



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

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

July 16-17, 2015

Thursday, July 16, 2015

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan, Ms. Rhonda Franklin, Ms.
Paula Broome

1. Meeting Called to Order

Ms. Knerr called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Discussion/Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. McCloud to approve the agenda as amended (addition of full discussion of rules in Executive Director's report and placing the agenda item of electing a new MFTPSC chair as the last item on the agenda), seconded by Dr. Demmitt. Motion carried.

3. Approval of May 2015 Minutes

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

4. Policies for MFT post-program approval

Ms. Broome and Ms. Franklin presented information to the MFTPSC.

- A request was made to the Committee to resolve the processing conflict between the five year AAMFT refresher course to be used as renewal CEUs and the two year licensing renewal cycle. The MFT Coordinator was tasked with researching other states' supervision designation status and corresponding renewal requirements.
- Ms. Broome and Ms. Franklin would like an equivalent five hour refresher course to be defined. Ms. Knerr agreed to provide such.
- In conjunction with the above issues, Ms. Broome discussed the current pilot program regarding CE Broker. The Committee raised the question of whether and when the pilot program was approved by the Board. There was no specific recollection of a vote to do so at the May meeting.
- Ms. Broome and Ms. Franklin would like the CEU post-program approval policy revisited because it has been ten years and there are many more available programs with MFT approval now. Currently, all programs requesting approval for counselors are also given approval for MFTs. The Committee did not make a decision regarding this issue, therefore it will appear on the September agenda.

5. Executive Director's Report

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

- HB184 has been introduced that would allow for the licensing of music therapists. Mr. Carnahan is currently in discussion with the two sponsors of the bill regarding its potential administration of the license if it is approved and has shared his concerns and other pertinent information, accordingly.
- Rep. Sears has asked if the Board could assist with a project regarding first responders and PTSD issues, as she would like to explore any gaps in access to services.
- There is a new online human trafficking CE program developed by the Pharmacy Board that Mr. Carnahan would like this Board's licensees to take for renewal CE credit, even though the training is only 30 minutes and this Board's rules require CE trainings to be at least 1 hour in length. Ms. McCloud raised the question of whether Mr. Carnahan has the authority to allow our licensees to take the program since it does not meet the requirements of our rules. Ms. Knerr stated that she would check with Mr. Carnahan.
- Mr. Carnahan has proposed a revision to the renewal schedule which would be based on the license type and not the specific licensee. The MFTPSC had no objections to the change but was curious as to the reasoning behind the change. The question would be raised at the full Board meeting on Friday afternoon.

6. CEU Committee Meeting Report

Dr. Demmitt gave the MFTPSC a report from the meeting of the CEU Committee.

- The proposal to use postcards rather than envelopes was presented as a cost-saving measure. The MFTPSC strongly and unanimously, opposed this idea due to the licensees' username and password being on the postcard.

7. Approval of Applications for Licensure

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

IMFT - Seven Application Approved

MFT - Five Applications Approved

8. Review of Examination Requests

The Committee reviewed three requests for licensing examination; two were approved and one was denied.

9. Discussion Issues

Rule revisions

- 4757-25-08 Marriage and family therapist trainee registration
 - The MFTPSC requested revisions at the May meeting as follows:
 - Students enrolled in a marriage and family therapy practicum or internship ~~prior to receiving their marriage and family therapy degree~~ are eligible to register as a "marriage and family therapist trainee" as authorized in section...
 - Ms. McCloud made a motion to accept the revised wording, seconded by Mr. Heaton. Motion carried.

Correspondence

- Several years ago, the MFTPSC voted to allow the Marriage and Family Counseling track at Wright State University to be approved for licensure, if all courses taken were the ones outlined by this Board as having met the educational requirements. In September

2013, the MFTPSC voted to discontinue the semi “pre-approval” of WSU’s program and only fully endorse COAMFTE programs.

- Recently, Dr. Stephen Fortson, Chair at Wright State University, contacted the Board about looking into re-instating some form of agreement between the MFTPSC and his program at WSU.
- At this meeting, the MFTPSC discussed the correspondence from Dr. Fortson.
 - The current Marriage and Family Counseling degree program at Wright State does not meet current MFT educational requirements to be considered as a pre-approval since the program is not COAMFTE accredited. Students who attend this program might be eligible for MFT licensure in Ohio but their degree program would have to meet all areas outlined in the current educational requirements rule of 4757-25-01 and would not be given preferential treatment (their degree program being pre-approved by the MFTPSC).

Friday, July 17, 2015

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan

1. Meeting Called to Order

Ms. Knerr re-convened the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

2. Statistics from MFT Coordinator

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

3. Discussion Issues

Rule revisions

- 4757-5-02 Standards of ethical practice and professional conduct
 - The MFTPSC requested research into why our licensees would need to disclose and document their gathering online data regarding their clients.
 - Mr. Carnahan was tasked with looking into the policies, if any, of other states regarding this issue.

Self-Evaluation Survey results

- The MFTPSC discussed the previous afternoon's discussion that arose from the self-evaluation surveys administered to board members and staff subsequent to the May meeting. Some policies to come about as a result of the discussion include:
 - Time will be set aside on the Thursday afternoon of each board meeting for all three committees to meet as a full board and discuss that day's topics.
 - Thursday meetings will be extended until 5:00 p.m. and Friday meetings until 3 p.m.

Annual AMFTRB conference

- Ms. Knerr will be attending the annual AMFTRB conference in September which will be held in Boston. She will attend along with Mr. Carnahan and Ms. Adorjan, who is a current AMFTRB board member.
 - Ms. McCloud will make a motion at the full board meeting to allow for travel expenses incurred by the above three individuals: flight, hotel, meal and transportation reimbursement for Ms. Knerr and Mr. Carnahan; meal and transportation reimbursement for Ms. Adorjan, as flight and hotel expenses will be covered by AMFTRB.

Resolution on SOCE

- A resolution was reviewed by the MFTPSC which was drafted by Mr. Carnahan regarding the CSWMFT Board taking a stance on SOCE (conversion therapy).
 - The Committee was conflicted as to whether to support the resolution as it appeared to arise out of political motivations.
 - Ms. McCloud stated she would vote "no" on the resolution if it was put to a vote at the full board meeting on Friday afternoon. She also questioned

why, after being asked at the last board meeting, why the professional associations, especially NASW, had done nothing toward modifying their ethical codes to include denouncing SOCE.

4. Elect MFTPSC Chair

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

5. Working Meeting

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

6. Meeting Adjourned

Ms. McCloud adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.



Ms. Stephanie McCloud
Chairperson of the Marriage and Family Therapist
Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC)