

State of Alaska
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

Alaska State Board of Marital and Family Therapy
January 22, 2019

Written meeting minutes only reflects a brief overview of the business conducted during the boards meeting. For a more detailed account, please request a copy of the meeting recording.

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 **January 22, 2019** at **550 w. 7th Ave., Suite 1550, Anchorage, Alaska 99507.**

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Agenda item #1 **Call to order/Roll Call**

This meeting was called to order by Chairperson **Dorothea Goddard-Aguero** at **8:58 a.m.**

Board Members present, constituting a quorum:

Dorothea Goddard-Aguero, Public Member, Chairperson
Nicole Jenkins, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
Natalie Lewis, Public Member

Board Members absent:

Karen Cunningham, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Vice-Chair

Division Staff present were:

Chelsea S Childress, Records and Licensing Supervisor
Lauren Osborn, Licensing Examiner

Agenda Item #2 **Review Agenda**

No amendments/changes.

A motion duly made by Ms. Nicole Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Natalie Lewis, and approved by unanimous consent, was:

Resolved to approve the agenda as presented.

Agenda item #3 **Ethics Report**

No ethics conflicts to report.

Agenda Item #4 **Review Meeting Minutes**

No revisions. Approved as presented

A motion duly made by Ms. Natalie Lewis, seconded by Ms. Nicole Jenkins, and approved by unanimous consent, was:

Resolved to accept the November 9, 2018 minutes as presented.

Agenda item #5 Board Business

Report of Contact:

CSC described new process for media and leg contacts

Legislative Guidance:

CSC described leg guidance document for board

Leg point of contact needs to be assigned

Karen Cunningham and Nicole Jenkins as leg Point of Contact – tag team

2019 Annual Report:

Natalie new to board – review annual report process together

CSC reviewed sections of report

- Identification of the board
- Identification of staff
- Narrative Statement
- Budget
- Leg. Recommendations
- Regulation Recommendations
- Sunset Audit Recommendations

N. Lewis volunteered for Identification of board & Narrative statement

D. Aguero volunteered for Leg Recommendations and Regulation Recommendations

N. Jenkins volunteered for FY 2020 Goals & Objectives

Agenda Item #6 Division Update

Marylene Wales, Accountant III joined the meeting at 9:28 AM

Review FY19 Qtr 1

July 1, 2018 – September 31, 2018.

Renewal Year

Overall deficit of \$19,044.

Marylene Wales, Accountant III exited the meeting at 9:33 AM

Agenda item #7 Old Business

Chair and Vice Chair Assignments:

Continue as-is until meeting w/ all board members present occurs.

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Board Response to Public Comments:

N. Jenkins motion to approve mailing letter to all licensees
N. Lewis 2nd motion

All unanimously passes

A motion duly made by Ms. Nicole Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Natalie Lewis, and approved by unanimous consent, was:

Resolved to approve mailing the letter drafted by the board at the November 9, 2018 board meeting in response to public comments received during the August 3, 2018 board meeting.

Proposed CE Course Approval Fees:

Reviewed email from Chambers
No Questions from the board.

Agenda item #8 **New Business**

Board Member Certificates:

CSC explained certificate and contents
Sent around for signatures

Certificate of Order:

Discussed changes to 19.350 for CE fee requirements

Natalie Lewis motioned
Nicole Jenkins 2nd
All – unanimously passes
DA – Approved
NL – Approved
NJ – Approved

A motion duly made by Ms. Nicole Jenkins, seconded by Ms. Natalie Lewis, and approved by unanimous consent, was:

Resolved to approve the changes to 12 AAC 19.350 for Application of providers for continuing education course approval.

Subcommittee Report:

NJ – had document showing hours and signed by supervisor, but not necessarily completed by an approved by a marital and family therapy state regulatory agency;

The board drafted new language for Sec. 08.63.120

The board discussed lobbying and the process for reaching out to Leg offices.

N. Jenkins offered to lobby for this language

D. Aguero asked who would be good to start with? Last legislative session was Spohnholz and Wilson.

147 N. Lewis motioned – approved to represent the board when reaching out to legislature for Sec. 08.63.120

148 N. Jenkins seconded motion

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150 *A motion duly made by Ms. Natalie Lewis, seconded by Ms. Nicole Jenkins, and approved by unanimous*
151 *consent, was:*

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153 *Resolved to approve Nicole Jenkins as representing the Alaska Board of Marital and Family Therapy*
154 *when reaching out to legislative offices for sponsorship of statute changes to Sec. 08.63.120.*

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156 Roll Call Vote

157 All passes –

158 DA – Approved

159 NL – Approved

160 NJ – Approved

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162 Break at 10:14 AM

163 Back from break at 10:23 AM

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166 **License Protection:**

167 NJ – SW’s have title protection for “social Work” – see AS 08.95.100(b)

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169 AS 08.63.220 – license required, but no title protection.

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171 NJ – can claim they provide marriage and family therapy services, but not that they are a marital and family
172 therapist.

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174 NL – obtained CE for MFT, and can state she provides marriage and family therapy services, but she never
175 indicates herself as a marital and family therapist.

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177 DA – do you know if other licensees have noticed this as a problem?

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179 DA – problems could arise in future // pushback from licensees? Given current budget, is it serious enough
180 problem to undergo a statute change and to incur lobbying expenses.

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182 NL – questions regarding costs of lobbying

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184 DA – could post letter on public website regarding importance of seeking MFT services from LMFT.

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186 NL – if we send out letter and get a lot of feedback, that would drive the actions of the board. Once we send out
187 the letter and gauge the importance, we could go from there.

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189 TASK – NL Drafting letter.

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192 **Board Member Vacancy:**

193 CSC explained Leon resigned early – does the board have any ideas on how to reach out to fill vacancy?

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195 DA – suggested blur for main webpage “board notice – vacancy” or something along the lines.

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Agenda item #11 **Application review**

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CE Application - Untangling the Controversy Around Sex Addiction

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NJ – would approve for addictions, but description doesn’t seem to be geared towards ethics. However, not opposed to approving ethics hours. Ethics not included in overall description on page 1 or in the list of objectives for the course.

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NL – In reading the description, it seems they are more requesting ethics rather than addictions – in terms of ethical dilemmas and avoiding advances as a provider

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NJ – move to approve for 3 hours CE credit, inclusive of 3 hours addictions

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Roll Call Vote

All in favor – unanimously passes.

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Renewal – John Pagan

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Statutes and regulations do not provide the board with the authority to grant an extension/exception to obtain the required CE’s.

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12 AAC 19.340 allows for an exemption

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NL – approve an extension for this individual to obtain CE’s for renewal on or before March 31, 2019

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NJ – 2nd motion

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LMFT Associates – Christy Kay

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NL – motion to approve the Christy Kay #138222 for LMFT Associate Application.

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LMFT Associates – Amber Vial

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NJ – motion to approve the MFT associate app for Amber Vial #141273

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NL – 2nd

All in favor – unanimously passed

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LMFT by Cred – Lindsey Rhett

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NL – motion to approve the app for Linsey Rhett #141987 for LMFT by Credentials pending completion of the AK Jurisprudence Examination.

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Agenda Item #12 **Administrative Business**

Sign Meeting Minutes:

Need Cunningham signature – absent at meeting

Sign Wall Certificates:

None to sign.

Correspondence:

AMFTRB Conference Information – Karen absent from meeting and unable to present

Schedule 2019 Meeting Date(s):

NL – August 6th board meeting might not work best.
DA – keep meetings on Tuesdays

Task List:

- TASK – Mail letter board response to public comments @ mtg 8/3/2018
- TASK – Send ROC information to Nicole Jenkins
- TASK – CSC will notify Glenn of leg point of contact (shared between Cunningham and Jenkins).
- TASK – Email drafted language for Sec 08.63.120 for contacting legislative offices
- TASK – Nicole will be reaching out to legislative offices regarding supervision statute changes (if any contact, will submit ROC form to CSC).
- TASK – Natalie Lewis draft letter to LMFT constituents regarding title protection
- TASK – Natalie Lewis will be returning letter to CSC
- TASK – CSC looking to see if we can post board vacancy on MFT website
- TASK – Email signature pages for minutes to Cunningham for signatures from mtg 8/3/2018 and 11/9/2018
- TASK – Mail board member certificates to Cunningham for signatures via certified mail.

With no further business to discuss, the board began working on the assigned sections for the 2019 Annual Report.

Agenda item #9 **Lunch Break**

Break for lunch at 12:14 pm.
Back from lunch at 1:30 pm.

- ROLL Call
- NJ – Here
- DA – Here
- NL – Here
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CSC – Here

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Agenda item #10 Public Comment

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Public comment opened at 1:30 pm.

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No persons present for public comment.

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Public comment closed at 1:34 pm.

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Agenda Item #13 Meeting Adjourned

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With no further business to discuss, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Nicole Jenkins and seconded by Ms. Natalie Lewis, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:

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RESOLVED to adjourn the Alaska State Board of Marital and Family Therapy.

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Adjourned at 1:35 pm.

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Respectfully Submitted By:

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Renee Carabajal, Program Coordinator 2 for –
Chelsea Childress
Records and Licensing Supervisor
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Approved by Division per Board vote 04/27/2023 - No Standing Board members were active at this meeting.

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Noah Shields, Board Chair for –
Dorothea Goddard-Aguero
Board Chairperson, Public Member
Alaska State Board of Marital and Family Therapy

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