

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 THE MEETING

Friday, October 4, 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, October 4, 2013, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Robert B. Atwood Building room 1760, 550 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

Agenda Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Leon Webber at 8:59 a.m.

Board Members Present, constituting a quorum:

Leon Webber, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
Kennith McCarty, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
Father John Downing, Public Member
JoAnn Young, Public Member

Board Members not in attendance at the start of the meeting:

Linda King, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

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

Tawna Curry, Licensing Examiner
Sher Zinn, Licensing Supervisor
Don Habeger, Director (*via telephone*)
Michele Wall-Rood, Investigator

Present from the Public:

Shawnmarie Carpenter

Agenda Item 2 Review Agenda

The Board reviewed the agenda and no changes were made.

On a motion duly made by JoAnn Young, seconded by Kenneth McCarty, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to accept the agenda as written.

Agenda Item 3 Review Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the July 19, 2013 meeting. The examiner noted that the CEUs pending from that meeting did not submit the additional information requested. It was also noted that the January board meeting was changed to January 24, 2014 and Don Habeger would be presenting Agenda Item 8 today in place of Sara Chambers.

Note that Linda King arrived at 9:02 a.m.

On a motion duly made by Linda King, seconded by JoAnn Young, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2013 meeting.

Agenda Item 4 Ethics Report

There were no ethics violations to report.

Agenda Item 5 Applications and CEU Review

The applications and CEUs were reviewed.

Agenda Item 2 Review Agenda Continued

Fees for CEUs was added to old business by Kenneth McCarty. Kenneth McCarty also requested that the issue of the CEU provider being required to have the student sign in and out be added to the new business.

Agenda Item 5 Applications and CEU Review Continued

The applications and CEUs were reviewed. There was also a discussion of the transfer of out of state supervised hours done under non-Alaskan MFT supervisors. This issue was tabled.

Agenda Item 7 Investigative Report

The Board's investigator, Michele Wall-Rood, joined the meeting and presented and explained her investigative report, which included activity up to October 4, 2013. There was also a discussion of the investigator's expenses and costs. The Board would ultimately decide whether or not the investigator pursues a complaint.

Michele Wall-Rood brought up the issue of distance counseling (counseling by a non-Alaska licensed counselor outside the state and the patient is in Alaska). Ms. Wall-Rood will be contacting Board members regarding this issue. It was noted that there is a disclaimer on the website regarding this.

Agenda Item 6 Break

Off record at 10:46 a.m.

On record at 10:56 a.m.

Father John Downing will be leaving the meeting after lunch.

Agenda Item 5 Applications and CEU Review Continued

The board finished reviewing all of the license applications.

On a motion duly made by Kenneth McCarty, seconded by Father John Downing, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve Gregory Fries as a MFT Board Approved Supervisor.

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

RESOLVED to approve Tamara Tauches and Karen Cunningham as MFT Associates.

On a motion duly made by Kenneth McCarty, seconded by JoAnn Young, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve Kimberly Oest as an MFT Associate pending completion of the MFT studies.

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

RESOLVED to approve Shawnmarie Carpenter as a Marital and Family Therapist by examination.

On a motion duly made by Kenneth McCarty, seconded by JoAnn Young, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve Scott Heaton as a Marital and Family Therapist by credentials pending proof of 6 CEU credits of domestic violence courses.

On a motion duly made by Kenneth McCarty, seconded by JoAnn Young, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve Kevan Walker as a Marital and Family Therapist by credentials pending a conversation with his supervisor of the hours added after the initial application was submitted.

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

RESOLVED to approve the CEU *Motivational Interviewing: A Client-Centered Collaborative Approach to Help People Change*.

Agenda Item 9 Old Business

Letter of Support to UAA

TASK: Examiner will check to see that the letter of support to UAA was done and email a copy of the letter to the board members.

Fee for CEU Applications

Discussion on the fee to be included in public notice. A question for the Division is, would it go to the Board or the general fund? Sher Zinn suggested that this would be part of a

regulation project. Kenneth McCarty noted that this was already voted on and never went to public notice.

TASK: Examiner to look for the proposed regulation.

On a motion duly made by JoAnn Young, seconded by Kenneth McCarty, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to have this project go to the regulation specialist for review.

Agenda Item 8 Budget Report/Division Updates

The Board was joined by Don Habeger telephonically at 11:12 am. The connection was lost.

Sher Zinn explained that the budget report was the same budget report from July and that the September report is not completed. Sher Zinn went on to explain that the Division is asking for the boards to write letters of support for HB 187. HB 187 will streamline licensing fees and consolidate fees and asks the legislature to appropriate general funds to pay for investigations. HB 187 is asking for money from the general fund to pay for investigative staff instead of from the licensees and the Boards. The belief is that the safety of the public affects the whole public and should be paid for by the public. Money would come from general fund instead of the boards. The boards' cost would then be more level.

Don Habeger called back in telephonically at 11:27 am. He continued to explain that the official request to the boards has not gone out. The Division will send out letters by end of the month. Ultimately if this passes and the legislature funds it, the investigator's time will be paid by general funds.

Don Habeger went on to explain the 3rd quarter budget report and explain the progress of the 4th quarter report. He stated that travel has been funded and explained third party reimbursements for travel.

Don Habeger left the meeting at 11:42 am.

HB187

The Board discussed whether or not they would write a letter in support of HB 187. The discussion included ideas for liability insurance and ways to recapture the money spent through the individual that was investigated to hold them accountable. If the bill is not fully funded, the problem is not solved. The Board decided that the bill is not what they want but

it is a way to get where they want. The Board worked on language for a motion clarifying the letter of support that would be written.

Agenda Item 10 Lunch Break

Off record at 12:11 p.m.

On record at 1:25 p.m.

Father John Downing did not return to the meeting.

Agenda Item 11 Public Comment

No one from the public was present for public comment.

Agenda Item 8 Budget Report/Division Updates Continued

HB187 Continued

I make the motion to write a letter of support for HB 187 with reservations, recommend the following: language added to 08.63.100 to include liability insurance with regulatory investigation and board's autonomy to recover any fees incurred by the board not covered by general fund for regulatory investigations.

On a motion duly made by JoAnn Young, seconded by Linda King and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to write a letter of support as clarified in the motion above.

Agenda Item 9 Old Business Continued

Long Distance Supervision/Electronic Therapy/Cyber Therapy

Linda King will be going to National Conference and will find out more about this issue and get back to the Board.

Leon Webber gave details of a conversation with AAMFT attorney Roger Smith. His notes and articles were emailed to all Board members. The issue is up to each state individually to regulate. Team up with other colleagues about crafting policy.

TASK: Leon Webber and Linda King will work on this issue and bring back for the January meeting.

Agenda Item 12 New Business

LPC to LMFT Licensure

The Board discussed whether the different types of similar licenses should come together and make one Board of Behavioral Health. It was decided that this would make it difficult to adequately represent the MFT specific issues/licensees.

State Written Exam

The state written exam needs cleaning up. The current test has 19 questions and so only one question can be missed in order to pass. With 20 questions, they can miss two. The suggested minor changes on the draft presented to the Board are approved.

TASK: Kenneth McCarty will come up with a couple of questions to add/ replace questions on the test.

Regulation Project

Sher Zinn explained the need for an overall regulation project. The Division is asking the Board whether the Board would like to do it or have the Division and Regulation Specialist work on the new language. It would be one regulation project and cost the Board less.

Some of the regulation changes are: a regulation requesting documentation for verification of licensure and transcripts; a regulation for a release of records; making certain regulations more detailed; a regulation detailing what should be in the plan for supervision; a correction to regulation 12 AAC 19.110(i); and a regulation change to adopt the Code of Ethics effective July 1, 2012.

The Board would like to change the out of state supervisor requirement and allow for transfer of hours.

The Board would like to add a regulation for auditing CEUs. The Board would like discretion to see proof of the sign in and out at the CEU classes. The Board would also like to add a \$25.00 fee for applying for approval of the CEU.

The Board is in agreement that the Division and Regulations Specialist can start working on the project and include the project already started on 12 AAC 19.200(d).

TASK: Linda King will look at other state's requirements for supervised hours and AAMFT and work with Sher Zinn on the regulation.

TASK: Leon Webber will assist with the language for the approved supervisor regulation.

Agenda Item 13 Regulations

HB 84

HB 84 has been passed into law and the Board needs to address HB 84 as a regulation or decide that it doesn't apply.

Agenda Item 5 Applications and CEU Review Continued

The Board agreed to reverse the decision on Nicole Clarke-Frechette's out of state supervision hours due to incorrectly counting them.

TASK: Licensing Examiner will write the letter to Ms. Clarke-Frechette.

Agenda Item 14 Administrative Business

The Board members should take time to read the Annual Report if they have not done so.

The Board Task List was reviewed.

The May 2014, Anchorage Meeting was scheduled for May 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
The home addresses of the Board members were verified for travel reimbursements.

TASK: Linda King will report back to the Board on National Conference.

Agenda Item 15 Adjourn

On a motion duly made by JoAnn Young, seconded by Kenneth McCarty and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to Adjourn the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Back on record at 3:17 p.m. to add a task.

TASK: Licensing Examiner to write a letter to Kevan Walker's supervisor.

Off record at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Tawna Curry, Licensing Examiner

Approved by:


Leon Webber, Chairperson

Date: January 24, 2014