



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

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

November 21-22, 2013

Thursday, November 21, 2013

Members Present:

Ms. Margaret Knerr, IMFT
Dr. Thomas McGloshen, IMFT, PCC
Dr. Alan Demmitt, IMFT, PCC
Ms. Stephanie McCloud, Public Member

Staff Present:

Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan, Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms.
Tracey Hosom, Ms. Tammy Tingle

Guest Present:

Mr. Kevin Zehe, OAMFT Board member

1. Meeting Called to Order

Ms. Knerr called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m.

2. Discussion/Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. McCloud to approve the agenda as amended (to include under Old Business a discussion on the 10,000 words CEUs, rules on work supervision and Board member training), seconded by Dr. McGloshen. Motion carried.

3. Approval of September 2013 Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. McGloshen to approve the minutes as amended (for a few minor typographical errors), seconded by Ms. McCloud. Motion carried.

4. Investigative Diversion Program

The Investigations Unit met with the MFTPSC to discuss the implementation of a new program that would address licensees that have physical/mental health impairments and/or addiction issues. This diversion program would apply only to those licensees who are found to be impaired and have not caused harm to any clients. Their consent agreement would not be public and their license status would be listed as "Inactive" instead of "Suspended" while they received appropriate treatment. This program was created as a result of an increase in impairment complaints and as a possible solution to help licensees receive the treatment they need without having to resort to only punitive and permanent discipline measures.

5. Discussion Issues

Old Business

ACA Code of Ethics

- Committee reviewed the ACA Code of Ethics sections that pertain to supervisee-supervisor relationships and student-educator relationships.
- The Committee showed interest in possibly amending this Board's rules to include these sections with these possible changes.
 - Committee only wishes to address supervisor-supervisee relationship and not educator-student relationship.
 - Remove (4) (g) educator-student and remove student from (A)
 - The Committee asked who constitutes a family member and the answer is someone directly related (parent, sibling, child, grandparent).
 - Supervisees are different than clients and therefore should have a separate paragraph to address the supervisor-supervisee ethical relationship.
 - Committee thinks supervision ethics requires its own section within the larger ethical rules section. Possible references to use would be 4757-5-04 regarding sexual relationships within the ethics code.

Board Member Training

- The Executive Committee was pleased with the training materials created by Ms. Adorjan. Feedback was provided and a revised edition will be given to new Board members when they are appointed. After their first meeting, Ms. Adorjan will meet with them to answer any questions or concerns they might have.

Disclosure of Supervisor in Media Advertising

- The Committee discussed the concern that MFTs might not be disclosing their need for supervision in their advertising.
- Consensus was reached that as long as licensees are disclosing this information in writing to clients at the first appointment, then there is no violation being committed.
- In addition, it has come up in questions to Ms. Adorjan, the MFT Coordinator, over the proper use of using the credentials MFT and IMFT. Some licensees use LMFT or LIMFT, where the “L” signifies “licensed.” In Ohio, MFTs and IMFTs should not be using an “L” in front of the initials MFT and IMFT since by virtue of those titles, one must be licensed and therefore the “L” is redundant.

Online Continuing Education

- The Committee reviewed the revised rule 4757-9-04 Clock hours for continuing education.
 - The Committee had questions regarding the necessity of allowing providers to request hearings if they do not agree with the results of an audit. The Committee tasked Dr. Demmitt to take these questions to the CEU Committee and have Mr. Rough look into this issue.

New Business

Report from AMFTRB annual conference

Ms. Adorjan and Ms. Knerr gave a brief report from their trip to Portland, Oregon in attendance of the 2013 annual AMFTRB conference. Some ideas for this Board to consider:

- Creating modules on the website for possible CEU credit regarding current ethical and practice topics, such as social media use and the DSM-5; this topic should be brought to the July planning meeting.
- Should this Board create a specific designation for those licensees that practice e-therapy? This topic should also be discussed at the July planning meeting.

6. Discussion of Director's Report

The Committee discussed the Executive Director's Report.

- Discussion related to Peer Consultation
 - The following were questions raised by the Committee:
 - Will this be allowable to use as continuing education credit? It will take lots of procedural to make happen—how do you regulate it? Would it inspire licensees to do it if offered as CEUs? Can Mr. Rough or the CPSC create language? Should this issue be tabled until March?
- Legislation matters:
 - Committee was pleased to know that HB 232 passed the House on November 6, 2013 and is headed for the Senate.
- The Committee will begin reviewing the rules contained in the 5 year rule review and will send comments and questions to Ms. Adorjan before the January meeting.
- The MFTPSC discussed the need to fill the open vacancy on its committee. More specifically, the Governor's office has made it known that a male MFT is required for this spot. Ms. Adorjan was tasked to contact all suitable licensees fitting this description and provide information on how to apply for the position.

7. Approval of Applications for Licensure

A motion was made by Ms. McCloud to approve the following applications for licensure, seconded by Ms. Knerr. Motion carried.

IMFT - Two Applications Approved

MFT - Eight Applications Approved

One further applicant for IMFT license was asked to provide additional information.

8. Review of Examination Requests

The Committee reviewed and approved three requests for licensing examination, denied two requests and one other request was asked to provide additional information.

9. Review of Supervision Hardship Request

The members reviewed a request for supervision hardship. The Committee approved the request as the licensee provided detailed efforts to find an approved supervisor under the rule and none were reasonably available.

Friday, November 22, 2013

Members Present: Ms. Margaret Knerr, IMFT
Dr. Thomas McGloshen, IMFT, PCC
Dr. Alan Demmitt, IMFT, PCC
Ms. Stephanie McCloud, Public Member

Staff Present: Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan

1. Meeting Called to Order

Ms. Knerr re-convened the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

2. Discussion Issues

MFT License

- The Committee reviewed the supervision verification evaluation form and made some slight revisions. This form will need to be ready for when the new rules are put into place in 2014.
- In preparation for the revised rules regarding practicum and supervision training, grandfathering language will need to be created. The practicum language will reflect an allowance for those students who have begun their degree program before a specific date. The training supervision language will create a provision for those MFT licensees who have accumulated hours under the current rule before the new rule takes effect.

3. Working Meeting

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

4. Meeting Adjourned

Ms. Knerr adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Ms. Margaret Knerr, IMFT
Chairperson of the Marriage and Family Therapist
Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC)