

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

ALASKA STATE BOARD OF
MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY

Final Meeting minutes
July 17th 2015

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a Regularly scheduled meeting of the Alaska State Board of Marital and Family Therapy was held on July 17th, 2015 from 9:17 a.m. until 2:20 p.m.

Agenda item 1: Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Leon Webber at 9:17 a.m.

Roll call:

Leon Webber,
Kennith McCarty
Joann Young
Linda King
John Downing

Board staff present:

Dawn K Hannasch
Inv. Michelle Wall-Rood (9:45-9:55)
Inv. Sonia Lipker (9:45-9:55)

Visitor's present:

Merci Dennis 10:30
Sally Goble 10:35

Agenda item 2: Review the Agenda

The Board reviewed the agenda no changes were made

Agenda item 3: Administrative Business

Ethics reporting:

There were no ethics conflicts to report

Review drafted meeting minutes: May 27th 2015 teleconference

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Linda King, seconded by Ms. Joann Young and approved by unanimous consent, it was:

Resolved to approve the meeting minutes as amended.

Review drafted FY2015 annual report:

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Linda King seconded by Ftr. John Downing and approved by unanimous consent, it was:

Resolved to approve and send to the Division the drafted FY2015 annual report as amended.

Review of Board evaluations:

The Board reviewed the self-evaluations from the April 17th 2015 and the May 27th 2015 meetings.

The Board has tasked Board Secretary Joann Young with compiling the evaluations at the end of each Fiscal Year and reporting back. The report will be presented to the Board at the next meeting each year. The Boards goal with the evaluations is to make sure that the Board is staying on task at meetings.

CEU Audit:

The following information was presented to the Board:

The audit program pulled 8 licenses for a random audit of their continuing education units. This is 5% of the total licensure. Of the 8, 8 responded with

the necessary documents and all were approved by the Board on May 27th 2015. No audits are outstanding.

15 total licenses did not renew in 2014 and now have lapsed licenses.

Agenda item 4: Investigative report

Investigator Wall-Rood and Investigator Lipker joined the Board at 9:45 a.m. At this time there are no new complaints and no open cases to report.

Investigator Wall-Rood reported that Investigator Lipker will be taking over as the lead investigator for the MFT Board.

Agenda item 8: New Business

The Board scheduled its next 2 meeting:

October 23rd 2015 in Anchorage

January 28th 2016 in Juneau

The Board requested that the Division send a letter or a survey to the licensees that did not renew in 2014 to find out why. RLS Dawn K Hannasch will look into using survey monkey and report the finding to the Board at its next meeting in October.

The Board recessed at 9:57 a.m. and went back on the record at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 5: Division Update

Division Director Janey Hovenden and Operations Manager Sara Chambers joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Board Chair Leon Webber asked for clarification on procedures when the Board is voting with not all members present. Operations Manager Sara Chambers clarified that as long as the Board has a quorum and is able to conduct Board business as usual then a majority vote counts even if it is 2 for and 1 against as was the case in May 2015.

After a brief discussion regarding Supervision of MFT-A group hours, Operations manager Sara Chambers suggested that after the Board revisit this topic later in the

day that they review the procedures as to how to change regulations if that is their goal, RLS Dawn Hannasch will be able to assist with that process as well.

Agenda item 6: Old Business

Public Comment review and the review of the regulations from April 17th 2015 meeting was tasked to Board Members Mr. Kenneth McCarty and to Ms. Linda King. The Board has asked that they prepare a review of the public comments and the drafted regulations to see where the public concerns are and to make any recommended changes.

Distance Therapy review:

The Board reviewed the report that came back from the Dept. of Law regarding Distance therapy. After a lengthy discussion the Board decided to send the report on to the Divisions Regulations Specialist to have regulations drafted.

Clarifications:

The Board wanted to clarify that the fees for the Continuing Education courses would not go to the attendee but to the course providers.

Action: Board Chair Leon Webber requested that the Occupational Licensing Examiner send an email to remind the Board to review the Board packets that have been provided to them before the meeting so that all can be prepared for the meeting a head of time.

The Board recessed at 11:04 a.m. and went back on the record at 11:09 a.m.

Agenda item 7: Application review and requests

The Board reviewed application files.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Joann Young and seconded by Ms. Linda King, and approved by unanimous consent it was,

Resolved to approve the following applications as approved continuing educations courses in Alaska pending completion of the application file:

- International Institute for Communications Arts
- Alaska Center for Children & Adults:
 1. Advanced Clinical Training of Perinatal Mood & Anxiety Disorders & co-occurring considerations
- Linda Webber, PhD, EMDRIA:
 1. EMDR & The Art of Psychotherapy with Children
- H&SS Division of Behavior Health:
 1. Trauma & Suicide: Breaking the Link
- The Couples Center of Alaska:
 1. Gottman Method Couples Therapy: Level 1
 2. Gottman Method Couples Therapy: Level 2
 3. Narcissism, Infidelity and Trauma
 4. New Frontiers in Couples Therapy

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m. and went back on the record at 1:00 p.m.

Public Comments:

Merci Dennis:

“As a past Board member, and one of the Authors of the regulations, it was not the Boards intent at that time that the Board’s in the future would be able to allow Supervision the way that the current Board is trying to do now. This is in direct conflict with statutes (08.63.120) that specifies that you must have practiced as an MFT for at least 5 years. The Boards intent at this time is a great idea however we must not lessen the standards. We would want to add standards such as: the supervisor needs to have proof of supervisory training CE’s, Systems supervisory training and a collaboration between the MFT Supervisor and the group supervisor.”

As a past Board member and writer of the original regulations Ms. Dennis has also volunteered to assist in a statute project where they can look into setting the correct standards to help those with the MFT-A license receive the group supervisor that they need.

Sally Goble:

“The purposed requirement in the new regulations of 6 CE’s on substance abuse is excessive and not relevant to our practice. I am asking the Board to lessen the required amount. When a patient presents at our practice with these types of issues, we send them to an expert.”

“I agree that the MFT-A supervision issue needs to be monitored”

Brandy Pass-Via phone:

1. The Board explained to Ms. Pass that the CE’s have to be done in real time but do not have to physically face to face.
2. Ethics classes: they do not have to be solely for MFT’s, they can be taken at officezure.com, and they can be a generic course.
3. In Nevada there is a law that the MFT may not be involved with child placement/ custody. What is the law in Alaska?
 - This was addressed by Member Linda King: “we are researching this issue because we can no longer find it in the AAMFT code of ethics”.
 - Records and Licensing Supervisor Dawn Hannasch will also direct this question to the Divisions dept. of law.

Agenda item 6: Old Business

Revisit MFT-A group Supervision:

After a lengthy discussion, taking public comments into consideration, the Board decided to re-write the resolution regarding MFT-A supervision of group hours. The Board requested the Dawn K Hannasch send the resolution to the dept of law for review. If the Dept of Law says that the Board can proceed then the following resolution will be in effect as of May 27th 2015:

“The Board of Marital and Family Therapy will allow the required 100 hours of group supervision for a MFT-A license holder to be completed with any of the following license holders: Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor, Licenses Clinical Social Worker Supervisor or a Licensed Phycologist, PhD.

This must include:

- A. Supervision CE units (6 units)

- B. Systems Supervision Therapy (4 units)
- C. Collaborations between the MFT Supervisor and the group supervisor
- D. At the Boards discretion”

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Kenneth McCarty seconded by Ms. Joann Young, it was:

Resolved to approve and put into effect as of May 27th 2015 the above resolution regarding Group Supervision. If the Dept. of Law strikes the resolution then the resolution is moot and the Board will look into a statute change.

Roll call vote:

Kennith McCarty - Yes
Joann Young - Yes
Linda King - Yes
John Downing -Yes
Leon Webber – No

The motion passed, the resolution will be sent to the Dept. of Law by the Division on the Boards behalf.

Agenda item 9: National Organization updates

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Linda King seconded by Ftr John Downing, it was:

Resolved to approve Records and Licensing Supervisor Dawn K Hannasch to travel to the AMFTRB conference and the CLEAR conference September 2015 in Boston MA. The MFT Board will cover the cost of the AMFTRB and a 12th of the CLEAR conference expenses.

Linda King spoke about the AAMFT. She voiced a concern at the direction that the AAMFT is taking with allowing special interest groups to get involved with the financial aspects.

Kennith McCarty spoke about a survey that the MN MFT Board did regarding some of the actions of the AAMFT. That survey has come back with negative view from members.

The Vote will be August 4th if the vote goes the way that is expected, Alaska will no longer have its own chapter of the AAMFT.

One final thought from the Chair:

Mr. Webber spoke to the differences of the Board and that the differences are one of the Boards greatest strength. Even when the Board disagrees the Board always has Mr. Webbers support.

Upon a motion duly made by Ftr. John Downing seconded by Ms. Joann Young, with unanimous consent it was:

Resolved to adjourn the MFT Board until its next meeting October 23rd 2015.

Adjourn at 2: 20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Dawn K Hannasch
Records & Licensing Supervisor

(Laura Carrillo for Dawn Hannasch)

10/23/2015
Date



Leon Webber
Board Chair

10/23/2015
Date