

September 15, 2004

The Honorable Robert Taft
Governor
Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts
77 South High Street, 30th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Governor Taft,

Pursuant to the requirement of ORC 149.01, this shall serve as the annual report for FY 2004 of the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board. I am pleased to highlight the Board's accomplishments.

The mission of the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board is to protect the citizens of the state of Ohio through the effective and efficient regulation of the practices of counseling, social work and marriage and family therapy as identified in Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4757. This mission is accomplished by the review of applicants' credentials, the administration of licensure examinations, and the establishment and enforcement of professional and ethical standards of practice.

Since July 1, 2003, the Board has:

- Welcomed four new members, Julianne Serovich, Linda Barson, William Mosier and Kenneth Trivison, to the Board who along with public member Mary Anne Sharkey comprise the Marriage and Family Therapist's Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC). The MFTPSC worked to draft rules to accomplish their mission of licensing Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT) and Independent Marriage and Family Therapists (IMFT). They met their statutory requirement to implement licensing of Marriage and Family Therapists by April 2004.
- In addition to the four new MFTPSC members, welcomed three new Board members, Susan Huss and Jan White on the Counselor Professional Standards Committee and Molly Michelbrink of the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee.

- Held regular meetings of the full Board and Professional Standards Committees on July 18, 19, 2003, September 18, 19, 2003, November 20, 21, 2003, January 15, 16, 2004, March 18, 19, 2004 and May 20, 21, 2004. A special meeting was held on February 20, 2004. The MFTPSC also held meetings on August 6, 2003, August 25, 2003, October 2, 2003, and December 12, 2003.
- Held 15 hearings, 10 Goldman licensure hearings, 2 disciplinary, 2 licensure denial, and 1 Goldman disciplinary hearing.
- Entered into 30 consent agreements to resolve complaints in which the following types of disciplinary action were taken: 4 surrenders of license, 12 suspensions with mandated supervision or ethics training, 3 restrictions of practice, 4 reprimands requiring supervision or ethics training, 4 with mandated continuing education requirements and 3 requiring mental health evaluations or on going mental health treatment.
- The Investigations Unit opened 221 investigation cases and closed 224.
- The Board licensed or registered 1,949 new professionals:
 - 100 Social Work Assistants
 - 889 Social Workers
 - 277 Independent Social Workers
 - 342 Professional Counselors
 - 253 Professional Clinical Counselors
 - 6 Marriage and Family Therapists
 - 82 Independent Marriage and Family Therapists

The Board's testing vendors offered:

1,707 Basic examinations for licensure as a social worker with a pass rate of 71%. 58 Advanced and 775 Clinical examinations for independent social workers. The pass rate for the Advanced examination was 47%. The pass rate for the Clinical examination was 53%. 509 examinations for Professional Counselors and Professional Clinical Counselors. The overall pass rate was 69%.

❖ (These rates reflect the total number of candidates who have taken the examination. Including results from candidates who may have experienced multiple failures.)

- Processed 1,281 applications for continuing professional education program approval and reviewed 1,429 requests for post program approval. The Board currently has 523 active continuing professional education provider organizations.

- Added one full time staff person to provide support to the MFTPSC and process MFT and IMFT applications.
- Updated all Board forms, to reflect the inclusion of the Marriage and Family Therapists.
- Completed the negotiations and signed a contract with the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) to begin providing the Board's Professional Counseling Licensure Examination. NBCC began administering the examination January 2004.
- Completed a re-organization of Board staff which included the elimination of one full time administrative position. Hired three new full time employees to fill vacancies.

The Board believes that this report provides evidence that the Board has accomplished it's mission in FY 2004. Thank you for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rose Quinones DelValle
Chairperson
