



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

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

March 20 & 21, 2008

Members Present:

Mr. Jose Camerino, IMFT, LISW
Mr. Ken Trivison, IMFT, PCC

Members Absent:

Mr. Tommie Robertson, MFT
Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey Dirck

Staff Present:

Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan
Mr. James Rough

Guests Present:

None

The Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC) meeting was an unofficial meeting due to the absence of a quorum. The unofficial meeting began at approximately 9:34 a.m. on March 20, 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 unofficial meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:07 a.m. on March 21, 2008.

1. Minutes:

- a. The minutes from January 17 & 18, 2008 will be voted on at the May 2008 meeting.

2. Old Business:

- a. Discussion on Internet Therapy Rule
 - i. Mr. Casey reviewed proposed rule with the ad hoc committee regarding this issue. Mr. Casey made suggestions to the ad hoc committee to revise the proposed rules so they are enforceable and stay minimal in scope.
 - ii. Members agreed to continue discussion at May meeting.
- b. Members discussed the proposed recordkeeping rule change and is satisfied with the current non-specific language regarding 4757-5-09 (J) and the words “secure” and “authorized”.

3. New Business:

- a. The members present reviewed and approved making a motion at the full board meeting to license three applicants for the MFT credential and two applicants for the IMFT credential.
 - i. A motion was made by Mr. Camerino at the full Board meeting on Friday March 21, 2008 to license these five individuals.
 - ii. The names of those licensed on March 21, 2008 are listed below:

Ms. Sara Roth	M.0500018	Effective 3/21/08
Ms. Laura Tejada	M.0700023	Effective 3/21/08
Ms. Cheryl Williams	M.0700028	Effective 3/21/08
Ms. Melissa Strombeck	F.0700005	Effective 3/21/08
Ms. Lauren Woods	F.0800004	Effective 3/21/08
- b. The members reviewed three requests for licensing examination. The members approved all three requests, with the stipulation that one applicant provide additional information before being added to the examination list.
- c. The members reviewed one hardship request regarding supervision. The members approved the request as the licensee had maintained the same supervisor since before the supervision requirement changed in November 2006.
- d. Members discussed change in work hour policy mandated by Governor.
 - i. Members acknowledged that it must be implemented as it is by the Governor’s order.
 - ii. Members contend that the Executive Director will still maintain discretion over some flexibility in the employees’ schedules as long as the phone and office are staffed according to the directive of 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday.
- e. Members discussed the possibility of having a retreat-type experience to discuss goals and forward thinking of the Board as a whole.

4. 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. Testimony on the matter began on March 12, 2008.
- b. The Governor's office has several individuals from which to select the new member to the MFTPSC; Mr. Rough believes this person will be appointed by the May meeting.
- c. In light of the travel restrictions imposed by the Governor's office, most conferences and meetings, including the annual AMFTRB conference, will not be attended by staff or Board members.
- d. The Criminal Records Check will go into effect on March 24, 2008 and the pertinent information has already been added to the website and licensure applications.
- e. As part of Governor Strickland's Executive Order on Common Sense Business Regulations:
 - i. Measures will be implemented to make licensing requirements less complicated
 - ii. Customer feedback will be elicited in a variety of ways

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Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC)