



By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.63.030, and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Marital and Family Therapy originated from Anchorage. This meeting was held via Zoom.

Agenda Item - Roll Call
Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum

Division Staff Present
Jeanne Pace
Glenn Saviers
Amberly Northcutt
Alyssa Castles
Stefanie Davis

Members of Public Present
Kelsey Fox

Noah Shields, Chair, requested a review of ethics disclosures for the new board member. The Board had no ethical issues to report.

Agenda Item - Review/Approve Agenda

In a motion duly made by Shawnmarie Carpenter, seconded by Chantal Cohen with unanimous consent, it was resolved to accept the May 5th agenda as presented.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Noah Shields, Chair	X			
Shawnmarie Carpenter	X			
Chantal Cohen	X			

Agenda Item – Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda Item - Investigations

Jasmin Bautista presented the Investigative Report from November 2, 2024 through May 1, 2025. This period has four (4) open cases and one (1) case closed.

Agenda Item – Industrial Hemp

Sara Chambers presented an FAQ from the Division of Agriculture regarding CBD and registering products and retailers. This memo was presented to all healthcare boards. Details/descriptions about what all needs to be registered located on the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office website.

Agenda Item – New Business

- a. **Board Correspondence:** Are practicum students allowed to utilize telehealth? Board response: the university makes guidelines for practicum students. This topic is not addressed in Alaska statute and regulations.
- b. **Supervisor Certifications:** Alaska Statutes and Regulations grant provisions for supervisors with non-MFT mental health licensure to provide group supervision for MFT supervised experience. Applications for supervisor certifications have been adjusted. Jeanne recommended that the board add language to make the Supervisor Certificates renewable, as this is how to enforce the supervisor CEU requirement already in regulation.
- c. **Renewal Regulations:** Jeanne presented the division recommendation that Continuing Education details be removed from the renewal regulation and required only for audit as this is duplicative information being collected.

Agenda Item – Division Report

- a. **Quarterly Report FY25Q3:** Deputy Director Glenn Saviers reviewed the third quarter report
- b. **HB 158 & SB 145:** Universal Temporary Professional Licensing. Deputy Director Saviers presented the division's bill to codify the federal SCRA laws into Alaska law. This bill introduces a temporary license for professionals who hold an equivalent license from a US jurisdiction in good standing. The board declined to submit a letter of support at this time.
- c. **Regulation suggestion:** Deputy Director Saviers presented the division recommendation to require license verification for applications by exam. This recommendation is being presented to all professional licensing programs.

d. **HB 131 & SB 124:** To allow Alaska to join the nurse licensure compact. The division requests that the board consider a letter of support.

Public Member Karen Cunningham joined the meeting at 10:36am

In a motion duly made by Shawnmarie Carpenter, seconded by Chantal Cohen with unanimous consent, it was resolved to use the draft language for a letter of support for the nurse licensure compact.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Noah Shields, Chair	X			
Shawnmarie Carpenter	X			
Chantal Cohen	X			

e. **Investigative Cost Legislation:** Board Chair Noah Shields inquired about an update to previous legislation introduced in a previous legislative session. Deputy Director Saviers shared that the division is still looking for a sponsor for this legislative session.

Off the record: 10:56am

On the record: 11:03am

Agenda Item – Regulations

Stefanie Davis presented the MFT notice re: HB 126 that will go into effect on July 1, 2025.

In a motion duly made by Chantal Cohen, seconded by Shawnmarie Carpenter with unanimous consent, it was resolved to adopt the proposed regulations for file number 2025200028 as proposed and publicly noticed.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Noah Shields, Chair	X			
Shawnmarie Carpenter	X			
Chantal Cohen	X			

Agenda Item – New Business

d. **Schedule Future Meetings:**

September 8th 9:00am-11:00am for Regulation review

October 13th 9:00am-12:00pm regular board meeting.

Agenda Item – FY25 Board Annual Report

Board chair reviewed each section of the annual report and assigned sections:

Shields – Accomplishments

Chantal - Activities

Shawnmarie – Needs

In a motion duly made by Shawnmarie Carpenter, seconded by Chantal Cohen with unanimous consent, it was resolved to adjourn the May 5, 2025, meeting at 11:40am.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Noah Shields, Chair	X			

Shawnmarie Carpenter	X			
Chantal Cohen	X			

Date Final Minutes Approved by the Board:	05/30/2025
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