



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

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

**September 20 & 21, 2007**

<b>Meeting was called to order by:</b>	Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey Dirck Chairperson
<b>Members Present:</b>	Mr. Jose Camerino, IMFT, LISW Mr. Ken Trivison, IMFT, PCC Mr. Tommie Robertson, MFT
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Dr. William Mosier, IMFT
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Ms. Margaret-Ann Adorjan Mr. James Rough Mr. William Hegarty
<b>Guests Present:</b>	None

The Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC) meeting was called to order by Ms. Sharkey Dirck, at approximately 9:55 a.m. on September 20, 2007. 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 10:30 a.m. on September 21, 2007.

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**1. Discussion of Agenda:**

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

**2. Approval of May 2007 Minutes:**

- i. A motion was made by Mr. Camerino to amend the minutes from the previous board meeting; seconded by Ms. Sharkey Dirck. Under 4iii the italicized portion was added: As a result of this issue, any

reference to MFTs in relation to diagnosis and treat will be removed from language of rules being submitted, *at this time*.

- ii. A motion was made by Mr. Camerino to approve the amended minutes of the previous board meeting; seconded by Mr. Trivison. Motion carried.

### 3. New Business:

- a. The MFTPSC entered into executive session on September 20, 2007 at 9:56 a.m. to discuss Goldman denials with Deputy Director, Mr. Hegarty. Approved by a unanimous roll call vote.
  - i. The MFTPSC came out of executive session on September 20, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. Approved by a unanimous roll call vote.
  - ii. Voting Aye on the one denial: Ms. Sharkey Dirck, Mr. Camerino, Mr. Robertson. Mr. Trivison recused himself from the vote.
- b. The committee reviewed seven requests for licensing examination. The committee approved all seven requests to take the examination.
- c. The committee reviewed and agreed to license one applicant for the IMFT credential and two applicants for the MFT credential.
  - i. A motion was made by Mr. Camerino to license these three individuals. Seconded by Mr. Robertson.
  - ii. The names of those licensed on September 21, 2007 are listed below:

Ms. Denise Kuyper	F.0700011	Effective 09/21/07
Ms. Robin Delaney	M.0700005	Effective 09/21/07
Mr. David C. Hunter	M.0700015	Effective 09/21/07

- d. The committee reviewed three hardship requests regarding supervision. The committee denied all three requests.
- e. Ms. Sharkey Dirck expressed interest in a conference designed for public members being held in Seattle in October and will be asking the full Board for an approval for travel expenses.
- f. MFTPSC reviewed the proposed brochure detailing information on the three licenses and the Committee made some spelling/grammar suggestions.
- g. Discussion on Internet Therapy Rule
  - i. Committee wants to clarify (A) (2) regarding providing services to clients outside the state of Ohio and complying with rules of that jurisdiction; in part, because how do you know where client is?
  - ii. Committee would also like to clarify (A) (8) (b) in regards to the written client consent; does this mean signature? And through what means will this be achieved?
  - iii. As stated in the last meeting's minutes, the Committee wants to again stress the message that this is a high-risk endeavor.
  - iv. MFTPSC agreed to continue discussion at November meeting.
- h. Discussion regarding proposed MFT rule changes to provide clarification of the language.
  - i. 4757-25-01 (A) (3) (g)
    - 1. Agreed to remove (iii) section that speaks to completing a practicum using hours postgraduate, which is not consistent with the law regarding hours that can be obtained toward licensure.
  - ii. 4757-25-01 (B)

1. Insert wording of “in a mental health field” to further clarify the acceptability of a graduate degree that is not in MFT
- iii. 4757.301
  1. The Committee recognizes that the statute allows them the option whether or not to grant a temporary MFT license.
  2. The Committee decided to grant temporary licenses at the discretion of the MFT Licensure Coordinator but does not wish to encourage granting of temporary licenses before an applicant passes the examination.
  3. This decision is based on several factors including the difficulty of the examination and the continuity of care for clients should the temporary license be rescinded upon failure to pass the examination.
- i. Review of 4757-3-01 (J) (1) under Definitions
  - i. The Committee was informed that they cannot enforce a rule that is more strict than the statute, therefore the grade requirement under this rule is void for the MFT Committee

**4. Director’s Report to the Committee:**

- a. Mr. Rough, Executive Director, gave an update on the MFT legislative issue.
  - i. Rep. Webster is still supportive of new bill introduction regarding MFT treat/diagnose issue.
  - ii. Mr. Rough is trying to garner support from Rep. Letson to create bipartisan support for the legislation. Mr. Rough is expecting to receive a response from Rep. Letson by next week.
  - iii. Mr. Rough has an appointment in October with ODMH to gain their support.
  - iv. Two mental health associations, OAMFT, and the University of Akron have all written letters of support to the Governor’s office.
- b. Mr. Rough and Mr. Trivison gave a report on the AMFTRB annual meeting they attended in September in Atlanta.
  - i. Each state’s regulatory board addressed their own issues.
  - ii. The role of consumer protection versus professional advocacy was discussed.
  - iii. There has been an increase in the number of applicants taking the exam across the country.
  - iv. The state boards requested that they receive the national pass/fail rates of the exams; these results will be released to the state boards.

**5. Meeting Adjourned:**

A motion was made by Mr. Camerino to adjourn the MFTPSC on September 21, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robertson; motion carried.

The minutes from September 20 & 21, 2007 have been approved by:

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