



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

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

**July 15 & 16, 2010**

**Thursday, July 15, 2010**

**Members Present:** Dr. Thomas McGloshen, IMFT, PCC  
Dr. Deirdre Petrich, IMFT, PCC, LSW  
Mr. Tommie Robertson, IMFT  
Ms. Peggy Volters, IMFT, PCC  
Mr. John Cranley, Public Member

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

**Guests Present:** None

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

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

**2. Discussion/Approval of Agenda**

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

**3. Approval of May 2010 Minutes**

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

IMFT - 3 Applications Approved

5. **Review of Examination Requests**

The members reviewed and denied one request for licensing examination.

6. **Review of Supervision Hardship Request**

The members reviewed a request for supervision hardship; the Committee approved the request as the licensee provided detailed efforts to find a supervisor and none were reasonably available.

7. **Discussion Issues**

**IMFT Supervision Designation**

The MFTPSC discussed adding a supervision designation for the IMFT license comparable to the one in place for the PCCs and the LISWs.

- Staff presented a draft rule as requested at the previous (May 2010) meeting.
- In a reversal of last meeting's decision, the Committee now wishes to create a grandparenting option and requested that staff draft a grandparenting clause to include in the draft rule.
- Possible re-wording of (F) (3) paragraph so as to clarify exact meaning of board approved coursework.
- Mr. Cranley voiced objections to creating a supervision designation at this time as he believes it is unnecessary and the state of Ohio does not possess the amount of IMFT/MFTs to warrant instituting such a designation.
- The counter-argument posed by Mr. Robinson was that a supervision designation will insure quality and oversight of the IMFTs that supervise.

**Promotion of MFT License**

Dr. Petrich discussed her recent discussion with Dr. Parr of the University of Akron's MFT program.

- Dr. Petrich is concerned with the difficulty in attracting people to the program as MFTs. The three points that must be stressed include education, understanding and attraction of the MFT licensure.
- The Committee is continuing to insist that coordination occur between the University of Akron and the MFT Coordinator, Ms. Adorjan, in order to facilitate education and understanding of the MFT license to current and prospective students. A two-day event is requested to help accomplish these goals.
- Executive Director, Mr. Rough, has agreed that funds will be made available for such a venture.

## **MFT Examination Policy**

The MFTPSC continued a previous discussion on how to insure competency when an expired licensee wants to re-apply or an applicant takes the exam but does not complete the licensure process.

- A consensus was met to implement a policy to require a certain number of CEU hours to be taken or the option of re-testing for re-licensure.
- Staff presented a draft rule as requested at the previous (May 2010) meeting.
- Make correction to (F) (1) to read: Re-take and achieve a passing score on the national “Examination In Marital and Family Therapy” offered by the...

### **8. Working Meeting**

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

### **9. Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Dr. Petrich to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Robertson. Motion carried.

## **Friday, July 16, 2010**

**Members Present:** Dr. Thomas McGloshen, Dr. Deirdre Petrich, Mr. Tommie Robertson, Ms. Peggy Volters, Mr. John Cranley

**Staff Present:** Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan, Mr. Jim Rough

**Guests Present:** None

### **1. Meeting Called to Order**

Mr. Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

### **2. Rule Review**

The MFTPSC members discussed the proposed rules slated for review and are satisfied with the rules as noted:

- Committee approves suggested changes to the Bartering Rules.
- Committee approves of the Fines/Fees draft rule regarding fining licensees per Committee discretion.
- The rule regarding university provider status:
  - The Committee prefers option of deleting Paragraph (6) and adding educational institutions to Paragraph (7)

### 3. Discussion Issues (continued)

#### Banking of Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

The MFTPSC discussed what amount of CEU hours to allow licensees to bank should the system of banking be instituted by the Board.

- Various numbers from 3, 6, 10, 12, and 15 were discussed.
- Mr. Robertson was in favor of 15 hours or at a minimum, 12 hours.
- Dr. McGloshen favored 15 hours but noted that he was still opposed to the idea of banking.
- Mr. Cranley favored at least 15 hours being bankable.
- The MFTPSC reached a consensus that 15 hours be the amount of hours allowed to bank in a renewal period.

#### CEU Requirements

On the issue of requiring Diversity CEUs, per a discussion that was raised during the Planning Meeting of July 15, the MFTPSC does not wish to add another required subgroup to the current CEU requirements.

#### Professional Disclosure Statement

The MFTPSC discussed a proposal to eliminate the requirement of the Professional Disclosure statement which all practicing licensees of the Board are required to create and display.

- Members of the Committee debated the actual usefulness of the disclosure statement as many clients do not ask for it nor pay attention when it is posted. The Audit Coordinator and MFT Coordinator, Ms. Adorjan, noted that many licensees when audited are not aware of what a disclosure statement is or that they are required to possess one.
- In the interest of protecting the public, Mr. Cranley and Dr. McGloshen believed the disclosure statement is important so consumers are aware of their rights and have recourse for their complaints.
- The MFTPSC is not willing to open the statute for this particular issue; it is thought unnecessary to get rid of the professional disclosure statement at this time.

### 4. Director's Report to the Committee

Mr. Rough, Executive Director, gave his report to the MFTPSC.

- Mr. Rough reminded the Committee members that four Board members' appointments will be expiring in October of this year with at least two members not returning.
- Mr. Rough discussed all current legislation relevant to the Board that is pending including HB 62, HB 281 and HB 208. All have had recent hearings but not any significant movement toward passage or resolution at the current time.
- Mr. Rough reminded Committee members of the 2 hour ethics training in September that must be attended, if not already completed.
- Input regarding the banking of CEUs was requested and received from the relevant professional organizations and a clear majority is in favor of the concept.
- Mr. Rough discussed the Board's budget; the requested increase in budget authority for Fiscal year 2011 was approved by the Controlling Board.

- Mr. Rough is in the process of initiating IT changes to help facilitate savings to the Board.
- A statute change has been requested for the implementation of an MFT trainee status.
- The MFTPSC made known their request for more efficiency regarding travel reimbursements of Board members; reimbursements are taking 6-8 weeks to receive. Committee members implored Mr. Rough to contact the requisite office of the Governor to resolve these concerns.

**5. Meeting Adjourned**

A motion was made by Mr. Cranley to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m., seconded by Dr. Petrich. Motion carried.

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