

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

BOARD OF MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 3, 2013

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Marital and Family Therapy was held Friday May 3, 2013, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Postponed by vote from April 26, 2013. The meeting was held at the Robert B. Atwood Building room 1770, 550 West 7th Ave. Anchorage, Alaska.

Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Leon Webber at 9:13 am.

Board Members present, constituting a quorum:

Leon Webber, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
Kennith McCarty, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
Linda King, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

Board Members not in attendance

Joann Young, Public Member
Father John Downing, Public Member (*excused for Orthodox Good Friday*)

Attending from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were:

Karl Marx, Licensing Examiner
Sara Chambers, Operations Manager (*via telephone*)
Misty Frawley, Administrative Officer (*via telephone*)
Michele Wall-Rood, Investigator
Torrey Jacobson, Legislative Audit (*via telephone*)

1. Review Agenda

The Board reviewed the agenda, and had no changes to make.

2. Ethics Disclosure

There were no ethics violations to report. Board members were reminded to watch the required ethics training video available online at the Department of law page:
<http://www.law.state.ak.us/doclibrary/ethics.html>

3. Review Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 26th, 2012 meeting, January 25, 2013 meeting, and January 31, 2013 teleconference. The final wording of the examination regulation proposal made by Ms. King on January 25, 2013 was to be added.

On a motion duly made by Kenneth McCarty, seconded by Linda King, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to accept the October 26th, 2012 meeting, January 25th, 2013 meeting, and January 31st, 2013 teleconference minutes once amended.

4. Board Report

The Licensing Examiner gave the following report to update the Board members:

Number of MFT licensees:	80
Number of MFT associates:	11
Number of MFT supervisors:	16

5. Applications and CEU Review

After reviewing all of the licensee applications the board members handed in the voting ballot containing all their votes attached to each individual application packet. Let the record show they have approved these applicants for licensure:

<u>MFT by Examination</u> Robert Newton	<u>Change to a Supervisory Plan</u> Shawnmarie Carpenter	<u>MFT by Credentials</u> Nicole Monatague Lisa Wilkinson
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The board was not able to complete their voting on the following applications for licensure:

<u>Renewals</u> Robert Bornt Edy Newson	<u>MFT by Credentials</u> Lauren Kelly
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6. Investigative Report

The board's investigator, Michele Wall-Rood, joined the meeting and explained her investigative report as well as the investigative review process. She went on to discuss a few disciplinary options.

5. Applications and CEU Review (Continued)

Mr. Webber asked if staff could schedule teleconferences to speed up the regulation adoption process. Mr. Marx agreed to coordinate a teleconference if needed.

Torrey Jacobson from Legislative Audit joined the meeting telephonically at 10:45 am.

Based on a licensee's request the Board discussed scheduling the fall meeting.

On a motion duly made by Leon Webber, seconded by Kenneth McCarty, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to schedule a Board meeting for October 4th, 2013 in Anchorage.

7. Budget Report

The board was joined by Sara Chambers and Misty Frawley telephonically to discuss the budget report. Ms. Chambers stated that following the recent renewal, the Marital and Family Therapy Board currently has a surplus.

Mr. Webber asked for ways that the Board could lower future license costs. Ms. Chambers answered that since this Board's next renewal cycle is nearly two years away that staff was not in the process of looking at this yet. She plans to have more detailed options to present to the Board at the July 19th, 2013 meeting after the end of the current fiscal year.

Mr. McCarty asked that the budget reports also reflect the earlier uncorrected figures showing a deficit that the Board had been basing their actions on for years.

Ms. Chambers discussed House Bill 187 with the Board and how this could help prevent extreme spikes in license fees due to high investigations costs. Also there is a requirement to review military experience when issuing temporary licenses but this should have no immediate impact on this Board.

The board decided to take a short break from 11:34 am to 11:51 am

5. Applications and CEU Review (Continued)

The board recessed for lunch at 12:15pm
The board resumed the meeting at 1:02pm

5. Applications and CEU Review (Continued)

TASK- Staff will check on the statuses of Nicole Leos and John Alevizon licenses which were acted upon by the Board during January meetings.

8. Old Business

Mr. Webber pointed out that a regulation change is already being worked on that will allow licensed associates to take the examinations at anytime. At this time an associate needs to complete their supervised hours and submit an application for full licensure in order to received Board approval to be scheduled for the state and national examinations. The Board agreed to hold a teleconference if needed to expedite this regulatory process.

Mr. McCarty managed to set up a live video feed of the meeting.

Mr. Webber stated that at this time the Board needs to just pay attention to ongoing developments in cybertherapy and distance supervision. Mr. McCarty pointed out that cybertherapy now has an insurance billing code.

TASK – Mr. McCarty will present a briefing page at the July 19, 2013 Board meeting.

Mr. McCarty spoke about statute change proposals including the \$30,000.00 insurance proviso to cover investigative and court cost for licensees. He stated that Senator Dyson's office is interested in this topic. Mr. Webber stated that House Bill 187 ties into this proposal since it could prevent spikes in professional license fees from high investigative and court costs. Mr. McCarty stated that Representative Olson's office was interested in learning more about this proposal to see if the proviso could be included with HB 187. Mr. Webber suggested that the Board could submit a letter suggesting that the proviso bill be attached HB 187. Mr. Marx asked that a copy of an example of the proviso attachment to malpractice insurance be provided to help explain this request to laymen.

On a motion duly made by Ken McCarty, seconded by Linda King, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to write a letter of continued support for these statutory changes.

TASK- Mr. McCarty will draft the \$30K proviso letter and provide a copy to Mr. Marx to share with Director Habeger.

Mr. McCarty spoke about state agencies (OCS, Department of Corrections, etc..) will require licensees to be accredited by a national agency by June of 2015. Originally this was just for grant work. Examples of recognized agencies include Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) www.carf.org , Joint Commission: Accreditation, Health Care Organizations (JAHCO) <http://www.jointcommission.org/>, and Council on Accreditation (COA) <http://www.coastandards.org/> . Mr. McCarty stated that these agencies can charge up to \$14,000.00 to fly to Alaska and do an onsite accreditation which is prohibitive for many licensees. Mr. McCarty stated that a state coalition might be created that would fulfill this requirement.

TASK- Mr. Webber asked all Board members to research this topic for discussion at the July 19, 2013 meeting.

Mr. McCarty proposed putting something in place that would require an applicant to become a licensed associate in order to count their supervised hours. His understanding is that this is becoming the standard in other states. He suggested that out-of-state documented hours should be reviewed by the Board. Mr. Marx pointed out that regulations allow the Board to accept supervised hours at their discretion per 12 AAC 19.130.

On a motion duly made by Linda King, seconded by Kenneth McCarty, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to accept the submitted out-of-state supervised hours under the AAMFT approved supervisor submitted by Nicole Clarke-Frechette.

TASK- Mr. McCarty will draft a regulation proposal requiring an associate license in order to accrue supervision hours in the state and covering supervised hours accrued out-of-state.

TASK- Mr. Marx will contact Ms. Clarke-Frechette to let her know that her out-of-state hours can be counted towards full licensure in Alaska.

9. Public Comment

No public comments.

10. Long Distance Supervision

No new information was presented.

11. New Business (and Correspondence)

Tennessee asked for a reciprocity agreement. Alaska licenses by credentials which is not the same.

TASK- Mr. Webber will write the Tennessee MFT licensing body.

12. Administrative Business

The Task List was read from the meeting notes.

TASK- Mr. Webber will coordinate written Board narratives for the Annual Report.

Based on a candidates request following the July 19, 2013 meeting an October 4, 2013 meeting will be scheduled.

Minutes were signed by the Chair.

There were no wall certificates to sign.

Travel Authorizations (TAs) were signed and returned to Mr. Marx.

TASK- Mr. Marx will send TAs to Mr. Webber and other Board members for the January 25, 2013 Board meeting held in Juneau.

TASK- Mr. Marx will submit a travel request for Ms. King to attend the fall AAMFT Conference in Portland, OR. Send Ms. King what travel information is required for approval.

5. Applications and CEU Review (Continued)

Mr. Webber stated that half of the required continuing education credits must be face-to-face. Mr. McCarty reminded the Board that it was already decided that real time cyber-seminars where the licensee has the ability to engage the instructor this will count as face-to-face credit. Mr. Webber stated that apparently some new graduates have never met with their supervisors or professors in person.

Torrey Jacobson from Legislative Audit ended his conference call.

Lauren Kelly's application was tabled awaiting license verification.

Upon a motion duly made by Kenneth McCarty, seconded by Linda King, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2), to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential medical information submitted by an applicant.

Back on record at 3:20 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Kenneth McCarty, seconded by Linda King, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED send Ms. Newson a letter with 1) requesting a current letter from her health care provider and 2) requesting a precise continuing education unit (CEU) breakdown.

Robert Bornt's lapsed license audit was tabled pending Investigative findings.

All requested CEU courses were approved:

Co-Occurring Disorders Institute, Inc.

-Whiteside- "Strengthening Families – Group Leader Training" – 11.0 CEUs

Cornerstone Clinic Medical & Counseling Center

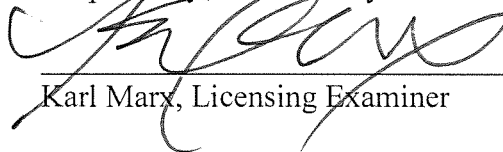
- Kashurba- "Integration Summit" – 1.0 CEUs

On a motion duly made by Linda King, seconded by Kenneth McCarty, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting of the Marital and Family Therapy board.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Karl Marx, Licensing Examiner

Approved by:



Leon Webber, Chairperson

Date: 19 July 2013