



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

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

January 15-16, 2015

Thursday, January 15, 2015

Members Present:

Ms. Margaret Knerr, IMFT-S
Dr. Alan Demmitt, IMFT-S, LPCC-S
Ms. Stephanie McCloud, Public Member

Staff Present:

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

1. Meeting Called to Order

Ms. Knerr called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m.

2. Discussion/Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Dr. Demmitt to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. McCloud. Motion carried.

3. Approval of November 2014 Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Demmitt to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. McCloud. Motion carried.

4. Executive Committee Report

Ms. Knerr, reported on Thursday morning's Executive Committee meeting.

- The Board no longer has the paper available to print wallet cards for licensees upon their renewal. Due to budget constraints and the primary verification available on the Board's website, the Director is asking if the Board will vote to no longer provide the wallet cards. The MFTPSC was in agreement with such proposal.
- Mr. Carnahan informed the Executive Committee that the Board offices would be moving from the current location at the LeVeque Tower to office space available in the Riffe state building. From the proposed floorplans it appears that there will be only two committee rooms for use and then a large table located in the back of the office in an open space for the third committee. The MFTPSC would like for the open table to rotate between the three committees rather than one particular committee using it continuously.
- Mr. Polovick, Board chair, asked for the committees to have a discussion on social worker CEUs, including the possible implementation of an advisory committee to monitor updates within the social work field as well as the PCPSC and MFTPSC supporting the standards that are currently in place regarding continuing education. The MFTPSC is agreeable to these ideas.
- Three proposed/revised rules were included in the Director's Report which the MFTPSC reviewed and discussed.
 - 4757-5-03(D) and 4757-5-02(D)(5)
 - The context of these ethics rules relate to the difference between a personal and professional relationship between therapist and client as well as limits to confidentiality when in mandated therapy.
 - Dr. Demmitt wondered if "should" instead of "shall" could be used for social media with clients; Ms. McCloud said that "shall not" provides protection for the therapist to have a rule to follow that requires them to treat all clients the same by not "friending" them on social media; Ms. Knerr thought feedback is needed from the field to know the impact of such social media relationships between licensees and clients; Dr. Demmitt stated that the Board does not know that younger people are going to do this and the Board needs to keep talking about this issue.
 - 4757-19-06
 - This rule concerns the temporary social worker license requirements. The MFTPSC agreed that their job is to require licensees to have suitable degrees already conferred when applying for a temporary license and therefore are not interested in a statute change which would be required for

MFTs to allow what the temporary social worker license does.

5. Discussion Issues

New Business

Rule revisions

- Ms. Adorjan, MFT Coordinator, was tasked to draft a revision to rule 4757-25-04 which would include the wording of face-to-face direct client contact to clarify the type of client contact required.
- A request of Ms. Adorjan was made to also revise the rule 4757-3-01, which contains definitions. The MFTPSC would like a client contact hour to be officially defined as sixty (60) minutes.

Statistics on COAMFTE vs. non-COAMFTE degree programs

At the November 2014 meeting, the MFTPSC requested the MFT Coordinator research all COAMFTE approvals and examination requests in the last three years to determine how many non-COAMFTE applicants have been reviewed.

- After compiling the data for 2012, 2013, and 2014, the results were 44 applicants from 34 different non-COAMFTE programs and 43 applicants from 18 different COAMFTE programs. The conclusion is that within the last three years, approximately 50% of applicants who were approved to sit for the MFT examination graduated from non-COAMFTE programs.

Clinical Experience Defined

Rule 4757-29-01 (F)(2)(b)(i) requires an applicant for an IMFT supervisory designation to document clinical experience as an IMFT. The MFT Coordinator requested clarification from the Committee on a definition for clinical experience as it relates to this rule. The MFTPSC agreed that clinical experience could be defined as a supervisory role or clinical role as an IMFT and that a section on the IMFT supervisory designation application requires the applicant to list a description of clinical work performed.

Educational Requirements

The Committee is considering revising the descriptions of courses listed in 4757-25-01 to better clarify what courses are acceptable from a non-COAMFTE accredited program for admission to take the examination.

- A concern is that a specific systems course does not appear to be integrated in these non-approved programs.
- The Committee needs to look at revising these descriptions, specifically the Marriage and Family Studies course and Systems Theory course.

Practicum experience

In light of numerous recent denials for examination request based on practicum hour insufficiency, the MFTPSC has discussed this matter for the past few meetings.

- The Committee agreed that the current rule is sufficient; the practicum/internship experience must be completed within a degree program and out of state post-graduate hours cannot be substituted if the applicant is from another state.

Friday, January 16, 2015

Members Present: Ms. Margaret Knerr, IMFT-S
Dr. Alan Demmitt, IMFT-S, LPCC-S
Ms. Stephanie McCloud, Public Member

Staff Present: Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan, Mr. Bill Hegarty

Guests Present: Ms. Kristin Hykes – MFT licensee
Ms. Laurie Hykes – mother of licensee

1. Meeting Called to Order

Ms. Knerr re-convened the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

2. Goldman Reviews (Licensure)

Joni Sivey – A motion was made by Ms. Knerr to deny Ms. Sivey's licensure application for not possessing the educational requirements to sit for the MFT examination. Seconded by Ms. McCloud. Motion carried.

Charlotte Morgan – A motion was made by Ms. McCloud to deny Ms. Morgan's licensure application for not possessing the educational requirements to sit for the MFT examination. Seconded by Dr. Demmitt. Motion carried.

Sandra Silverman – A motion was made by Dr. Demmitt to deny Ms. Silverman's licensure application for not possessing the educational requirements to sit for the MFT examination. Seconded by Ms. McCloud. Motion carried.

Evelina Mills – A motion was made by Ms. McCloud to deny Ms. Mills' licensure application for not possessing the educational requirements to sit for the MFT examination. Seconded by Dr. Demmitt. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Applications for Licensure

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

IMFT - Nine Applications Approved

MFT - Seven Applications Approved

4. Review of Examination Requests

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

5. Review of Out of State Post-Graduate Supervision Hours Request

An applicant requested review of his post-graduate hours completed in Texas to count toward his IMFT license in Ohio. The request was reviewed and the hours were approved as acceptable.

6. Licensee Comments to Committee

The Committee voted to approve a policy that was both fair and reasonable as it relates to a recent rule revision to 4757-25-04.

- Under (A) (4) of this rule, the five hundred hour relational component does not apply to those MFTs who meet the following requirements: 1) began their training supervision before June 1, 2014; 2) finish their training supervision before June 1, 2016; and 3) file an IMFT license application before June 1, 2016.
- Ms. Kristin Hykes, MFT, came to speak to the Committee regarding this rule revision as it affects her pending IMFT licensure. Ms. Hykes told the Committee she did not track her relational hours as she thought the newly revised rule would not apply to her since she started before the rule change. Ms. Knerr informed Ms. Hykes that her license application would be approved based on the newly instituted policy; however, it was suggested that Ms. Hykes acquire the documentation from the agency regarding the relational hours in the event that she might move to another state and those hours are required for licensure.

7. **Discussion Issues**

New Business

Customer Service Standards

The MFTPSC reviewed the revised Customer Service Standards located within the Board's policy and procedures.

8. **CEU Committee Meeting Report**

Ms. Knerr gave the MFTPSC a report from the Thursday meeting of the CEU Committee, which she attended in place of Dr. Demmitt.

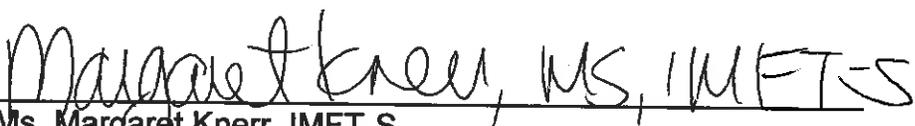
- Ms. Knerr welcomed the new social worker committee member, Ms. Lisa Habermusch who is now a member of the CEU Committee.
- A non-disciplinary fee will begin as of March 1, 2015. Based on preliminary statistics within the past year, had the fee been instituted it would have netted approximately \$7000.
- Board members are able to gain CEUs at annual conferences, even if they are attending as Board members.
- Mr. Carnahan was tasked with looking into whether Board staff needs a provider/program approval number when facilitating training or whether the agency providing the event needs to have the provider/program approval for said event.
- The CEU Committee voted to eliminate the wallet card. Ms. Knerr will ask for a full Board vote on the matter at the Board meeting Friday afternoon.
- The Inactive status will be effective as of January 30, 2015. It will show in the licensing system as an escrow status. There are currently over 200 licensees waiting for this status to be put into place.

9. **Working Meeting**

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

10. **Meeting Adjourned**

Ms. Knerr adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.


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