

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

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

May 21, 2004

Meeting was called to order by: Dr. Julianne Serovich, Chairperson

Members Present: Ms. Linda Barson, Dr. William
Mosier, Dr. Julianne Serovich,
Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey
Mr. Kenneth Trivison.

Staff Present: Ms. Beth Farnsworth,
Ms. Tracey Hosom. Mr. Bill
Hegarty.

Guests Present: Julie Barone.

- 1. Discussion of Agenda:**
Discussion and approval of agenda.

- 2. Approval of April 5th, 2004 Minutes:**
Mr. Ken Trivison/Ms. Linda Barson Motion carried.

- 3. Directors Report to Committee:**
 - Beth has updated the Board's Policy and Procedure Manual to reflect the conceal/carry policy that is required by all state agencies.
 - Recommends that the Board change the date of voting for the chair of the full board and committee's chair to the

beginning of the fiscal year, as opposed to it's current date in January.

- Beth met with the Auditors to do an exit interview regarding our audit. There were no findings in the audit, recommendations were made regarding office procedures.
- Beth has been elected to serve on the executive board of ASCB.
- Clear conference is in Kansas City, with the AAMFTRB scheduled on the Wednesday before the conference, Tracey to attend.
- Discussed the changes made to the contract with PES. They did not make changes to the accommodations that the committee requested, but did itemize costs associated with the accommodation requests. They did make the other two changes, which included listing the exam as legally valid, and subject to Ohio law, it was previously listed as subject to New York law. Beth recommends the board approve/accept the contract.
- Two rules are to be refilled due to technical changes.
- Staff to go over the contract with Beth and implement a letter to include with the test packet clearly explaining the process to candidates.

4. Investigations:

Mr. Hegarty:

- No investigations at this time.

5. AAMFT:

None.

6. Contract with PES:

- The committee reviewed the changes made to the contract with PES.

Motion to approve/accept contract:

Ms. Linda Barson/Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey Motion Carried.

7. New Business:

- Reviewed Independent Marriage and Family Therapist applications and approved 38 licenses. Reviewed Marriage and Family Therapist applications and approved 3.
- Reviewed several requests to take the examination from applicants with a degree from a school without the COAMFTE accreditation, letters to be sent from staff outlining deficiencies and requests for course descriptions.
- Discussed the acceptable grades allowable. The committee referred to Ohio Administrative Rule 4757-3-01 (J)(1). The committee will not accept a grade below "B".
- Reviewed a request to take the examination from an applicant with a degree from Liberty University, which is primarily a distance learning program. The committee discussed the accreditation and curriculum. The committee will consider each "online" degree program on a case-by-case basis. The MFT program is sixty semester hours. It appears that there is no systems course for MFT. It is unclear if the ethics course covers marriage and family therapy as it appears to deal primarily with individual counseling ethics. There is a component of classroom learning. The committee is requesting more information regarding the criteria for the practicum requirement, requesting course descriptions for the ethics course, and clarification on the systems course.
- Committee discussed the testing process and would like to be aware of the requests and have final say on any that require disapproval of accommodations, staff to review and approve requests.
- Discussion with Beth regarding CEU's and who is qualified to present. The committee will look into how to educate the public regarding the marriage and family therapist profession. The committee would like to approach the OAMFT to appoint a public liaison to promote and explain the profession.

8. Old Business:

- None.

9. **Meeting Adjourned:**

Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey/Dr. William Mosier. Motion carried.



Dr. Julianne Serovich, Chairperson