diem rate of \$56 for meal reimbursement. However, it was requested of Board members to kindly submit receipts for the actual amounts, which should be less than the per diem rate. Doing so will help keep expenditures within the budget appropriation.
- 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.
- HB 281, the Mental Health Hold Bill, has not yet been introduced. The goal is to add Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists as authorized practitioners able to take (transport) people into holding.

**3. 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.

**4. Meeting Adjourned**

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

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