



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

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

March 16 & 17, 2006

Meeting was called to order by:	Ms. Linda Barson, IMFT, LSW Chairperson
Members Present:	Mr. Jose Camerino, IMFT, LISW Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey Mr. Ken Trivison, IMFT, PCC
Staff Present:	Mr. Bill Hegarty, Ms. Tracey Hosom, Mr. Jim Rough
Guests Present:	None

The Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC) meeting was called to order by Ms. Barson, at approximately 9 a.m. on March 16, 2006. 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 11:15 a.m. on March 17, 2006.

- 1. Discussion of Agenda:**
Discussion and approval of Agenda. A motion was made to approve the Agenda by Mr. Jose Camerino, seconded by Mr. Ken Trivison. Motion carried.
- 2. Approval of January 2006 Minutes:**
A motion was made by Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey to approve the January 19 & 20, 2006 minutes, seconded by Mr. Jose Camerino. Motion carried.
- 3. Approval List for MFT and IMFT Applications: (Applications reviewed on Thursday March 16, 2006.)**

- Reviewed Independent Marriage and Family Therapist applications and approved 1 license.

A motion to license was made by Mr. Ken Trivison, seconded by Mr. Jose Camerino. Motion carried.

- Reviewed a request to take the examination from an applicant that had been asked to take additional coursework to complete the ethics requirement. Applicant took an online course from Capella University that included the AAMFT code of ethics. Course: Professional and Scientific ethics HS 815.

A motion to accept the course and approve the applicant to take the examination was made by Mr. Ken Trivison, seconded by Mr. Jose Camerino. Motion carried.

4. Intent to Deny:

None.

5. Directors Report to Committee:

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- Jim Rough, Executive Director, discussed a memo regarding the examination with the committee. Mr. Rough will look into any possible changes the examination administrators are looking into.

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- Mr. Rough discussed board consolidation issues and updated the committee.
- Mr. Rough discussed the agenda items to be covered at the April meeting and asked for the committee to consider possible legislative issues that they would like to address.

6. Legislative Update:

- Mr. Rough discussed progress with Representative Evans and Representative Webster towards resolving the legislative issues for MFT's. Discussion continued around demonstrating the coursework required for Marriage and Family Therapy degrees that demonstrate training in diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders.

7. Investigations Report to the Committee:

- Mr. Bill Hegarty reported that there are no new investigative cases regarding MFT's.
- A motion was made by Mr. Ken Trivison to enter executive session, seconded by Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey. Mr. Jose Camerino, yes, Mr. Ken Trivison, yes, Mr. Jose Camerino, yes, Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey, yes, Ms. Linda Barson, yes. After the committee discussed investigative issues the meeting was called back into regular session.
- A motion was made by Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey and seconded by Mr. Ken Trivison, to deny Mr. Kamran Gitiban a license in Marriage and Family

Therapy based on not meeting the requirements for grand parenting. Ms. Linda Barson, abstained. Motion carried.

- A motion to accept the consent agreement for Mr. David Kelner was made by Mr. Ken Trivison, and seconded by Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey. Ms. Linda Barson abstained. Motion carried.

8. New Business:

New business discussed on March 16, 2006:

- The committee discussed correspondence from prospective applicants requesting pre-approval for online degree programs. Degree's that are COAMFTE approved meet the requirements for marriage and family therapist licensing. The committee determined that at this point, they do not have the ability to pre-approve non COAMFTE approved programs.
- The committee previously issued a temporary license to an applicant per O.A.C. 4757-25-05. The applicant failed the examination, per Board rules, the temporary could not be reissued. The committee reviewed the law and rules and feels the primary responsibility and function of the Board is to protect the public.
- The committee considered questions surrounding ADA and any appropriate times to make exceptions to our rules. The topic was tabled for further discussion with the Boards Assistant Attorney General P.R. Casey.
- The committee reviewed correspondence from a potential applicant with a degree from a Japanese University. The committee requested that applicants with a foreign degree have the degree evaluated by the World Education Services (WES).
 - A. Step One: Have the degree evaluated by WES. To determine the degree equivalency and grade standards.
 - B. Step Two: Complete the coursework sheet and request to take the examination.
 - C. Step Three: The committee will review and determine eligibility.
- The committee reviewed a request from a potential applicant to take a course through Walden University to meet the course requirement for ethics. The course does not include AAMFT code of ethics. The committee determined that the course must cover the AAMFT code of ethics and denied the request.
- The committee discussed how to increase the availability of approved continuing education programs for MFT's. They discussed with Patty Miller, program coordinator, how to include individual programs that are approved for counselors and social workers for consideration for MFT approval. The committee asked Ms. Miller to include a list of MFT/IMFT's with her renewal notices for CEU Providers in order to make them aware of the need for approval for marriage and family therapists.

New Business discussed on March 17, 2006:

- The committee discussed a request for the acceptance of a potential applicant's experience earned in another state under the supervision of an LCSW. The committee determined per O.A.C. 4757-25-04 the experience must be post education. The applicant has not completed the educational requirements (a degree must total 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours), therefore the experience does not appear to meet requirements. The committee denies approval for the experience.
- The committee discussed changes to the license application and the temporary license application. They drafted the changes to update the applications.
- The committee discussed the agenda items for discussion at the April board meeting. They plan to cover the following:
 - A. Legislative issues** including; strategies, communication mechanisms, future changes, monitoring, awareness, and defining in the rules alternative supervisor possibilities.
 - B. Endorsement** including; which states meet, or have similar requirements regarding education, testing, and experience. Review state by state requirements for marriage and family therapist licenses.
 - C. Continuing Education Requirements:** The committee's goal is to bring the continuing education discussion and issues to a vote.
 - D. Consumer Education** including; how people are licensed, what are MFT's?
 - Disseminating information to the public.
 - Develop brochures to educate.
 - Update the website with consumer education.
 - Educating students and the public about the board function as well as how to file complaints.

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.

Linda K. Barson, IMFT, LSW
Chair Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee