

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

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

March 18, 2005

Meeting was called to order by: Linda Barson,
Acting Chairperson

Members Present: Dr. Will Mosier,
Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey, and
Mr. Ken Trivison

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Tracey
Hosom, Mr. Jim Rough

Guests Present: None

1. Discussion of Agenda:

Discussion and Approval of Agenda.

2. Approval of January 21, 2005 Minutes:

A motion was made by Dr. Will Mosier to approve the January 21, 2005 minutes, seconded by Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey. Motion carried.

3. Approval List for MFT and IMFT Applications:

Reviewed Independent Marriage and Family Therapist applications and approved 12 licenses.

Reviewed Marriage and Family Therapist applications and approved 4 licenses.

A motion to license was made by Mr. Ken Trivison, seconded by Dr. Will Mosier. Motion Carried.

4. Intent to Deny:

Michelle Knapp: Application for IMFT. Hearing for grand parenting licensure. Applicant presented only 2 1/5 years of the required 5 years experience.

A motion to Deny License was made by Dr. Will Mosier, seconded by Mr. Ken Trivison. Motion carried.

5. Directors Report to Committee:

- Jim Rough, Executive Director, reports that the CSWMFT website will be completely updated within the next month.
- A lengthy discussion with the committee regarding the statute issue with the marriage and family therapist law. The director will schedule a follow up meeting with the committee chair regarding marriage and family therapist licensure.
- Currently working on developing a strategic plan for the Board and would like Board member input regarding what they would like to be addressed. This plan will be prepared for the May board meeting and finalized by the July board meeting. Committee suggestions:
 - Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey: The Board needs to develop guidelines for consumers, in order to better protect the public.
 - Ms. Linda Barson: Provide more information to applicants to ensure they are aware of what they may be eligible for.

6. Investigations Report to Committee:

Mr. Bill Hegarty reported that there are no new MFT investigations.

7. AAMFT:

None.

8. New Business:

- The committee reviewed correspondence from Virginia Monti IMFT, regarding the requirements for continuing education. Ms. Monti requested that the committee make an exception for the allowable home study CEU's to be increased from 10 due to her difficulty finding and attending programs. The committee thanked Ms. Monti for her concerns and cannot increase the limit at this time. As a reminder for Ms. Monti the committee notes that during the first renewal period all programs can be submitted on a post approval application. The committee will, however, raise this concern as an issue for consideration with the full board.
- The committee reviewed and approved supervision for an applicant per his consent agreement.
- In January the committee reviewed coursework from an applicant requesting to take the examination with a degree in Psychology. The committee did not accept per OAC 4757-25-01 (A), which states, "the program or concentration must clearly be identified as marriage and family therapy." The applicant requested that the coursework be considered again. The committee determined that under 4757-25001 B the standard equivalent for coursework described in A# and A4 would require that courses be taken from a regionally accredited program. California Coast University is a state approved program, not regionally accredited. The committee is unable to accept coursework from California Coast.
- The next testing window for the examination is from May 16 through June 11, 2005. 9 people have been approved to take it.

- Discussed practicum and internship supervision: The committee does not pre-approve practicum/internship supervision. The board accepts COAMFTE approved programs as having met the requirements for licensure. For guidelines on requirements the committee refers schools to the COAMFTE.

9. Old Business:

None.

10. Meeting Adjourned:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey, seconded by Mr. Ken Trivison. Motion Carried.

Dr. Julianne Serovich, Chairperson