



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

Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee Minutes

September 17 & 18, 2009

Thursday, September 17, 2009

Members Present: Dr. Thomas McGloshen, IMFT, PCC
Mr. Ken Trivison, IMFT, PCC
Ms. Peggy Volters, IMFT, PCC
Mr. John Cranley, Public Member

Members Absent: Mr. Tommie Robertson, MFT

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

Guests Present: None

1. Meeting Called to Order

Ms. Volters called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m.

2. Discussion/Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of July 2009 Minutes

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

4. Approval of Applications for Licensure

A motion was made by Mr. Trivison to approve the following applications for licensure, seconded by Dr. McGloshen. Motion carried.

MFT - 7 Application Approved
IMFT- 2 Applications Approved

5. Review of Examination Requests

The members reviewed two requests for licensing examination; one request was denied and one request was asked to provide more information.

6. Proposed Art Therapist Bill Discussion

The MFTPSC discussed the Art Therapist bill that has been introduced in the legislature. Some issues included whether any licensure of art therapists would be better suited to fall under the Psychology Board; also that art therapy should remain as a certification rather than become a license. The Committee members unanimously stated that in as much as national accreditation exists for Art Therapists, there is no justification to add Art Therapy as a license to this Board

7. Re-testing Policy for Expired Licenses

The Committee discussed whether there should be a rule regarding an expired licensee having to re-take the examination. There was little support for requiring licensees to re-test, however suggestions were made to insist on some sort of requirement in order that the licensee re-learn and re-acclimate themselves to the profession, i.e. take a refresher course or a certain amount of CEUs in specific areas.

8. Ethics Training

Ms. Volters, Mr. Trivison and Mr. Cranley left the meeting to attend a two-hour required ethics training.

9. Working Meeting

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

10. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Trivison to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 p.m., seconded by Dr. McGloshen. Motion carried.

Friday, September 18, 2009

Members Present: Dr. Thomas McGloshen, Mr. Ken Trivison, Ms. Peggy Volters, Mr. John Cranley

Members Absent: Mr. Tommie Robertson

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

Guests Present: Glen Karr

1. Meeting Called to Order

Ms. Volters called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

2. Obtaining all CEUs online

- In light of the SWPSC drafting a rule allowing Social Workers to obtain 30 hours of CEU training online, the MFTPSC is reflecting on whether to adopt this stance, as well.
- Rhonda Franklin, the renewal coordinator, spoke to the MFTPSC regarding the ramifications that would arise from this decision. She requested that all three professional standards committees maintain a consistent policy regarding online CEUs. She also requested that if this rule is adopted, that all online programs be pre-approved to lessen the post-program approval paperwork she would need to process.
- Members of the MFTPSC were not opposed to allowing all thirty hours to be completed online; however, it was suggested that the Board as a whole come up with stricter parameters regarding the attainment of said online CEUs. For example, allowing no more than 6 hours in a day or allowing a maximum of 15 each year of the two-year renewal period.
- The MFTPSC agreed to discuss this issue at future meetings.

3. Director's Report to the Committee

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

- According to sources at the Governor's office, new appointments to the Board should be completed by November 1, in time for November's Board meeting.
- Mr. Rough is recommending January 1, 2010 as the start date to require the laws and rules exam online for all new applicants for licensure at a cost of \$10.
- Mr. Rough discussed the BMV Form 2326 regarding completion of substance abuse treatment. A letter was sent to the BMV stating that licensees of this Board should be able to sign this form if they are skilled in this area.
- Mr. Rough discussed the travel rules for Board members that were revised beginning October 1, 2009.
- Minor adjustments are needed to the draft rules regarding staff approval of licenses. The Board's AAG proposed slight changes in wording to the existing process which the committees must review and approve.

- HB 281, the Mental Health Hold Bill, has not yet been introduced. The goal is to add Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists as authorized practitioners able to take (transport) people into holding.

4. Rule Review: Proposed Rule for Fines/Fees

The MFTPSC members discussed the proposed rule to implement fines and fees.

- 4757-1-07 (B) (2) a. & b.: Take out “per hour”
- 4757-1-07 (E) (3): Clarification on what ratification means—when licensee signs consent agreement or when Board chair signs consent agreement.
- 4757-1-07 (A) (1): Correction to read “If worked as a licensee for sixty days or less, the standard consent agreement terms shall be:
- & (A) (2): Correction to read “If worked as a licensee for sixty-one days or more, the standard consent agreement terms shall be:
- 4757-1-07 (B): Correction to read: The standard consent agreement terms shall be:
- Rule stipulates actions taken for a first and second offense; what happens for a third or greater offense? Does (F) cover this situation?

5. Statistical Data for Licensure Examinations

Mr. Cranley requested information regarding pass/fail statistics for each of the three licensure disciplines’ national examinations (NBCC, ASWB, and AMFTRB). Mr. Cranley is interested in whether there is a racial/ethnic, gender, or age disparity in the pass/fail results. The MFTSPC licensure coordinator passed the request onto the Executive Director to attempt to obtain this information from the testing agencies.

6. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mr. Cranley to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m., seconded by Mr. Trivison. Motion carried.

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