

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

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

November 19, 2004

Meeting was called to order by: Ms. Linda Barson,
Acting Chairperson

Members Present: Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey,
Mr. Kenneth Trivison.

Staff Present: Mr. William Hegarty,
Ms. Tracey Hosom.

Guests Present: None.

- 1. Discussion of Agenda:**
Discussion and approval of agenda.

- 2. Approval of September 17, 2004 Minutes:**
Mr. Ken Trivison/Mary Anne Sharkey. Motion carried.

- 3. Approval list for MFT and IMFT Applications:** Reviewed Independent Marriage and Family Therapist applications and approved 6 licenses. Reviewed Marriage and Family Therapist applications and approved 4 licenses.

4. Deputy Directors Report to Committee:

- William Hegarty reported that the office staff is down 30%, he thanked staff for working to cover the shortage.
- On October 19, 2004 the Board received the Attorney Generals Opinion regarding Marriage and Family Therapists ability to diagnose and treat. The Opinion concurred that the law grants the ability to diagnose and treat mental and emotional disorders.

Motion: Mr. Ken Trivison/Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey, made a motion and seconded the motion to go into executive session. Roll call vote: Mr. Trivison, Aye, Ms. Sharkey, Aye, Ms. Barson, Aye. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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

5. Investigations:

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

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Mr. Hegarty:

- Consent agreement for David Harris.

Motion to accept the consent agreement as presented, Mr. Ken Trivison/Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey. Motion carried.

6. AAMFT:

None.

7. New Business:

- Reviewed additional information from an applicant from Harding University. The committee had requested additional information regarding the applicant's ethics course. The

ethics course was found to include the ethical code of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy and is accepted.

- Reviewed additional course descriptions from San Francisco State University and determined that the applicant requires coursework to fit in the Marriage and Family Studies content area, and the Systems Theory content area.
- Reviewed experience of a grand parenting applicant that included the practicum and accepted the experience as part of the 5-year requirement.
- **MOTION:** Mr. Ken Trivison/Ms. Linda Barson made a motion and seconded the motion that the committee go into executive session. Voting Aye: Mr. Trivison, Ms. Barson, and Ms. Sharkey. Voting Nay:None. Motion carried unanimously.

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- The results from the Examination for Marital and Family Therapy were received, 6 passed, 2 failed. The minimum passing score was 71.50%.

8. Old Business:

- None.

9. Meeting Adjourned:

Ms. Mary Anne Sharkey/ Mr. Ken Trivison. Motion carried.

Dr. Julianne Serovich, Chairperson