

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF  
LICENSURE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 15, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure of Marriage and Family Therapists was held at the Division of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky on October 15, 2009.

**Board Members Present:**

Mr. Tony Watkins  
Ms. Sandy Miller  
Ms. Jane Prouty  
Dr. Tom Robbins  
Ms. Melissa Wade  
Dr. Delbert Hayden

**Board Members Absent:**

Ms. Stephanie Head

**Occupations & Professions**

Carolyn Kyler, Board Administrator

**Others Present:**

Angela Evans, Asst. Attorney General  
Mike Rankin, KAMFT Executive  
Jennifer Lawrence, Licensee

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**Call to Order**

Mr. Watkins called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Hayden made a motion to approve the September 17, 2009 minutes, with amendments. Ms. Wade seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Statement**

Dr. Hayden made a motion to approve the financial statement. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Guests**

Jennifer Lawrence, Marriage and Family Therapist Associate, met with the Board to discuss hours of supervision and experience earned as a Marriage and Family Therapist Intern in California. Ms. Lawrence was able to provide verification of those hours, which were acceptable to the Board.

**Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Short reported that Kentucky Interactive, the company that was working on updating the database, had informed her that there were going to be additional costs that had not been initially disclosed. It was estimated that for the MFT board alone a monthly charge of \$200 in perpetuity. The Office of Occupations and Professions felt that these charges were not appropriate and plans to look at other options.

Ms. Short also introduced a cost cutting measure to the Board as it relates to license renewal. In lieu of mailing the renewal applications, which are done as a courtesy and not statutorily required, she proposed that the Office would begin mailing post cards informing licensees that their licenses would be coming due and directing them to the website. Once there, they would have the option of renewing on-line, completing the renewal and printing it, printing the renewal and completing it by hand, or requesting a renewal be mailed to them. Ms. Short highly recommended the Board accept this initiative and by doing so it would help improve efficiency of staff and save money for the Board. The Board agreed to the recommendation.

**Old Business**

Ms. Evans agreed to email Ms. Benedict with the date of the ARRS committee meeting so that Mr. Watkins could plan to appear on behalf of the Board.

Ms. Short informed the Board that the contract had been emailed to Dr. Kravic. It has an estimated start date of November 1, 2009.

**New Business**

Mr. Watkins asked the Board if they would be interested in presenting one hour of ethics at the KAMFT conference on February 25, 2010. They agreed. It was also agreed that the Board meeting would be held on that day as well. Additionally, Mr. Watkins was asked to give a presentation on February 25, 2010 with regard to MFT law.

Correspondence from Dana Christensen and Leighann Valdez was reviewed. Ms. Valdez is an applicant to the University of Louisville's post-masters program. She has a Masters degree in Psychology with all the pre-requisite courses except for the clinical practicum. Dr. Christensen and Ms. Valdez were asking for the board to accept her degree as a qualifying master's degree and allow her hours to count toward licensure as other participants in PDI programs are allowed to do. Upon review of both letters and applying the facts of those letters to the laws and regulations, Dr. Robbins made a motion that a reply be sent stating that the degree Ms. Valdez had does not meet the criteria as a qualifying masters degree however, once she completed the PDI program she would be eligible to make application as an associate and then start earning hours toward licensure. Ms. Prouty seconded the motion. The motion carried. Ms. Miller abstained from voting stating that she currently taught in the MFT program and that some of her students may be affected by this decision.

Ms. Prouty asked if the Board would consider providing training for reviewing continuing education applications to ensure that they were being reviewed consistently by all members. Mr. Watkins said that there were several items that needed to be discussed and clarified and suggested the board might want to consider having a retreat early in 2010. Board members were asked to keep a list of items for discussion at the retreat. The subject will be placed on the agenda under old business for further discussion in the future.

**Complaints**

KRS 61.810 Section 1(c) which states "All meetings of a quorum of the members of any public agency at which any public business is discussed or at which any action is taken by the agency, shall be public meetings, open to the public at all times, except for the following: (c) Discussions of Proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency," Ms. Wade made a motion that the Board go into closed session to discuss matters of potential litigation and disciplinary action. Ms. Prouty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Complaint Committee made the following recommendation regarding pending complaints:

- 07-003 – Ongoing
- 08-002 – This matter has been scheduled for a hearing on February 11 and 12, 2010
- 09-001 – Ongoing
- 09-003 – Ongoing
- 09-005 – Ongoing

The recommendation of the Board was seconded by Dr. Robbins. The motion passed.

**Applications Review**

Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the applications as submitted. Ms. Prouty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The following Audited Renewals for LMFTs were approved: Dianne Moore Doss, Linda Clark, Douglas R. Holm

The following Audited Renewals for LMFTs were deferred or denied: None

The following request for LMFT inactive status was approved: None

The following request for LMFT reinstatement was deferred: Melanie Renee Carter

The following contracts for associate supervision were approved: Jack A. Copley

The following applications for Marriage and Family Therapist Associate were approved: Richard Hendricks, II, Kelly Lee, Justin Lewis and Jamie Waddle

The following applications for Marriage and Family Therapist Associate were deferred: Jennifer Hoertz, Edward Koffenberger

The following applications for Marriage and Family Therapist Associate were denied: Rhea Jeannette Caudill

The following Marriage and Family Therapist Associate renewals were deferred:

The following applications for Marriage and Family Therapist were approved: Mary Badami, Jeffery Gilbertson

The following applications for Marriage and Family Therapist were deferred or denied:

The following program applications for continuing education were approved:

None

#### Provider Applications Approved

Our Lady of Peace – Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Addiction – 3 hours

Cross Country Education – Psychology and Spirituality – 6 hours

Cross Country Education – Wisdom of the Dream: A Jungian Approach to Dream Interpretation – 6 hours

Seven Counties Services – Borderline Personality and Dialectical Behavior Therapy – An Introduction – 12 hours

McKissock 100% Education – Cultural Competency and Diversity – 3 hours

McKissock 100% Education – Hallucinogens and Disassociative Drugs – 1 hour

McKissock 100% Education – Inhalant Abuse – 1 hour

McKissock 100% Education – Crisis: The Role of a Behavioral Health Professional – 3 hours

McKissock 100% Education – Anxiety Disorders – 2 hours

McKissock 100% Education – Clinical Supervision – 5 hours

McKissock 100% Education – Caring for the Suicidal Client – 4 hours

McKissock 100% Education – Cocaine Use and Abuse – 1 hour

McKissock 100% Education – Domestic Violence – 2 hours

McKissock 100% Education – Abuse and Addiction of Heroin – 1 hour

McKissock 100% Education – MDMA (Ecstasy) Abuse – 1 hour

McKissock 100% Education – Social Work Services in Long-Term Care – 3 hours

McKissock 100% Education – Eating Disorders – 1 hour

McKissock 100% Education – Pain: The Universal Disorder – 3 hours

McKissock 100% Education – Prescription Drug Abuse – 1 hour

McKissock 100% Education – National Strategy for Suicide Prevention – 8 hours

McKissock 100% Education – Patient Confidentiality and HIPAA Ethics – 3 hours

McKissock 100% Education – An Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders – 3 hours

McKissock 100% Education – Methamphetamine Abuse and Addiction – 1 hour

McKissock 100% Education – Alcohol Problems in Intimate Relationships – 5 hours

McKissock 100% Education – Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder – 3 hours

McKissock 100% Education – Helping Patients Who Drink Too Much – 3 hours

McKissock 100% Education – Bipolar Disorder – 2 hours

McKissock 100% Education – Emotional Intelligence: A Key to Helping Clients Find Success and Fulfillment – 4 hours

Ridge Behavioral Health System – Collaborative Problem Solving – 3 hours

RiverValley Behavioral Health – A Biblical Christian Counseling Perspective – 2 hours

#### Provider Applications Deferred

PESI, LLC – Trauma, PTSD and Grief – pending receipt of vita for instructor

RiverValley Behavioral Health – How Communities are Impacted by Suicide – pending signature on application

Baptist Hospital East – Life after Cancer: What does Sexuality Have to do With it? – pending receipt of vitas for all presenters

Netsmart University Online Catalog – pending receipt of names, qualifications and vita of the instructors; copy of the program indication hours of education, official certificate of completion, agenda (including breaks and lunch if classroom program)

#### Provider Applications Denied

Richard Landon – Wayne Oates Institute – Baseball, Ghosts and Field of Dreams Seminar

Richard Landon – Lexington Theological Seminary – Sacred Trust Boundaries

#### Individual Applications Approved

Cindy Guertin

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#### Individual Applications Denied

None

### **Approval of Travel and Per Diem**

Ms. Wade made a motion to approve travel and per diem for members attending today's meeting. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Additional Business**

Mr. Watkins distributed copies of the Summary of Amended MFT Regulations and Errors and Other Notes Regarding Amended Regulations prepared by Ms. Wade and asked that Board members review them for discussion at the next meeting. He also expressed his appreciation, on behalf of the Board, to Ms. Wade for all of her hard work. Mr. Watkins asked the Board to consider the per diem rate for the 4 days that Ms. Wade worked on the review. Dr. Robbins made the motion that the Board pay Ms. Wade the per diem rate for the 4 days the regulations were worked on. Ms. Prouty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

Dr. Robbins moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried. With no further business brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Prepared by Carolyn Benedict  
October 15, 2009