



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

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

September 18 & 19, 2008

Members Present:

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

Dr. Otha Gilyard, Public Member
Ms. Karen Huey, Public Member

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 Mr. Camerino, at approximately 9:21 a.m. on September 18, 2008. Ms. Sharkey Dirck arrived at 9:30 a.m. 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 11:22 a.m. on September 19, 2008.

1. Discussion of Agenda:

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

2. Approval of July 2008 Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Trivison. Motion carried.

3. New Business:

a. The committee reviewed and agreed to license one applicant for the IMFT credential and one applicant 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 19, 2008 are listed below:

Ms. Brianne Fracassi	F.0800008	Effective 09/19/08
Ms. Nadege Howerton	M.0700016	Effective 09/19/08

b. The members reviewed and approved one request for licensing examination.

c. Members discussed the memo regarding travel restricted to what is essential for Board business as outlined by Office of Budget and Management directive.

i. Committee considers AMFTRB annual meeting to be essential to attend and plans to send a member to the next scheduled event.

ii. Committee would like Mr. Rough to provide information regarding “new board member training” for our newest Board member Dr. Thomas McGloshen.

d. Discussion regarding Civil Service Exemption

i. Committee supports having Attorney General write formal opinion on this issue.

ii. Committee will continue to discuss this matter further, especially regarding the role of those who supervise exempt positions and the impact upon all parties should any change be implemented.

e. Five Year Rule Review

i. Committee began reviewing those rules which are part of the 5 year rule review, including most of the MFT rules. A few questions have come up for discussion.

1. Committee suggests, “shall withdraw” in place of the current wording “should consider withdrawing” in 4757-6-01 (A), to remove any ambiguity as to what a licensee’s choice shall be.

2. 4757-5-10 (A) Standards of ethical practice and professional conduct: Committee would like for Mr. Hegarty to clarify the definition of “alleged” violations in the first sentence of this passage.

3. 4757-25-05 Marriage and Family Therapist Temporary license: MFTPSC questions the goal of the temporary license and perhaps, the necessity of its existence. Should a

temporary license be issued to an applicant awaiting the examination or issued only to those whom have passed the exam but are awaiting official licensure?

- ii. Committee will continue to review all rules for the five year review at subsequent meetings.
- f. Discussion regarding Similarities between MFTPSC, SWPSC, and PCPSC.

MFTPSC wishes to continue the Board's overall goal of stressing similarities between the three license disciplines, especially where issues affect all. Current areas of discussion where this is apparent:

1. Rep. Bacon's proposed bill regarding the creation of drop-down boxes for specialty areas (for website information). The Committee views this as an example of promoting a composite Board that practices with the same ethical standards.
2. Inactive status and E-therapy. These issues will affect all the Board's licensees equally.
3. Exempt civil service positions. Although this issue is currently being raised in the SWPSC, there is a larger issue within the context of disciplinary jurisdiction and title protection that will affect all licensees of this Board.

4. Deputy Director's Report to the Committee

- a. The MFTPSC entered into executive session on September 18, 2008 at 1:25 p.m. with Deputy Director, Mr. Hegarty to discuss and review a proposed consent agreement. Approved by a unanimous roll call vote. Ms. Sharkey Dirck, Mr. Camerino & Mr. Trivison recused themselves from this issue due to inability to be impartial.
 - i. The MFTPSC came out of executive session on September 18, 2008 at 1:45 p.m. Approved by a unanimous roll call vote.
 - ii. Ms. Sharkey Dirck, Mr. Trivision and Mr. Camerino were not present or part of any discussion. Mr. Robertson, liaison on the matter, was acting chair but not part of the vote on the consent agreement. Ms. Huey from the SWPSC and Dr. Gilyard from the CPSC joined the MFTPSC in order to have a quorum for a vote. They, along with Dr. McGloshen, participated in discussing, reviewing and voting on the proposed consent agreement.
 - iii. A motion was made by Dr. Gilyard to accept the proposed consent agreement for case number 2007-202, William Mosier. Seconded by Ms. Huey; motion carried.

5. 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. There have been no Senate hearings due to their recess and the upcoming election. There will be a small window of opportunity to get this matter resolved after the November election and before the new year begins.

- b. Mr. Rough welcomed to the Committee our newest Board member, Dr. Thomas McGloshen. The MFTPSC Committee has now filled its final open seat.
- c. Melissa Wilburn will be the Board's new assigned Assistant Attorney General, replacing P.R. Casey, who has taken a different position within the government.
- d. Mr. Rough clarified Rep. Bacon's proposed bill regarding the creation of a website that facilitates in consumer education, specifically installing a drop-down box that shows specialty areas of licensed mental health professionals whose services are being sought. The Committee expressed some misgivings regarding this matter but was told by Mr. Rough that it would be in our best interest to participate.

6. Meeting Adjourned:

A motion was made by Mr. Robertson to adjourn the MFTPSC on September 19, 2008 at 11:22 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. McGloshen; motion carried.

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