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Regulations Committee Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2026

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Marriage and Family Therapists – Regulations Committee was held at the Department of Professional Licensing located at 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40601 on September 14, 2026.

Members Present

Amanda Bommer-Villaveces
Allison Hock Howell
Michelle Oak
Trisha Jarnagin

Department of Professional Licensing

Jolene Shearer, Board Administrator

Members Not Present

Public Protection Cabinet

Matthew Ellison, Legal Counsel

Guests

Call to Order

Amanda B. Villaveces called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

New Business

The Committee began reviewing 201 KAR 32:060:

- The Committee updated licensee to match the new definition in 32:010
- Section 1:
 - The Committee removed the “Effective” date as this no longer applies due to the date being 2017.
 - The Committee clarified which licensure type has to complete which CEU hour requirements.
 - The Committee added new requirements for marriage and family therapist:

- 9 hours still have to be in systemic practice; in this 9 hours, the telehealth can count and the supervision hours can count towards this requirement. Also clarify that all ethic hours have to be in the marriage and family therapy field unrelated to telehealth ethics.
 - 6 hours can now be in matters outside systemic practice.
- The Committee added clarification to marriage and family therapists associates outlining that if an associate takes the telehealth training, the 2 hour requirement for renewal can be counted inside their 10 hour requirement and clarified that all ethic hours have to be in the marriage and family therapy field unrelated to telehealth ethics.
- The Committee removed (2) and (3); making (4) and (5) the new (2) and (3). In the new (2), making suicide training required within the first year of licensure, and then every six years after that date. In the new (3), making domestic violence training required every six years after the initial training to keep in line with suicide training.
- Section 2:
 - Made only AAMFT programs (those provided by and paid directly to AAMFT) accepted by the Board;
 - Added The Gottman Institute and The International Centre for Excellence in Emotional Focused Therapy to this list.
 - Clarified what Post Approval is and what requirements are for submitting those applications, and adding a \$20 fee in line with the practice of other Boards.
 - Added language for programs and requirements for the new 6 hours outside of systemic practice.
- Section 3:
 - The Committee skipped this section as it needed some work done by BA to help figure out what the sponsor is saying, and will review at the October meeting.
- Sections 4-7:
 - The Committee cleaned up some language but didn't make any adjustments to these sections.

The Committee will be reviewing this regulation again at the next meeting.

The next Regulation Committee meeting will be held on October 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m..

Adjourn

A motion was made by Allison Hock Howell to adjourn the Regulation Committee meeting at 10:46 a.m.. Motion, seconded by Michelle Oak, carried.



Amanda B. Villaveces, LMFT, Chair