

Maureen Cooper, MA, LPCC-S was appointed to the OCSWMFT Board in 2010 by Gov. Stickland, and reappointed in 2013 by Gov. Kasich. She earned her BA in English and Education from Kent State University in 1974, and her MA in Pastoral Counseling and Psychology from Ashland Theological Seminary in 1991.

Maureen served as the first Legal Advocate for Domestic Violence Victims in Stark County, then as the director of the Rape Crisis Center there. She was a counselor for EMERGE Ministries in Akron, then North Coast Family Foundation in Canton. She founded The Gentle Shepherd Counseling Center in North Canton in 1997, and still serves as its executive and clinical director. She has been president of her community association for 8 years, and has served on local community and church boards.

Maureen resides with her husband on Meyers Lake in Canton, where they enjoy boating, swimming, and entertaining friends and family. She is passionate about knitting, her Mini-Cooper convertible, collecting art, and her grandchildren, not necessarily in that order!