



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

Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee Minutes

July 21 & 22, 2011

Thursday, July 21, 2011

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 9:05 a.m.

2. Discussion/Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of May 2011 Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. McGloshen to approve the slightly amended minutes of the May 2011 Board meeting, seconded by Ms. Volters. Motion carried.

4. **Elect MFTPSC Chair**

A motion was made by Ms. Volters to nominate Dr. McGloshen to become acting chair for the MFTPSC, seconded by Dr. Petrich. Motion carried.

5. **Approval of Applications for Licensure**

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson to approve the following applications for licensure, seconded by Ms. Volters. Motion carried.

IMFT - 2 Applications Approved

MFT - 2 Applications Approved

6. **Review of Examination Requests**

The Committee reviewed 2 requests for licensing examination; two requests were approved and one request was denied.

7. **Discussion Issues**

Promotion of MFT License

The MFTPSC continued discussion regarding the best way to promote the MFT license in Ohio and begin increasing the number of MFT licensees in the state of Ohio.

- The Committee realized upon closer examination that the conference they would like a member to attend is not the annual AAMFT Conference in September in Fort Worth, Texas, but the annual AMFTRB meeting in September in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Committee decided that Dr. McGloshen should attend on behalf of the Committee and the Ohio Board.
- After a collaborative effort between this Board and Wright State University, there is confirmation from Wright State that they will begin implementing course requirements that will make it possible for students to become licensed as an MFT or even dually licensed as a PC/MFT.
- Dr. Petrich consulted with Walden University (online school) regarding their MFT program; based on their curriculum and coursework, their MFT degree appears sufficient to gain licensure with this Board. Dr. Petrich and Ms. Adorjan consulted on the specific courses needed for MFT licensure based on the Walden curriculum and this program has been deemed acceptable to the Committee should the requisite courses be taken.
- At the May meeting, Committee member Dr. McGloshen was tasked with contacting the MFT program at Ohio State. Evidently the department is not interested in offering a Masters-level program, only the PhD degree. Reasons cited include that it would be too expensive and time consuming as well as the overall goal of the

program is to focus on creating academicians rather than practicing professionals. However, interested students may take up to 10 credit hours in the graduate program as a “non-degree” seeking student. This may offer an option to those that need to supplement coursework for the MFT licensure requirements.

- The Committee clarified that rule 4757-25-02 (F) also applies to those MFT/IMFT licensees who were grandfathered into the license and therefore may not have taken an examination as a condition of licensure.
- Clarification on the examination policy prompted discussion on allowing expired licensees to use the degree(s) obtained at time of grandfathered licensure, if wanting to apply for a new license. The MFT Coordinator, Ms. Adorjan, was tasked to research and draft a rule for review at the September meeting.

8. Working Meeting

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

9. Meeting Adjourned

Dr. McGloshen adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Friday, July 22, 2011

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

Staff Present: Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan

Guests Present: None

1. Meeting Called to Order

Dr. McGloshen called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

2. Discussion Issues

Competency of Licensees

The MFTPSC discussed the competency issue raised at the planning meeting on Thursday evening. The position of the MFTPSC is that more information is needed as to a possible rubric concerning requirements. However, even in light of additional information, this option

should be available only as a self-assessment tool with a possible option that it could count toward a maximum of 3 hours of CEU credit, similar to the Laws and Rules exam offered by the Board.

Fines for Audit Failure

The MFTPSC agrees with a proposal to use fines for audit failure and would like to move forward with changing the statute to allow for this option.

Non-Compete Clause

The MFTPSC discussed this issue in relation to client records. Committee requests that Mr. Hegarty and Mr. Rough look into this matter and report back to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

Professional Disclosure Statement

The MFTPSC wishes to keep the current law that requires licensees of the Board to keep and display a professional disclosure statement.

3. Director's Report to the Committee

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

- Mr. Rough discussed all current legislation relevant to the Board. The Board has identified sponsorship within the legislature, Rep. Gonzalez, to introduce the proposed statute changes.
- There are 3 MFTPSC members that are up for re-appointment in October: Dr. McGloshen, Ms. Volters and Mr. Cranley. If any are seeking re-appointment, they were encouraged to complete a new application and submit to the Governor's office.
- A new chairperson of the Board must be chosen at this meeting. Traditionally, this position has rotated between the three professional standards committees. The MFTPSC is next in the rotation. Mr. Robertson is thought to be the likely candidate chosen..
- The budget bill passed and the Board concluded fiscal year 2011 in good shape.

4. Meeting Adjourned

Dr. McGloshen adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Dr. Thomas McGloshen
Chairperson of the Marriage and Family Therapist
Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC)