

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

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

**September 17, 2004**

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

**Members Present:** 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:** Mr. Glen Carr.

- 1. Discussion of Agenda:**  
Discussion and approval of agenda.
- 2. Approval of July 16th, 2004 Minutes:**  
Dr. William Mosier/Mr. Ken Trivison. Motion carried.
- 3. Approval list for MFT and IMFT Applications:** Reviewed Independent Marriage and Family Therapist applications and approved 10 licenses. Reviewed Marriage and Family Therapist applications and approved 3 licenses.

#### **4. Intent to Deny:**

- Knapp, Michelle-application for IMFT licensure; does not have the documented 5 years of experience.

#### **5. Directors Report to Committee:**

- Beth Farnsworth reported that she will attend the public hearing on October 4<sup>th</sup> for ODMH rules update, which includes MFT's in their matrix as approved providers. (Dr. Serovich requested notice of location in order to attend.)
- The board is preparing to send out renewals for the Jan.-Jun. renewal period, the newsletter that accompanies renewal information is currently being updated.
- Discussion about computer services converting our office to the new data system beginning on September 21st. The goal is to have the office converted completely by Oct.
- Beth and Dr. Mosier met with ODADAS. The meeting was very positive. MFT's and IMFT's can already provide services per their statute, and they plan to make changes to include MFTs and IMFTs as supervisors. Beth is still trying to set a meeting with a representative of CCDCC- they are still transitioning from certification to licensing.
- Discussion regarding the recent news articles about unlicensed practitioners in exempt settings. Beth has made contact with the NASW regarding possible changes to those laws.
- CLEAR conference to be held in the last week of September- Will Mosier to attend, also Glen Abraham (social work board member), and Susan Huss (counselor board member). Beth, along with the director of the NY Board, has concerns regarding the AMFTRB accommodations for ADA. Beth will discuss her concerns with Lois Hurph.
- The testing window is currently under way from Sept. 13- Oct. 9. The board has issued several approvals to the examination, and we expect applications for non-grand parenting by the next board date.
- The upcoming Ohio Counselors Association Conference has a booth for the board, primarily for counselor information. Will

and Julie asked that staff attend to answer questions about MFT. Staff to contact AAMFT regarding possible materials to have on hand for the conference, as well as have materials such as licensing information and fact sheets.

- The AAMFT conference is to be held in Akron on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005.

## 6. Investigations:

Motion: Dr. Serovich/Ms. Barson made a motion and seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss investigations. Roll call vote: Dr. Mosier, Aye, Mr. Trivison, Aye, Ms. Sharkey, Aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

At the conclusion of the discussion the meeting was called back to regular session.

Mr. Hegarty:

- Kevin Zehe-Consent agreement for a MFT applicant-practicing on a lapsed license. The applicant will receive supervision under a board-approved supervisor for a minimum of 1 year; the supervisor will make quarterly reports to the committee regarding supervision. Dr. Mosier/Dr. Serovich made a motion and seconded to accept the consent agreement and license. Motion carried unanimously.
- David Kelner-Consent agreement for an IMFT applicant practicing on a lapsed license. The applicant formerly withdrew IMFT application and applied for MFT, the applicant will receive supervision for a period of one year under a board-approved supervisor. The supervisor will make quarterly reports to the committee regarding supervision. The committee will accept the examination scores and one year of clinical experience from CA. Dr. Mosier/Ms. Barson made a motion and seconded to accept the consent agreement and license. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. AAMFT:**

None.

**8. New Business:**

- Reviewed additional information from an applicant from Notre Dame de Namur University in CA- Ma Marital and Family Therapy, art therapy. After review of the materials submitted by the Director of the MFT/Art Therapy program the board approved the request to take the examination.
- Discussion revolving around course descriptions and syllabi submitted for review for applicants requesting to take the examination. The committee will accept a photocopy of an original from an institutions official catalog or syllabi. The documents must demonstrate course content.
- Discussion revolving around the verification of experience form- question #3 (C) Do you recommend this applicant for licensure? For one “No” recommendation staff will obtain additional written explanation. For two “No” recommendations the staff and or committee will speak with the supervisor/evaluator and obtain additional written explanation, as well as contacting any “yes” recommendations to compare supervisor observations. The committee will consider “No” recommendations on a case-by-case basis.
- **MOTION:** Dr. Julie Serovich/Ms. Linda Barson made a motion and seconded the motion that the committee goes into executive session. Voting Aye: Mr. Trivison, Dr. Mosier, and Ms. Sharkey. Voting Nay:None. Motion carried unanimously.

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**9. Old Business:**

- Dr. Serovich reported that she attended the ASWB meeting in Salt Lake City. The training provided helpful guidance for

new board members; of note the training emphasized how board member conduct can influence cases.

- Dr. Serovich reported that she attended the AMFT meeting: accomplishments of the meeting; depathologized homosexuality, discussion regarding the proposed constitutional amendment for the “Defense of Family” act and the ramifications to the Marriage and Family Therapist profession, how the definition of what constitutes marriage may affect the scope of practice of “Marriage” and Family Therapist.

**10. Meeting Adjourned:**

Mr. Trivison/Dr. Mosier. Motion carried.

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Dr. Julianne Serovich, Chairperson