



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

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

May 18 & 19, 2006

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

The Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC) meeting was called to order by Ms. Barson, at approximately 11 a.m. on May 18, 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 11:00 a.m. on May 19, 2006.

1. Discussion of Agenda:

- a. A motion was made by Mrs. Sharkey Dirck to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Trivison; motion passes

2. Directors Report to the Committee

- a. Mr. Rough, Executive Director; discussed the strategic plan and asked for input
- b. Mr. Rough discussed the April 20 & 21, 2006 Board Retreat with members of the MFTPSC

- c. Mr. Rough suggested that the Board implement late fees for licensees who renew past their renewal date
 - i. The MFTPSC agreed with this suggestion
- d. Mr. Rough suggested that the Board implement fees to become a program provider, or to offer programs to licensees
 - i. The MFTPSC agreed with this suggestion in theory, but would like more time to review with the entire Board.
 - ii. Mr. Rough suggested that the Board implement penalty fees for licenses in lieu of a consent agreement for licensees facing disciplinary action; or add penalty fees in conjunction with a consent agreement
 - 1. The MFTPSC agreed with this suggestion
- e. Mr. Rough suggested that the Board increase licensure and renewal fees across
 - 1. The MFTPSC agreed with this suggestion

3. Deputy Director's Report to the Committee

- a. Informed the Committee that there has been no reported complaints regarding MFT's since the last Board meeting

4. Legislative Update

- a. Mr. Rough discussed progress towards resolving issues with the "Clean Up Bill"
 - i. Suggested that MFT's inform legislators of what services MFT's perform, and how the services rendered differ from other mental health providers
 - ii. Encourages licensees to write letters to their legislators
 - iii. The MFTPSC informed Mr. Rough that the MFTPSC does not want to limit the scope of practice of any other profession that this Board licenses,
 - 1. However, the MFTPSC has been charged by the Joint Commission on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) to clean up their legislation
 - 2. Again Mr. Rough stressed that the MFTPSC must explain to legislators the difference between the MFT profession and other mental health professions
 - a. Mr. Rough suggested composing a one page explanation of what services a MFT performs
 - b. The explanation must be in plain English

5. Amended April Minutes

- a. Mrs. Barson suggested that the phrase "Clean Up Bill" be added into the April 20 & 21, 2006 Board Retreat Minutes
 - i. Mrs. Barson believed that this phrase will better reflect the task that the MFTPSC was charged with by JCARR

- ii. After discussion by the MFTPSC, Mr. Camerino moved to approve the amended April minutes, seconded by Mrs. Sharkey Dirck,; motion passes

6. New Business

- a. Ms. Linda Barson will not be accepting reappointment in October 2006. Ms. Barson suggested that she would like to be replaced by an educator
- b. The MFTPSC will elect a new chairperson in July. Ms. Barson will not be seeking reelection
- c. Mr. Powrie has been receiving several phone calls form licensees who are attempting to bill via insurance
 - i. The MFTPSC gave direction to Mr. Powrie on how to respond to such inquiries
- d. A motion was made by Mr. Trivison to one applicant, seconded by Mr. Camerino; motion passes
- e. Mr. Powrie received five requests to sit for the MFT licensure examination, however out the five who requested to sit for the exam, zero were approved
- f. There was an intense discussion about the difference of the licensed professions who compose this licensure Board.
- g. The MFTPSC would like to correct the portion of the law that requires the full Board to approve licensure applications
 - i. The MFTPSC would like to become an autonomous committee, just like the other professional standards committees that compose this licensure Board
- h. The MFTPSC entered into executive session on May 19, 2006 at 11:45am to discuss legislative and staffing issues.
 - i. Voting Aye: Mr. Camerino, Mrs. Sharkey Dirck, and Mr. Trivison
 - ii. The MFTPSC came out of executive session on May 19, 2006 at 12:05pm

7. Meeting Adjourned

- a. A motion was made by Mr. Trivison to adjourn the MFTPSC on May 19, 2006 at 12:15pm. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Sharkey Dirck; motion passes

The minutes from May 18 & 19, 2006 have been approved by:

Linda Barson, IMFT, LSW
Chairperson of the Marriage and Family Therapist
Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC)