

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  
December 10, 2019

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 December 10, 2019 at 333 Willoughby Avenue, SOB 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conf Room A, Juneau, AK 99801.

**December 10, 2019**

**Agenda item #1** **Call to order/Ethics Reporting**

This meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dorothea Goddard-Aguero at 9:01AM.

Board Members present, constituting a quorum:

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

Board Members absent (excused):

Karen Cunningham, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Vice-Chair  
Natalie Lewis, Public Member

Division Staff present were:

Lauren Bales, Occupational Licensing Examiner

**Agenda Item #2** **Review Agenda**

The board reviewed the presented drafted agenda. Ms. Osborn mentioned discussing the Legislation Discussion before diving into the Right Touch Regulation Project.

*A motion duly made by Mr. Noah Shields, seconded by Ms. Nicole Jenkins, and approved by unanimous consent, was:*

*Resolved to approve the agenda as amended.*

**Agenda Item #3** **Review Meeting Minutes**

The board reviewed the drafted minutes presented in the board book from the August 13, 2019 board meeting. There were no noted corrections or additions made.

*A motion duly made by Ms. Nicole Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Noah Shields, and approved by unanimous consent, was:*

*RESOLVED to accept the August 13, 2019 minutes as presented.*

**Agenda item #4**                      **Ethics Report**

There were no ethics conflicts to report.

**Agenda Item #5**                      **Investigative report**

*Investigator III, Amber Whaley and Billy Homestead joined the meeting via telephone at 9:39AM.*

Inv. Homestead reviewed the investigative report for the period of July 23, 2019 through November 25, 2019. The Division opened one (1) matters and closed zero (0) matters. No questions were presented by the board for the Investigative Report.

*Investigator III, Amber Whaley and Billy Homestead exited the room at 9:40AM.*

The board experienced some technical difficulties in getting the Division Update. While Ms. Osborn troubleshooted the issues, the board decided to review application(s).

**Agenda item #8**                      **Application review**

*Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Nicole Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Noah Shields, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:*

***RESOLVED to approve the application from MFTM247 Richard Clampitt for approved supervisor in Alaska.***

*The board began break at 10:00AM.*

*The board returned from break at 10:10AM.*

**Agenda item #6**                      **Division update**

*Accountant III, Marylene Wales entered the meeting at 10:10AM.*

Ms. Wales explained that the FY19 Year-End Quarter 4 report. This would be from the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The board once again questioned the Personal Service costs and reviewed a breakdown of those costs to the board. Ms. Agüero questioned the travel expenses of the year which had stemmed from the meeting held in Anchorage in January 22, 2019. A fee analysis will be scheduled in the next year for the board.

*Accountant III, Marylene Wales exited the meeting at 10:21AM.*

**Agenda item #7**                      **New Business**

**Legislation Discussion:**

The board reviewed the legislative process. It was discussed that Ms. Nicole Jenkins was the assigned legislative point of contact from previous discussions. Ms. Goddard-Agüero stated that usually contact is made via phone and is much easier form of communication.

**Right Touch Regulation Project:**

The board began the Right Touch Regulation Project and reviewed the Marital and Family Therapy Statutes and Regulations by section to identify necessary areas of change. The board reviewed the language used by other professional boards regarding Grounds for Denial and Reinstatement. The areas identified by the board are as follows:

**Sec 08.63.110(f):** “The board shall revoke a license for supervised practice if the person fails the examination required under

AS 08.63.100 two or more times.”

A license for supervised practice is issued for a four-year period in which the applicant can take the national examination. Mr. Shields asked what the intention of this statute language was. Ms. Jenkins answered that while some states allow the test to be taken more than three times, the national standard set by AMFTRB is that a candidate may take the examination no more than three times in a twelve-month period. Ms. Goddard-Aguero posed the questions whether this was limiting licensure and should be expanded. Mr. Shields suggested that if other states allow unlimited examinations, we could allow an applicant who has failed to pass two or more examinations to submit a written request to the Board for additional examinations and the Board would have the discretion to grant the request.

**Sec 08.63.120. Authorized Supervisors:** The board discussed adding language of allowing outside supervision and AAMFT approved supervisors. In doing so, the board mentioned they would need to adjust language in the statute to remove the limitations placed to only allow the use of individuals licensed in Alaska.

*The board began break at 12:01AM.*

*The board returned from break at 12:06AM.*

**12 AAC 19.210. Approved Supervisors:** The board reviewed the regulations and compared the application provided for approved supervisors to the requirements. The board then proposed to delete language requesting approved supervisors should provide documentation of having practiced as a licensed marital and family therapist for five continuous years.

**Drafting Regulation Language:**

**Grounds for Denial:** Drafted language for proposed statute: “(a) The board will, in its discretion, deny an application for license under (insert statute for license requirement) if the board finds that the applicant’s history of felony or misdemeanor convictions make the applicant unfit for the license. The board will consider the number and recency of any conviction and the relationship those convictions may have to licensure under (insert statute for license requirements).

(b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a person who has been convicted of a felony crime against a person described in AS 11.41 within the ten years before the date of application, is unfit for licensure under AS 08.95.110, and that person’s application for licensure under (insert license requirements) will be denied.

(c) The board will deny an application for licensure under AS 08.95 if the board determines that the applicant provided false or misleading statements or information on the application that relates to the applicant’s qualifications for licensure under (insert license requirements).”

**Reinstatement:** “The board will reinstate a license that has been lapsed less than five years if the applicant submits proof of completion of all continuing education contact hours that would have been required to keep the applicant’s license current, and the applicant meets all other requirements under (insert license requirements) and this chapter for license renewal.”

*Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Noah Shields and seconded by Ms. Nicole Jenkins, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:*

***RESOLVED to approve the drafted language for Grounds for Denial and Reinstatement regulations.***

**Agenda Item #9** **Public Comments**

*Public Comment opened at 12:30PM.*

No persons present for public comment.

**Agenda Item #10** Administrative Business

**Meeting Dates:**

*Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Nicole Jenkins and seconded by Mr. Noah Shields, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:*

*RESOLVED to meet for a teleconference on May 4, 2020.*

*Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Noah Shields and seconded by Ms. Nicole Jenkins, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:*

*RESOLVED to meet for a teleconference on September 21, 2020.*

**Board Term Changes:**

Board Term Changes agenda item was tabled until all board members could be present. Mr. Noah Shields was established as the point of contact if Ms. Karen Cunningham, the current vice-chair, is unreachable.

**Task List:**

**Task** – Research when the Jurisprudence Exam was first implemented.

**Task** – Research language on allowing outside supervision and AAMFT approved supervisors.

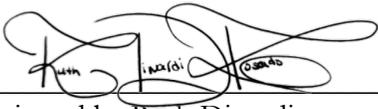
**Task** – For the next planned meeting (May 4, 2020), request that a Regulation Specialist join the meeting to look over language with the board.

*Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Noah Shields and seconded by Ms. Nicole Jenkins, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:*

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

**Adjourned at 12:55 PM**

Respectfully Submitted By:



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Occupational Licensing Examiner  
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**Noah Shields**

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Board Chairperson  
Alaska State Board of Marital and Family Therapy

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