



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

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

January 17 & 18, 2008

Meeting was called to order by:

Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey Dirck
Chairperson

Members Present:

Mr. Jose Camerino, IMFT, LISW
Mr. Ken Trivison, IMFT, PCC
Mr. Tommie Robertson, MFT

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan
Mr. James Rough
Mr. P.R. Casey

Guests Present:

None

The Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC) meeting was called to order by Ms. Sharkey Dirck, at approximately 9:25 a.m. on January 17, 2008. The meeting took place at the offices of the Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage & Family Therapist Board, and took place over two business days. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:32 a.m. on January 18, 2008.

1. Discussion of Agenda:

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Trivison. Motion carried.

2. Approval of November 2007 Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Camerino to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Robertson. Motion carried.

3. Old Business:

a. Discussion on Internet Therapy Rule

i. Ad hoc committee was formed to discuss this topic. Mr. Camerino briefed MFTPSC Committee on the group's dialogue regarding this issue.

1. Preference to use title of Electronic Service Delivery (ESD) as opposed to E-therapy or Internet Therapy.

a. ESD would not be a type of therapy but a mode of delivering therapy.

2. Continue to address that the ESD approach is not appropriate for every group and perhaps create a disclaimer to this effect.

ii. MFTPSC Committee continued discussion in which some concerns were raised:

1. This modality limits ability to pick up on nuances that may be critical in helping and treating clients.

2. Is the consumer going to be disadvantaged from this? Conversely, will others open up more via this method?

3. If therapy is the ability to diagnose and treat, can you diagnose online? Or maybe only psycho-educational services should be offered via this mode? And where is the line between psycho-education and therapy?

4. Perhaps there should be a part included in the rule regarding the fact that not enough research exists at this time on this subject.

iii. MFTPSC agreed to continue discussion at March meeting.

4. New Business:

a. The committee reviewed and approved a license for three applicants for the IMFT credential.

i. A motion was made by Mr. Trivison to license these three individuals. Seconded by Mr. Camerino.

ii. The names of those licensed on January 18,2008 are listed below:

Ms. Jenna Hess	F.0700007	Effective 1/18/08
Ms. Karin Jordan	F.0800001	Effective 1/18/08
Ms. Melanie Recchia	F.0700002	Effective 1/18/08

b. The committee reviewed one hardship request regarding supervision. The committee denied the request as the licensee did not show reasonable efforts to find an approved supervisor nor provided adequate information regarding the supervisor chosen.

- c. Discussion regarding Memo on Executive Session
 - i. The Memo informed the Board of the correct protocol in drafting minutes referencing executive session as stated by the State Auditor of Ohio.
 - ii. Committee had questions that they clarified with P.R. Casey, the Board's attorney general.
 - 1. Would this type of matter be handled by the State Auditor's office?
 - a. Mr. Casey stated that the State Auditor would not handle this issue.
 - 2. Is it mandatory to specify reason for utilizing executive session?
 - a. Mr. Casey stated that using the term "personnel" was adequate and acceptable.
- d. Committee discussed the proposed recordkeeping rule.
 - i. 4757-5-09 (J)
 - 1. Is there a minimum standard regarding what "secure" location and "authorized" persons mean?
 - ii. Mr. Camerino volunteered to research, as a reference, what psychologists do about recordkeeping.

5. Director's Report to the Committee:

- a. Mr. Rough, Executive Director, gave an update on the MFT legislative issue.
 - i. Bill 427 has been introduced in the House regarding the proposed MFT language changes.
 - ii. MFTs and Mental health agencies who want to hire MFTs are encouraged to write letters to the House Health Committee. Universities who have MFT programs are also urged to show their support for fixing the legislation. Mr. Rough will contact them on this issue.

6. Meeting Adjourned:

A motion was made by Mr. Trivison to adjourn the MFTPSC on January 18, 2008 at 11:32 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robertson; motion carried.

The minutes from January 17 & 18, 2008 have been approved by:

Mary Anne Sharkey Dirck
Chairperson of the Marriage and Family Therapist
Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC)