



CSWMFT News

Message from the Chairperson - Matthew Paylo, Ph.D., LPCC-S

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I am happy to report that Governor Kasich was kind enough to reappoint Carl Brun, Ph.D., LISW-S, and me to the CSWMFT Board. As I know Carl does, I greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve the public and persons seeking to join the professions regulated by the Board. I encourage you to consider applying to serve on this wonderful board.

This issue of the CSWMFT News is being published on the cusp of spring. Many of us look forward to spring as it's a time for renewal. The Board looks forward to spring because that is when the number of applications begin to increase as new graduates seek to start their careers. As an educator, I know how anxious graduating students can be regarding the licensure application process. The Board makes every effort to help with the questions new applicants may have during the process. Applicants are encouraged to first consult the CSWMFT web site first. We try to include as much help information as possible. You can find the web site at cswmft.ohio.gov.

To help smooth out the application process during the transition to a new licensing system, the CSWMFT Board is encouraging persons who anticipate applying for a license in the spring or early summer to do so before June 1, 2017. Applying now will ensure your application is in the existing licensing system before the transition to the new licensing system. We anticipate limited access to both the current and new system during this time.

Executive Director's Update—Brian Carnahan

The CSWMFT Board met March 16 and 17. The Board revised its normal schedule of meetings. The Board met as the "administration and planning" committee in the morning on Thursday, March 16. The Board decided on this change to lay the ground work for discussions during the Professional Standards Committee meetings.

During the March meeting, the Board discussed pending rule changes. The Board expects to approve a range of changes at its May meeting. You will receive an email regarding the proposed changes, all of which will be posted to the Board web site.

Also during the March meeting, the Board discussed the next steps for filing for the application and renewal fee increase approved last July. An update on this proposal was shared in the September/October 2016 issue of this newsletter. The fee increase, the first in 30 years, will help to fund the new licensing system, as well as pay for other technology related cost increases.



Executive Director's Update - Continued



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Additionally, we would like to make some investments in our ability to offer training through webinars and teleconferences. The cost to apply for or renew an LSW will rise \$20, while the cost to apply for or to renew an LISW will increase \$25.

In an effort to streamline the application process, the Board agreed to eliminate internship/practicum evaluation forms for Counselors and MFTs. Counselor graduates with a degree from a CACREP program are not required to submit an internship evaluation. If the graduate program is not CACREP-accredited, the internship evaluation must be completed by the supervisor. MFT graduates with a degree from a COAMFTE-accredited program are not required to submit the internship evaluation.

The Social Worker Professional Standards Committee was pleased to welcome Andy Bowers to the Committee at the March meeting. Andy is a Columbus-area attorney who specializes in government affairs. As the son of a Social Worker, Andy states he "was pleased to be invited to serve on a Committee focusing on Social Work, having grown up hearing about the challenges of social work at the dinner table."

CSWMFT licensees should have received a message at the beginning of April announcing the planned roll out of the new licensing system. We expect to go live in June. Those of you who have a June renewal date should have received an email encouraging you to renew early. The current licensing system will not be available from June 11-June 19. During this period, there will be no access to the licensing system for licensees. Staff will also be unable to make changes to any licensee records. If you are planning to apply, we suggest doing so before June 11 or after June 19.

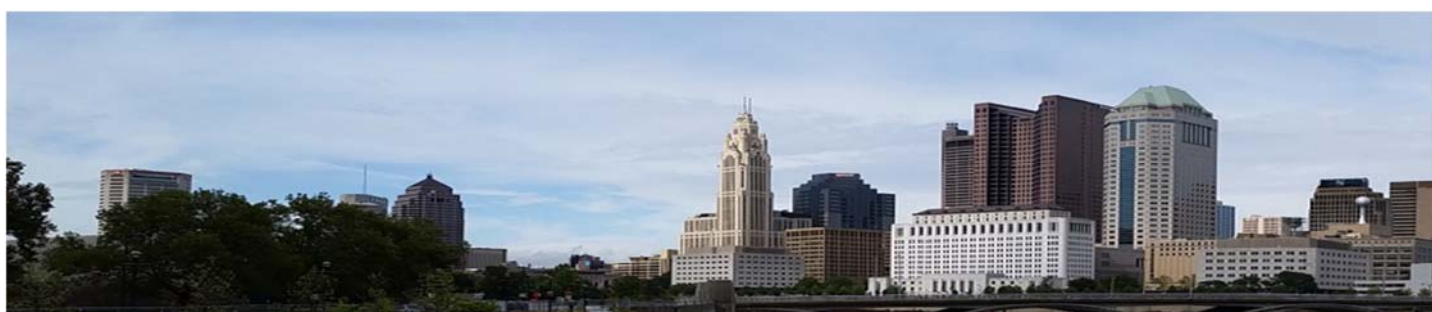
***Next Meeting
of the
CSWMFT
Board:***

***Thursday,
May 18 and
Friday,
May 19***

The CSWMFT Board is partnering with CE Broker to provide continuing education provider and program approval services, as well as continuing education audit services. By using CE Broker, the Board will be able to offer real time listings of approved providers and programs. Additionally, the Board can conduct audits more efficiently, necessitating less contact with licensees.

During the transition to the new system licensees and applicants will receive e-mails and other communications from the Board regarding how to log in to the new system. We will be doing our best to ensure you have all of the information you need to successfully access eLicense and CE Broker.

Stay tuned for new draft rules. The Board is planning to consider rule changes during the May 2017 meeting. When rule changes are proposed, we will send out a notice to licensees, as well as post the rules to the CSWMFT web site.





Ethics: Completing Supervision Evaluations - Tracey Hosom

Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists each require supervision, either while in practicums and internships, or as a dependent level licensee working towards clinical experience requirements needed to obtain independent licenses. Taking on the task of supervision is challenging, but rewarding. Recently, the Board has received more and more complaints from licensees that have been unable to get their supervisor to complete the necessary evaluations that document the hours required.

Independent licensees with a supervision designation who fail to complete requested supervision evaluation forms are violating their own code of ethical practice. When a dependent licensee has tried to get their training supervisor to fill out the forms as required but the independent licensee does not return calls or e-mails, then the dependent licensee is forced to contact the Board for assistance. The following Ohio Administrative Code section addressing this matter is:

4757-5-02 (I) Licensed independent social workers, professional clinical counselors, and independent marriage and family therapists shall provide appropriate supervision to licensees who do not hold an independent license. This shall include ensuring all supervision documentation is provided to the board in a timely fashion and meeting with the supervisee on a regular basis to discuss the specific issues in the dependent licensee's practice. Supervisors shall be accurate with all supervision reporting issues. Supervisors shall not sign as the training supervisor, if they did not provide direct supervision.

The Board will investigate, and potentially discipline any supervisor who fails to complete the documentation. Please be prepared to complete the documentation even in cases where as a supervisor you are not prepared to "sign off" that a licensee is ready for independent practice. Whether the evaluation is positive or negative, the Board requires your documentation of supervision.

The supervision expectations can be found in the administrative code:

4757-17-01 Counseling supervision

4757-23-01 Social Work supervision

4757-29-01 Marriage and Family Therapist supervision

Counselors: Remember to use your complete credential initials LPC or LPCC, not PC or PCC.





Disciplinary Actions Taken Against Licensees (Since March 2017)

Social Workers:

Valerie Bass (LISW) Impairment. Revocation

Katherine Boyd-Viezer (LSW) Audit Failure. Revocation

Judy Buka (LSW) Standard of Care. Reprimand, Ethics, and Supervision

Trina Johnson (LSW) Amended Consent Agreement. Surrender of license

Sue Layton (LISW) Custody recommendation issues. Reprimand and ethics

Matthew Snyder (LSW) Impairment. Suspension and personal counseling

Sally L. Tennyson (LSW) Audit Failure. Revocation

Erin Thom (LSW) Audit Failure. Revocation

Counselors:

Corry Appline (LPC) Sexual Harassment. Suspension and personal counseling

Heather Gears (LPCC) Impairment. Suspension and personal counseling

Jennifer Palovich (LPC) Audit Failure. Revocation

Fulfilling continuing education requirements is critical to keeping your license. Many licensees are disciplined, which can include license revocation, because they do not respond to audit requests or do not complete the audit. All licensees who are not in inactive-escrow status are required to earn a minimum of 30 hours of CE, of which 3 must cover ethics. Licensees with an S designation must earn 3 hours of supervision CE.





Renewal Update—Rhonda Franklin

2017 has already been a year of change and there are more on the horizon. In June 2017 the board will be rolling out a new data base which will allow licensees more access to licensure information. This is an online system. We will no longer process paper renewal applications. Renewal notices will be emailed. Licensees will be able to select their own user id and passwords for online renewal. Address changes may also be entered online.

Renewal notice letters for all licensees due for renewal April 2017 – June 2017 should be in the mail by February 10th. For those of you with June renewal dates please consider renewing a little earlier this year, for example in May or early June as the new system will go live in June. While we expect a smooth roll out, it is always good to plan ahead. Your license is eligible for renewal upon completion of the required continuing education and receipt of your renewal notice letter. If you have changed your mailing address, email address or name please contact the board prior to your renewal date.

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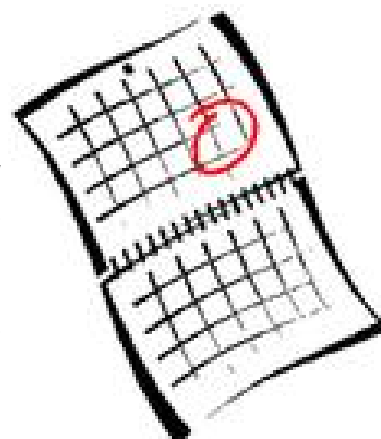
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Remember, post program approval is required for all trainings that are online or out of state and not pre-approved by the board. For Social Workers we automatically accept trainings pre-approved by NASW national, NASW- Ohio, and ASWB no post approval is required. Effective in March, Counselors may use toward renewal programs approved by NBCC. Post program approval forms may be found on the board's website www.CSWMFT.Ohio.gov under the Renewal link in the middle of the home page.



Upcoming Events

May 18-19.....CSWMFT Board Meeting

June 11-19Limited online access to the current licensing system

June 19.....eLicense 3.0 goes live

July 20-21.....CSWMFT Board Meeting