

**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 MEETING**

**November 13, 2009**

**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 November 13, 2009, beginning at 9:11 a.m. The meeting was held at the 2301 Peger, Fairbanks, Alaska.**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson, Larry Severson 9:11 am

Board Members present, constituting a quorum:

Larry Severson, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist  
Father John Downing, Public Member  
Kimberly Horn, Public Member  
Patricia White (by telephone at various times)

Board Member absent:

Patricia White, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist  
(Ms. White joined the meeting by telephone for various discussions and votes)

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

Eleanor Vinson, Licensing Examiner  
David Newman, Investigator (by telephone)  
Cathy Mason, Administrative Officer (by telephone)

**1. Review Agenda**

One item was added: 9. c. Regulation change 12 AAC 19.130; and the Paralegal report (3) was removed from the agenda.

**On a motion duly made by Father John Downing, seconded by Kimberly Horn, and approved unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED to accept the agenda as amended.**

**2. Review Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the July 24, 2009 meeting.

**On a motion duly made by Father John Downing, seconded by Kimberly Horn, and approved unanimously, it was  
RESOLVED to accept the July 24, 2009 meeting minutes as amended.**

### **3. Paralegal Report**

There was no Paralegal Report for this meeting.

### **4. Investigator's Report**

Investigator David Newman gave the report by telephone. There have been no complaints opened since last meeting, but there was one new Investigation opened regarding falsified application.

### **5. Budget Report**

Administrative Officer Cathy Mason gave the budget report by telephone. She has reviewed this Board's budget going back to 2008 and has fixed errors. There is still a roll-forward.

### **6. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

### **7. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **8. Old Business**

#### **a. Continuing education providers' approval form updated**

At the previous meeting, Board Member Larry Severson had distributed the "NBCC Continuing Education Policies and Procedures". It was reviewed and the Board decided it would be used for a guideline for the CEU providers' approval form. The form was updated to address the concern that the applications were not being filled out as they should. The licensing examiner presented the revised form for the Board's review.

#### **b. 2009 Legislative Audit Report**

Pat White, Board Chair, gave a quick review on the Legislative Audit Report. She will write a letter of response.

## 9. New Business

### a. AMFTRB Report

Both Patricia White, Board Chair, and Kimberly Horn, Board member gave their report on their attendance at the Association of marital and Family therapy Regulatory Board meeting which was held September 8-10, 2009.

Ms. Horn reported that the annual report for the examination program and testing was reviewed and discussed at the meeting. New questions were chose. The AMFTRB is also discussing continuing education units and their guidelines for renewals. Mandatory peer review was discussed as continuing education.

Also discussed was continuity between states; ethics violations; supervision, and evaluating continuing competency.

She reported that many states are facing the same problems as Alaska: rural supervision and fewer licensees.

There was discussion regarding testing needing to be focusing on ethics; CEUs on line; AAMFT guidelines for moving licenses from state to state. There are advocates for using peer review for continuing education/continuing competency, but the question was raised about how to get peer reviews in small communities.

There are supervision issues: what they do and what are their responsibilities.

### b. AAMFT Report

Chair White had attended the American Association of Marital and Family Therapy yearly conference and reported on the U of Nebraska special project on training. Their project involved all faculty, and focused on the process of training of all participants, student and faculty. More frequent feedback to students from trainers and faculty was of particular note.

### c. Regulation change 12 AAC 19.130

There is a discrepancy between 08.63.120 and 12 AAC 19.130, in that the statutes says one must be licensed in Alaska (“under this chapter”) to qualify to be an MFT supervisor; however, the regulation says you may qualify if you “hold a license to practice marital and family therapy in this state or another jurisdiction”.

**Sec. 08.63.120. Authorized supervisors.** (a) A person may not supervise a person under this chapter unless approved by the board to be a supervisor.

(b) A person who supervises a licensee under this section must

(1) have practiced marital and family therapy for five years;

(2) be licensed under this chapter; and

(3) meet the minimum standards established by the board for approved supervisors.

**12 AAC 19.130. SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE.** (a) The board will, in its discretion, approve the supervised experience of an applicant to satisfy the requirements of AS 08.63.100(a)(3)(B)(vi) and (C)(ii) if the supervisor

(1) is approved by the board; and

- (2) verifies the applicant's experience on a form provided by the department.
- (b) For the purposes of this section, an approved supervisor must
  - (1) hold a license to practice marital and family therapy in this state or another jurisdiction;
  - (2) hold a master's or doctorate degree from a regionally accredited educational institution in marital and family therapy and have practiced marital and family therapy for at least five continuous years; or
  - (3) be a master's degree or doctorate level mental health professional whose education meets the requirements of AS 08.63.100(a)(3)(B).

The Board discussed the two rules and, at this time, they must follow the statutes, but they wish to have the statute changed to reflect that a marital and family therapist may qualify to be a supervisor whether they are licensed in Alaska or another state. The Board feels that it would be an advantage to the military deployed to another state from Alaska and to our rural areas. They feel it is in the best interest of the public.

**On a motion duly made by Father John Downing, seconded by Kimberly Horn, and approved unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED to change the wording in Sec. 08.63.120 (b)(2) that now reads " be licensed under this chapter" to read "be licensed under this chapter or another Jurisdiction"**

#### **10. Application and CEU Audit Review**

The Board reviewed applications and continuing education audits.

**On a motion duly made Father John Downing, seconded by Kimberly Horn and approved unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED accept the following applications:**

#### **MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPIST BY CREDENTIAL**

MICHAEL MURRAY

#### **MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAMINATION**

RICHARD CLAMPITT

#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT**

SHELLY THOMAS

#### **CEU APPROVAL APPLICATION LIST**

Barton Sloan  
THE NEUROBIOLOGY OF INFORMATION PROCESSING & EMDR  
14 CEUs

Linda Webber  
INTEGRATING EMDR IN THE TREATMENT OF EATING DISORDERS 4.5 CEUs

**On a motion duly made by Father John Dowing, seconded by Kim Horn  
and approved unanimously, it was  
RESOLVED to not accept the following Continuing Education Audits:**

Pamela Libby  
Daniel Marman

### **11. Board Business**

**a. Ethics reports**

There were no Ethics reports submitted.

**b. Task List**

Larry Severson was to research the new AAMFT training to see if it is beneficial to the Board.

**c. Schedule next meeting**

One meeting date was changed from previous meeting:

November 13, 2009 – Fairbanks  
March 12, 2010 – Juneau  
June 25, 2010 – Anchorage (changed from July 30)

**d. Sign meeting minutes**

The previous Board meeting minutes were signed.

**e. Travel Authorizations**

The travel authorizations were signed.

**f. Board travel/conferences**

There was discussion regarding future national annual meetings and attendees. It was determined that the Board would send Kim Horn to the AAFTRB meeting in September.

**On a motion duly made by Kimberly Horn, seconded by Father John Downing, and  
approved unanimously, it was  
RESOLVED to adjourn meeting.**

2:00 p.m. Meeting was adjourned