



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

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

November 19-20, 2015

Thursday, November 19, 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. McCloud called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Discussion/Approval of Agenda

Agenda stands as distributed.

3. Approval of September 2015 Minutes

Minutes stand as distributed.

4. Executive Committee Report

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

- The new e-Licensing system pilot project is underway and the rollout schedule has been announced by OIT. Mr. Carnahan is not pleased with this Board's position in the timeframe (toward the very end) considering

the time, effort and knowledge this Board's staff put into the failed second attempt conducted just recently.

- The licensees of this Board have been named in a bill – SB33 that will require health care professionals to obtain three hours of continuing education in cultural competency.
 - At the September meeting, the MFTPSC wanted more information on the surrounding circumstances of the bill's origins. Mr. Carnahan relayed from the legislative aide that there had been complaints in reference to those particular boards which is why they are specifically named in the bill.
- The CPSC needs to review the rule regarding supervision of supervision.
- Mr. Carnahan and Ms. Knerr attended a presentation coordinated by NASW regarding SOCE. A social worker from Utah was the presenter and provided information on how Utah has had conversations with opposition groups to try and be more inclusive in reaching common ground on this divisive issue.
- A representative from Equality Ohio will be addressing the full board at Friday's afternoon meeting. The current status of this Board's position on SOCE is that they are waiting for a response from the General Assembly on the current pending legislation referencing this subject matter.
- There is a reciprocity agreement currently pending with the Kentucky Board of professional counselors. This Board's Counselor Committee is considering adopting this agreement dependent on certain details.
- The Board is looking to add cultural competency to the rule for continuing education ethics hours. The rule change would allow for an ethics course to contain cultural competency as a topic area.
- The Committee engaged in a discussion as it relates to the Board meeting dates in 2016 and if any dates should be moved due to annual conference schedules.

5. Statistics from MFT Coordinator

- Ms. Adorjan reported on exam and application statistics compiled since the September Board meeting:
 - Ten examination eligibility letters were issued to COAMFTE applicants.
 - Five applicants have taken and passed the national examination in the September and October windows, yielding a 100% pass rate for both windows.

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

IMFT - Six Applications Approved

MFT - Seven Applications Approved

8. Discussion Issues

Executive Director's Performance Evaluation

- Because Board members were asked to evaluate Mr. Carnahan's working relationship with staff, Dr. Demmitt expressed interest in knowing the staff feedback regarding Mr. Carnahan's recent evaluation. Ms. Knerr stated she would check with the Executive Committee on the procedure for releasing that information to all the board members.

Rule revisions

- 4757-25-01 Educational Requirements to sit for the MFT Examination
 - Slight revisions were acceptable to Committee.
 - Draft is ready for filing.
 - The MFTPSC will need to create a policy regarding the "sunset" timing of the new educational rule as it affects applicants already enrolled in their programs.
- 4757-25-02
 - MFTPSC is fine with minor changes to this rule.
- A motion was made by Ms. Knerr to approve the draft revisions to 4757-25-01 and 4757-25-02, seconded by Ms. McCloud. Motion carried.

Friday, November 20, 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. McCloud re-convened the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

2. CE Committee Report

Dr. Demmitt reported to the MFTPSC from the prior afternoon's CE Committee meeting.

- The misuse of provider status is an ongoing issue for Ms. Miller, Ms. Broome and Ms. Franklin. One of the key problems appears to be that certain individuals, after being denied by the Board, are circumventing the Board's program and provider authority by accessing another provider's approval number.
- The popularity of the Inactive license status continues to grow.
- Ms. Broome sent an email correspondence in reference to any provider who might want to offer a supervision refresher course for IMFT-S licensees. She did receive one interested response.

3. Discussion Issues

Rule revisions

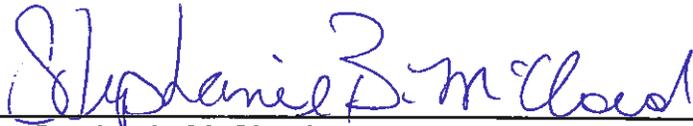
- 4757-5-02 (B) (5)
 - This section of the rule relates to the use of search engines and social media by the licensee in regard to their clients.
 - The language is utilized in the social worker model law and was adapted for this rule. This is also something similar in the ACA professional ethics.
 - There was much discussion on this topic.
 - Ms. McCloud does not see the specific language as necessary; if the licensee "crosses the line", this would be covered under the dual relationship rule. Awareness of potential pitfalls which this type of activity might create is really the "key" as the Board cannot legislate every possible scenario. This would make a great ethical continuing education topic, though.
 - Ms. Knerr would like to see more research on the topic, including finding out how this rule would affect large agencies, such as the VA, Children's Hospital, etc. She also suggested Mr. Hegarty or Mr. Carnahan write a newsletter article on the subject. This Board is often "ahead of the curve" when it comes to anticipating rule changes affected by technology; however, she thinks this is not one of the times to be ahead. The Committee agreed with her proposal to re-visit this issue in eighteen months.
- 4757-5-03

4. **Working Meeting**

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

5. **Meeting Adjourned**

Ms. McCloud adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.



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