



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

Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee Minutes

March 19 & 20, 2009

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Members Present: Dr. Thomas McGloshen, IMFT, PCC
Mr. Tommie Robertson, MFT
Mr. Ken Trivison, IMFT, PCC
Ms. Peggy Volters, IMFT, PCC
Mr. John Cranley, Public Member

Staff Present: Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan, Ms. Rhonda Franklin, Mr. Bill Hegarty, Mr. Jim Rough

Guests Present: None

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mr. John Cranley called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Discussion/Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Cranley to approve the agenda, seconded by Dr. McGloshen. Motion carried.

3. Approval of January 2008 Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Cranley to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting, seconded by Dr. McGloshen. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Applications for Licensure

A motion was made by Mr. Cranley to approve the following applications for licensure, seconded by Dr. McGloshen. Motion carried.

MFT - 2 Applications Approved
IMFT- 2 Applications Approved

5. **Review of Examination Requests**

The members reviewed and approved three requests for licensing examination.

6. **Planning Committee for July**

The MFTPSC members are satisfied with the current agenda/goals to be discussed at the July planning meeting.

7. **Old Business**

Five Year Rule Review

- a. Committee continued reviewing those rules which are part of the 5 year rule review, including most of the MFT rules.
 - i. 4757-7-01 (C) (3): Correction to read “In order to be licensed, those with expired licenses shall apply as if never licensed.”
 - ii. 4757-9-01 (A): Correction to read “Marriage and family therapists and independent marriage and family therapists are required to obtain...”
- b. Committee reviewed the rules pertaining to MFT that were drafted from suggestions at the January meeting.
 - i. 4757-25-05 (B) “A temporary license may be issued only if it is...”
 - ii. 4757-25-05 (E) Substitute “new” for “second”.
 - iii. 4757-25-02 (E) Substitute “AMFTRB and the MFTPSC” for “Professional Examination Services (PES)”
 - iv. 4757-25-07 (A) (2) (c) Eliminate “independent”
 - v. The Committee would like to draft a rule that allow the licensure coordinator to license applicants between board meetings given that all criteria have been met.
- c. Committee will continue to review all rules for the five year review at future meetings.

8. **New Business**

4757-25-07 (New Proposed Rule Change to Allow Staff to License Applicants)

The MFTPSC concluded that it would be appropriate for Ms. Adorjan to license all MFT and IMFT applicants on a daily basis. The committee concluded that the only applicants that need to be approved by the MFTPSC are those with a conviction(s), loss of license, etc. In addition, the MFTPSC would review all MFT and IMFT applicants licensed between each Board meeting period. A motion was made by Dr. McGloshen to implement the terms of rule 4757-25-07 on a policy basis until it is adopted through JCARR and allow the marriage and family therapist coordinator to license applicants on a daily basis. Seconded by Mr. Cranley. Motion carried.

MFT Examination Scores

After much discussion regarding the national MFT examination and its scoring process, the MFTPSC decided to create two separate cut scores for an MFT level and an IMFT level of passing the exam which was applied to the recent January-February 2009 examination window and subsequent windows moving forward. A motion was made by

Mr. Cranley to approve the creation of two cut scores for Ohio applicants taking the MFT examination, seconded by Dr. McGloshen. Motion carried.

Renewal and Budget Issues

Rhonda Franklin, Renewal Coordinator, spoke to the MFTPSC regarding a proposal to send out postcards to those that failed to renew on time. Considering the additional paperwork and budget constraints, Ms. Franklin and the Committee members were in agreement that this proposal not be implemented.

9. Director's Report to the Committee

Mr. Rough, Executive Director, gave an update on the MFT legislative issue.

- a. The MFT rules from Bill 427 were filed with JCARR and a public hearing was held on March 3, 2009. The Bill is expected to be effective April 7, 2009. ODMH is in the process of creating rules concerning reimbursement and should be filed shortly. There will be a waiting period while the federal government approves the Medicare/Medicaid billing change; anticipated date for this to take place is July 1, 2009.
- b. Mr. Rough discussed the laws and rules exam that has been created on the website. He would like to release it now for CEU credit for licensees and after reviewing its effectiveness, release the exam as requirement for licensure by October 1, 2009, if possible.

Mr. Rough discussed the consolidation language in proposed state budget. HB 648 creates challenges for the boards and commissions but it is still in the process of being implemented.

Mr. Rough discussed the current budget situation within the state and the CSWMFT Board's desire to continue remaining fiscally responsible. A proposal has been made to eliminate the use of the bank lockbox for renewals and request renewal online exclusively. An estimated \$2500 per year will be saved as a result of this change.

Mr. Rough discussed the formal AG's opinion regarding the civil service exemption; the exemption status is absolute. In light of this decision, several state agencies are now working to reconcile position description titles with licensure requirements so as to resolve this issue to their satisfaction.

Mr. Rough discussed the continued progression of the Art Therapist legislation. If this legislation were to become law, this group would likely join this Board as another discipline alongside the Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists.

10. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Trivison. Motion carried.

Friday, March 20, 2009

Members Present: Dr. Thomas McGloshen, Mr. Tommie Robertson, Mr. Ken Trivison, Ms. Peggy Volters, Mr. John Cranley

Staff Present: Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan

Guests Present: None

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

2. CEU Committee

Dr. McGloshen reported on the CEU committee meeting of the previous afternoon. He presented an assessment guide the CEU committee adopted to use as a reasonable assist in evaluating programs and/or providers. The CEU committee suggested getting rid of the current rule that states a licensee cannot obtain CEU hours for courses taught as part of their full-time employment. The MFTPSC was in agreement on this matter. A lively discussion took place within the MFTPSC regarding whether a licensee should be able to bank CEU hours regardless of the two year renewal timeframe. A consensus was not reached on this issue; however, the general tone was that such a policy would be counterproductive to insuring that licensees maintained their continuing education credits on a consistent and continual basis.

3. Working Meeting

The MFTPSC proceeded with a working meeting to Review CEU Programs and Providers.

4. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m., seconded by Dr. McGloshen. Motion carried.

Tommie L. Robertson
Chairperson of the Marriage and Family Therapist
Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC)