



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

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

January 16-17, 2014

Thursday, January 16, 2014

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

Guest Present: Mr. Jose Camerino, OAMFT Board member

1. Meeting Called to Order

Ms. Knerr called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

2. Discussion/Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. McCloud to approve the agenda as amended (to include under New Business a discussion on the upcoming March outreach project), seconded by Ms. Knerr. Motion carried.

3. Approval of November 2013 Minutes

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

4. Discussion Issues

New Business

Peer Consultation

- The MFTPSC discussed the concept of peer consultation as a possible form of continuing education credit. The discussion originated in the Executive Committee meeting on Thursday morning.
- Should peer consultation be eligible for CEU credit? And if so, how would it be organized and how many hours could a licensee earn via this method? Ms. McCloud proposed that in order to help answer these questions, the Committee should decide what the purpose of continuing education is.
- Ms. Knerr mentioned that peer consultation is thought to be beneficial to those licensees that are practicing in isolation.
- Dr. Demmitt opined that peer consultation would benefit low-wage licensees.
- The idea that licensees could get CE credit for being a member of their professional organization was thrown into the discussion. However, this could be misconstrued as the Board endorsing membership in professional organizations.
- If peer consultation were to be approved as a CE option, the following questions and concerns were raised:
 - Should the Board structure these programs? Or should the professional associations do so?
 - How many hours would be granted for CE credit? Three per year, which would equal a total of six per renewal period? Maybe one hour every other month for a year, which would equal six hours? Or six meetings over the course of twelve months to earn a maximum of three hours of CE credit?
 - What should be the make-up of the participating licensees? Maximum of three peers and all must hold an independent license was suggested.
 - Consultation sessions would have to be interactive with real cases.
 - Maybe those participating in a peer consultation group would have to submit their proposal for pre-approval to the Board to ensure that it met the requirements, but the participants would not be charged as a provider or program offering. Or make them pay program approval fee which is \$30 and could be divided amongst the three participants, which makes the CE credits still affordable.
- The Committee will continue to discuss this topic at subsequent meetings once further feedback and analysis is received from the SWPSC and CPSC.

March Outreach Project

- The Committee discussed the proposed ideas for the upcoming outreach project for the March meeting.
 - Ms. Knerr helped draft a sample questionnaire to be completed by faculty, supervisors and students associated with social work, counseling and MFT educational degree programs within the state of Ohio.
 - The results of the survey will be discussed at the March Board meetings in an attempt to facilitate understanding and communication between this Board and these interested groups.

5. Review of Supervision Hardship Request

The members reviewed a request for supervision hardship. The Committee denied the request as there was evidence of an approved supervisor available and financial considerations were deemed not a reason for hardship.

6. Review of Examination Requests

The Committee reviewed and approved two requests for licensing examination.

7. Approval of Applications for Licensure

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

IMFT - Three Applications Approved

MFT - One Application Approved

8. Goldman Reviews (Licensure)

Michael Sivey – A motion was made by Dr. McGloshen to deny Mr. Sivey's licensure application for not possessing the educational requirements to sit for the MFT examination. Seconded by Ms. McCloud. Dr. Demmitt recused himself. Motion carried.

Friday, January 17, 2014

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 9:04 a.m.

2. Discussion Issues

New Business

5 Year Rule Review

The MFTPSC continued their review of those rules contained in the current five year rule review. All questions, comments, and revisions were given to the MFT Coordinator to draft and then pass along to Mr. Rough.

3. Director's Report to the Committee

Mr. Rough, Executive Director, responded to questions posed by the MFTPSC regarding his report.

- Mr. Rough stated that he is working with the Governor's office concerning this Board's much needed appointments and re-appointments.
- Committee gave Mr. Rough a list of the changes to several rules contained in the Five Year Rule Review.
- Committee asked specifically about 4757-1-05: Mr. Rough had written a sidebar note asking if the price for the Laws and Rules exam taken for CEU credits should be lowered from \$30 to \$10. The Committee inquired as to the thinking behind this change and Mr. Rough commented that not many licensees appeared to be taking the exam for CEUs. Whether this was due to a price issue or more likely, a lack of promotion by the Board, he did not know. He said he would conduct a fact-gathering LISTSERV task.

4. **Working Meeting**

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

5. **Meeting Adjourned**

Ms. Knerr adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

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