



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

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

**July 21-22, 2016**

**Thursday, July 21, 2016**

**Members Present:**

Dr. Alan Demmitt, IMFT-S, LPCC-S  
Mr. John Heaton, MFT  
Ms. Margaret Knerr, IMFT-S  
Ms. Stephanie McCloud, Public Member  
Dr. Sara Blakeslee Salkil, IMFT

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan, Mr. Brian Carnahan, Mr.  
Bill Hegarty

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Ms. McCloud called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

**2. Discussion/Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Ms. McCloud to approve the agenda as amended (addition of election of new MFTPSC chair to agenda), seconded by Dr. Demmitt. Motion carried.

**3. Approval of May 2016 Minutes**

Minutes stand as distributed.

#### 4. Executive Committee Report

Ms. McCloud led a discussion of the Executive Committee meeting.

- Discussion of draft rule regarding the provision of temporary services by a licensee
  - (A)(2)(a) is confusing; need clarification on wording
    - (2) (a) would be rare, like surrogacy for example (this section refers to treatment that cannot be obtained in Ohio)
    - Maybe just possible hardship language instead
  - (A) (1) and (A) (2) are totally different issues
  - Specific timeframe, such as 90 days for (A) (1) (a) and (b) or general hardship language
  - Prefer cannot be obtained for (A) (2)
  - Ms. Knerr: “let them make their case” for (A) (2) on how someone in state cannot be “obtained” to provide treatment
  - Are both (A) (1) and (2) both temporary considerations?
  - (1) is temporary but (2) is not; there should still be a set timeframe; then licensee in the other state can get licensed in Ohio if they want to continue to provide treatment while client is in Ohio.
  - Numbering and lettering is not correct; should be (A) (1) (2) and (3) and then (B) (1) (a)
- Discussion of proposed meeting dates for 2017; possibility of only one day meetings as a proposal. This was mentioned also in possible topics for the September planning meeting.
  - “Can we do the Board meeting in one day?”
  - “Can we do this going forward? Maybe see how September goes and then go from there?” “Maybe have just the meetings on Thursday? No Friday meeting?”
  - The MFTPSC had no objection to a one day meeting.
- Discussion of the proposed budget for the next fiscal year, to take effect in July 2017.
  - Because of the sharp increases in expenses, Mr. Carnahan is proposing to increase fees for additional revenue.
  - After a lengthy discussion, the Committee, not all of its individuals, is in favor of raising the fees to help offset the rising costs
- ASWB is requiring all states to implement the Master’s level exam for MSW graduates; we will have five years to adopt this new policy.
- The State Auditor is still concluding the audit for fiscal year 2016. Mr. Carnahan hopes to have the final results by the September Board meeting.
- The review and compensation for the Executive Director was discussed. The compensation request was submitted; it was a 9.7% increase overall with a 2.5% increase every six months. The process for his annual review will need to be revised as DAS has to approve it.

## 5. Investigations

### Closed cases

- Dr. Demmitt made a motion to close the following cases. Ms. McCloud seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - 2015-277 Confidentiality. Allegation not substantiated.
  - 2016-74 Scope of Practice. Close with caution.
  - 2016-118 Competency. Close with caution.

### Investigative Case Review Procedure Update

- Ms. McCloud is comfortable with the immunity clause she was presented with that should protect Board members; however, she has called the ethics commission and is waiting to hear back.
- Ms. McCloud is satisfied to vote at this meeting on the cases before the Committee.

## 6. Elect MFTPSC Chair

A motion was made by Ms. Knerr to elect Mr. Heaton to become chair for the MFTPSC, seconded by Ms. McCloud. Motion carried.

## 7. Executive Director's Report

Ms. McCloud led a discussion of the Executive Director's report.

- Board members who have not already completed their annual ethics training must do so. The Ohio Ethics Commission makes the training available online.
- Our Board is still scheduled to implement the new e-License system at the end of 2017.

## 8. Statistics from MFT Coordinator

- Ms. Adorjan reported on exam and application statistics compiled since the May Board meeting:
  - Eight examination eligibility letters were issued to COAMFTE applicants.
  - Five applicants have taken and passed the national examination in the May and June windows.
  - Four applicants have taken and failed in the same windows.

**9. Approval of Applications for Licensure**

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

**IMFT - Six Applications Approved**

**MFT - Nine Applications Approved**

**10. Review of Examination Requests**

The Committee reviewed one request for licensing examination and approved it conditionally based on the forthcoming submission of practicum paperwork showing the hours meet the educational requirements.

**11. Discussion Issues**

**AMFTRB update**

- The MFTPSC discussed the AMFTRB organization. The Committee thinks the AMFTRB has the monetary resources to do much more in terms of closer communication with states; updating the website; creating monthly or quarterly newsletters; lobbying and updates on legislation that affects MFT member states.
- The Committee made the decision to not send Ms. Adorjan to the annual meeting in September as its location in Portland, Oregon makes it a logistical hardship for her to be away from the office for almost a week.
- Ms. Adorjan will explore with the other members of the Board of Directors for a way to connect with them via teleconference for the Board of Directors meetings on the Monday and Wednesday of the annual meeting.
- The MFTPSC will, however, ask for a member of the Committee to be authorized to attend the annual meeting, if a Committee member should choose to attend.

**Friday, July 22, 2016**

**Members Present:** Dr. Alan Demmitt, IMFT-S, LPCC-S  
Mr. John Heaton, MFT  
Ms. Margaret Knerr, IMFT-S  
Ms. Stephanie McCloud, Public Member  
Dr. Sara Blakeslee Salkil, IMFT

**Staff Present:** Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Mr. Heaton re-convened the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

**2. Executive Committee Report**

Mr. Heaton led a discussion of the Executive Committee meeting.

- At the full Board meeting on Friday afternoon, there will be a motion for the fee increase as related to the current budget proposal.
- It appears all three committees are “on board” with one day meetings as the agenda allows.
- The current Laws and Rules exam is in need of updates to its operating system and format. Mr. Carnahan has been researching possible options, including creating a contract with NBCC to facilitate the exam. It was noted though to be careful about giving away too much autonomy, as this became a divisive issue when the Board ceded continuing education approval to ASWB and NASW several years ago. Mr. Carnahan assured the Board members and staff that this Board would still own and control the Laws and Rules exam, NBCC would just facilitate it on their platform.

**3. CE Committee Report**

Dr. Blakeslee Salkil reported to the MFTPSC from the CE Committee meeting.

- The results of the Social Work CE survey have been received.
  - There were 3600 respondents
  - The largest issues cited were reciprocity of continuing education credits with other boards and cost of CEUs
  - Other comments included the difficulty of balancing time for CEUs and productivity issues associated with many social workers' employment; the value of in-person vs online options but inability to commit to in-person due to productivity/availability issues

- The survey was seen by the social worker respondents as a sign of goodwill from the Board
- Ms. Broome gave an Audit Report; she estimates she will be caught up by the September meeting
- Ms. Miller discussed continuing education programs that focus on medical marijuana and sought the Board members perspective and opinion.

**4. Working Meeting**

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

**5. Meeting Adjourned**

Mr. Heaton adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.



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Mr. John Heaton, MFT  
Chairperson of the Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee  
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