



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

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

July 17 & 18, 2008

Members Present:

Mr. Jose Camerino, IMFT, LISW
Mr. Tommie Robertson, MFT
Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey Dirck
Mr. Ken Trivison, IMFT, PCC

Staff Present:

Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan
Mr. James Rough
Mr. Bill Hegarty

Guests Present:

None

The Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC) meeting was called to order by Ms. Sharkey Dirck, at approximately 9:20 a.m. on July 17, 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 meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:36 a.m. on July 17, 2008.

1. Discussion of Agenda:

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Sharkey Dirck. Motion carried.

2. Approval of May 2008 Minutes:

- a. A motion was made by Mr. Camerino to amend the minutes from the previous board meeting; seconded by Ms. Sharkey Dirck. Under 3.a.i omitted “with great reservations” and under 5.d inserted “as required by the Public Records Policy” to clarify what correspondence would fall under this policy.
- b. A motion was made by Mr. Trivison to approve the amended minutes of the previous board meeting; seconded by Mr. Camerino. Motion carried.

3. Old Business:

- a. All Committee members unanimously re-elected Ms. Sharkey Dirck as Chair for the MFTPSC.

4. New Business:

- a. The committee reviewed and agreed to license two applicants for the IMFT credential and three applicants for the MFT credential.

- i. A motion was made by Mr. Camerino to license these three individuals. Seconded by Ms. Sharkey Dirck.

- ii. The names of those licensed on July 18, 2008 are listed below:

Ms. Michelle Bowes	M.0700014	Effective 07/18/08
Ms. Joya D’Cruz	F.0800002	Effective 07/18/08
Ms. Noel Lopez-Freeman	F.0800005	Effective 07/18/08
Mr. Kevin Meyer	M.0800001	Effective 07/18/08
Mr. Jeffrey Reech	M.0700022	Effective 07/18/08

- ii. The members reviewed three requests for licensing examination. The members approved two requests and denied one request to take the examination because the applicant’s degree did not meet the educational requirements required.
- c. The members reviewed one hardship request regarding supervision. The members denied the request because the applicant had not exhausted all possibilities of finding an approved supervisor under the requirements.
- d. Members discussed the memo regarding the Budget Revenue fee increases.
 - i. Suggestions were made to increase the monetary amount in the fines and fees, including a higher maximum amount for fines.
 - ii. A question was raised as to the difference between suspension and revocation and the disciplinary procedures involved with each.
- e. Committee would like to implement an “inactive” status for non-practicing licensees as well as an “inactive in renewal” to further clarify when a licensee has failed to renew on time.

5. Deputy Director’s Report to the Committee

- a. Mr. Hegarty informed the Committee of an investigation involving an MFT. After investigating the allegations, the Deputy Director recommended that the MFTPSC close the case with a cautionary letter.

- i. A motion was made by Mr. Robertson to close case number 2008-41. Seconded by Ms. Sharkey Dirck; motion carried.

6. Director's Report to the Committee:

- a. Mr. Rough, Executive Director, gave an update on the MFT legislative issue.
 - i. Bill 427 passed the House on May 22, 2008.
 - ii. Senate will now receive matter but has recessed until September.
- b. The Governor's office has several individuals from which to select the new member to the MFTPSC; Mr. Rough has not been informed of an appointee as of this meeting.
- c. There is a possible bill regarding Ohio Health Care Provider Information Act which, if passed, will be implemented through a website that will create a drop down list that gives specialty areas for licensees.
- d. The Art Therapist legislation is progressing, however not quickly and the Board will simply wait and monitor the process at this time.
- e. Mr. Rough reviewed the memo regarding the Budget Revenues with the Committee and clarified questions the members posed. The fee and fine amounts were discussed as to amounts and that the final amounts will be set through the rule making process.

7. Meeting Adjourned:

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson to adjourn the MFTPSC on July 18, 2008 at 11:36 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trivison; motion carried.

Mary Anne Sharkey Dirck
Chairperson of the Marriage and Family Therapist
Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC)