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

BOARD OF MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY Minutes of the meeting April 11, 2024

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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 virtually via Zoom.

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- 7 The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.
- 8 Agenda Item Roll Call
- 9 Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum
- 10 Noah Shields, Chair, Therapist/Counselor
- 11 Shawnmarie Carpenter, Therapist
- 12 Richard Clampitt, Therapist/Counselor
- 13 Kayla Green, Member of the Public

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- **Board Members Absent**
- 16 None

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- 18 Staff Members Present
- 19 Jeanne Pace, Program Coordinator I
- 20 Marlo Adams, Licensing Examiner

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- 22 Members of the Public Present
- 23 Kelsey Fox

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- Agenda Item Ethics Report
- The Board had no ethical issues to report.

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- Agenda Item Approve Agenda
- In a motion duly made by Richard Clampitt, seconded by Kayla Green with unanimous consent, it was resolved to accept the April 11, 2024, agenda as amended to include telehealth, continuing education requirements, and retired license.

| Board Member | Approve | Deny | Recuse | Absent |
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| Noah Shields, Chair | Х | | | |
| Shawnmarie Carpenter | Х | | | |
| Richard Clampitt | Х | | | |
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Agenda Item - Public Comment

No comment from the public.

Agenda Item – New Business/Customer Correspondence

Correspondence was reviewed from Colorado Christian University. The university is seeking the board's confirmation that this degree is acceptable to the board. The board agreed they would approve this program for this license type.

In a motion duly made by Kayla Green, seconded by Richard Clampitt with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve Colorado Christian University School of Counseling Program curriculum as outlined.

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Jeanne Pace announced occupational licensing examiner (OLE), Marlo Adams, will be the OLE for Marital and Family Therapy.

Agenda Item - New Business/Senior License

Discussion was had about the senior license. It was brought forth that the senior license is not in the statutes and is in the research phase.

Agenda Item - New Business/Avenue to Locate a Supervisor

It has been very difficult for people to locate a board authorized supervisor. A solution is in test phase for searching online for a board authorized supervisor for MFT. It is only in the testing phase. More information will be reported to the Board when testing is complete.

Agenda Item - New Business/Annual Report

Board members discussed the compilation of the annual report. The section of the report was divvied up as Shawnmarie—Needs, Richard—Accomplishments, Noah—Activities, and Kayla to review minutes and pass information from minutes to person with corresponding section. All members to review and supply information for each section. Through Onboard the Board will review and vote to agree upon a finalized version of the annual report. Marlo is available to format information the board wants added to the annual report. The board is to have the annual report to division staff by May 15th.

Off record at 9:43 am

On record at 9:50 am

Agenda Item – Current Status and Feedback Regarding ANP Removal

We attempted to have some statute changes for the Board of Marital Family Therapy. It was attached to a bill that Senator Tobin had created for physician assistance. Senator Steven's office had basically taken our information, written it out, and combined it with that bill when it went to committee. There was a lot of discussion around removal of advanced nurse practitioner and our statute was removed from the bill. We can start over as an independent bill or have it combined again. Discussion was about replacing

advanced nurse practitioner with advanced psychiatric nurse practitioner. This was tabled until next meeting to give board members more time to research this matter.

Agenda Item - AMFTRB Annual Meeting Attendance September 16, 2024

Noah will attend this year's meeting; however, he would like to see another Board member attend this meeting next year.

Agenda Item – Discussion Regarding Support of SB225 and HB314

The board made public that they put forth a letter of support for Senate Bill 225 and House Bill 314. The Board supports investigative fees coming out of corporations rather than the board funding investigations. This would allow the board to look at investigative issues within the boundaries of, "is this an ethical issue or not," without thinking it will cause a financial dilemma. Nothing has moved on this and won't until the budget is passed. The board's letter of support for SB225 and HB314 was read into the record.

Agenda Item - License Portability

Shawnmarie is still awaiting the list of LMFTs, MFTs, and MFTAs with interest in being a part of a subcommittee. Jeanne will track down the list and provide it to Shawnmarie via email.

Agenda Item - Schedule Future Meetings

Our next meeting is August 19th. The board scheduled a meeting for November 4th (in-person).

Off record 10:23 am
On record 10:29 am

Agenda Item - Investigative Report

Jasmin Bautista gave the report. The report is for period January 6, 2024, to April 4, 2024. There is one open case for this board, and this is a 2023 complaint. The open case is still under review and Jasmin is looking for an expert witness to review complaints. If anybody on the board has contact information for a potential expert witness, please let Jasmin know. The board has one closed case, and it was closed due to being an incomplete complaint. Incomplete complaints happen when a complainant does not respond within 30 days with the signed complaint forms. If the complainant submits completed, signed complaint forms then we would reopen the case.

Agenda Item - Application Review

In a motion duly made by Richard Clampitt, seconded by Kayla Green with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve application #222706.

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| Noah Shields, Chair | Х | | | |
| Shawnmarie Carpenter | Х | | | |
| Richard Clampitt | Х | | | |
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| 112 | Agenda Item - | FY24 2 nd | Quarter Fiscal | Report |
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113 Melissa Dumas gave the mid-year fiscal report and there was discussion about proposed fee changes.

In a motion duly made by Richard Clampitt, seconded by Kayla Green with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve the fee changes as presented to the board.

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Richard Clampitt rescinded his motion to approve the fee changes as presented to the board.

In a motion duly made by Shawnmarie Carpenter, seconded by Kayla Green with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve a 40% reduction in fees for MFT license, a 40% reduction in fees for renewal of an MFT license, and a 42% reduction in fees for an AMFT license.

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| Noah Shields, Chair | Х | | | |
| Shawnmarie Carpenter | Х | | | |
| Richard Clampitt | Х | | | |
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In a motion duly made by Kayla Green, seconded by Richard Clampitt with unanimous consent, it was resolved to adjourn the April 11, 2024, meeting at 11:23 am.

| Board Member | Approve | Deny | Recuse | Absent |
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| Shawnmarie Carpenter | Х | | | |
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| Kayla Green | Х | | | Х |

| Date Final Minutes Approved by the Board: | May 17, 2024 |
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