



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

Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee Minutes

November 17 & 18, 2005

Meeting was called to order by:

Mrs. Linda K. Barson, IMFT, LSW
Chairperson

Members Present:

Dr. Will Mosier, IMFT
Mr. Ken Trivison, IMFT, PCC

Staff Present:

Mr. Bill Hegarty
Ms. Tracey Hosom
Mr. Brian Powrie
Mr. James Rough

Guests Present:

Glennon Carr, Esq.
Peter R. Casey IV, Esq., AAG

The Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee (MFTPSC) meeting was called to order by Mrs. Linda Barson, at approximately 9:00 a.m. on November 17, 2005. The meeting took place at the offices of the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage & Family Therapist Board, and spanned the course of two business days. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m. on November 18, 2005.

1. Discussion of Agenda:

Discussion and Approval of Agenda.

2. Approval of September 29 & 30, 2005 MFTPSC Minutes:

- A motion was made by Dr. Will Mosier to approve the September 29-30, 2005 minutes, seconded by Mr. Kenneth Trivison. Motion carried.

3. Approval List for IMFT and MFT Applications:

- Applications were reviewed by the committee.
- The MFTPSC voted unanimously to grant licensure to 5 Marriage and Family Therapist applicants, pending full Board approval.
- There were no applicants for IMFT.

4. Intent(s) to Deny:

- None.

5. Directors Report to Committee:

- James Rough, Executive Director reported the following updates for the committee:
- Reported that the scanning project is moving forward, despite some software issues
- Reported that ODADAS has added MFTs/IMFTs to their matrix.
- Reported that ODMH has not yet added MFTs/IMFTs to their matrix.
- Reported that there is no news from the Governor's Office regarding the appointment or re-appointment of new Board members.
- Reported that reservations have been made for the special April 20-21, 2006 Board meeting at the Lodge at Mohican State Park.
- JCARR updates
 1. Reported that meeting with members of the JCARR Committee did not go as well as anticipated. Rep. Faber would prefer that the board pursue correcting the statute instead of filing rules now.
 - a. Some JCARR members believe that there is a flaw with our statute regarding MFT scope of practice and diagnosis and treatment. Their preference is that we correct the statute prior to pursuing the rule.
 - b. A "clean-up bill" to fix our statute would take a potentially long time.
 - c. There has been opposition from outside interests regarding our proposed rule change.
 - d. However, we have support from ODADAS, ODMH, Associations of employment agencies and the formal AG opinion.
 - e. Given the current standing of the statute and that without ODMH matrix the license is somewhat meaningless as Ohio's Mental Health agencies cannot employ MFTs and be reimbursed.
 - f. In view of the above facts the MFTPSC voted unanimously to go forward with the rule filing.
 - g. A public hearing regarding the proposed rule change will be held November 18, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.

6. Investigations Report to the Committee:

- Mr. Bill Hegarty reported that there are no new MFT/IMFT investigations.

7. New Business:

- Reported that Ms. Hosom has assumed her new position as an Investigator and that Mr. Powrie will take over her former duties as MFT Licensing Examiner.
- Approved five individuals to sit for the MFT Licensing Examination.
- Denied one request for hardship regarding supervision towards their IMFT credential.
 - a. The MFTPSC denied the request for hardship based upon the individual's location and the amount of IMFT's in her general area.
 - b. The MFTPSC instructed Mr. Powrie to send a list of IMFT's in Cuyahoga County to the individual in question.

8. Precedents Set

- Ms. Barson requested that issues where decisions have been reached that would set precedent for further situations be properly documented for future reference.
 1. *The required Practicum may be completed after the applicant graduates. Per section 4757-25-01(A) (3) (g) (iii) of the OAC.*
 2. The applicant must demonstrate that his or her university or college is either accredited or regionally accredited. Per section 4757.30(A) (3) (a) of the ORC.

A motion was made at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Friday November 18, 2005 to adjourn the MFTPSC meeting by Dr. Mosier. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trivison. Motion carried.

Linda K. Barson, IMFT, LSW
Chair Marriage and Family Therapist Professional Standards Committee