KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES March 19, 2020

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Marriage and Family Therapists held virtually through Zoom on March 19, 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

Shawn Oak Tiler Hahn, Board Administrator
Scott Kaminsky Michael Newman, Commissioner
Fred Stickle Kevin Winstead, DPL General Counsel

Gary Clark

John Embry OTHERS

Tamara James Bryan Morrow, Legal Counsel

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT GUESTS

N/A

CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Oak called the meeting to order at 12:55p.m.

MINUTES

A motion made by Tamara James to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2020 meeting. Motion, seconded by Scott Kaminsky, carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial statement for the month of February 2020 presented to the Board for review. No further action as required.

DPL UPDATE

Commissioner Michael Newman spoke to the Board that the Department of Professional Licensing is working on getting the contract ready for review for the Board. He also thanked the Board for all the work they have done and are doing during this state of emergency.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Morrow brought to the Board the recommendation, of the hearing officer, to dismiss 2019KBMFT002. A motion made by John Embry to accept the recommendation of the hearing officer to dismiss 2019KBMFT002. Motion, seconded by Fred Stickle, carried.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

A Licensure Status Report, March 16, presented to the Board for review. The report showed there are currently **553** active licensed Marriage and Family Therapists along with **169** active licensed Marriage and Family Therapy Associates. No further action was required.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board Administrator sought the Boards clarity on what an associate would do when they reach the 5-year limit on permits. The Board stated that an associate that reaches the 5-year limit and is unable to get full licensure would need to re-apply for a new permit.

The Board re-reviewed J. Scott application due to new information on military affiliation was sent in. a motion made by Scott Kaminsky to approve the application in light of the new information. Motion, seconded by Fred Stickle, carried.

Telehealth programming questions brought to the Board to help with the process of how to have telehealth set up in the system for initial training and renewals. Initial to be submitted during renewal. CEU requirements for telehealth can be removed if the licensee is not practicing telehealth anymore and the licensee wants it removed..

The Board discussed the current situation with COVID-19 and how it affected the practice for licensees and associates. Mr. Morrow spoke on the executive order 2020-0243, from the Governor, which suspends laws and regulations that prevent social distancing during the state of emergency. Mr. Morrow stated that this unfortunately does not apply to regulations for associates or education requirements.

A motion made by Scott Kaminsky to file an emergency regulation allowing Associates to practice telehealth after they have completed the initial education requirements in 201 KAR 32:110, Section 3. Motion, seconded by Fred Stickle, carried.

A motion made by Fred Stickle to allow supervision to be conducted through telecommunication during the State of Emergency. Motion, seconded by John Embry, carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Bertram about telehealth. The Board advised it addressed this previously today.

A motion made by Fred Stickle to approve Fondren Request to be a Board approved supervisor. Motion, seconded by Johnny Embry, carried.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

A motion made by Fred Stickle to approve all applications, renewals, audits, inactive requests and CE provider applications as reviewed by the applications committee prior and post of this meeting. Motion, seconded by Johnny Embry, carried.

A motion made by Fred Stickle to approve the ratifications of applications, renewals, audits and CE provider applications reviewed and issued following the last meeting and prior to this meeting. Motion, seconded by John Embry, carried.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

2019MFT00003- Mr. Morrow stated we have received the transcript from the hearing on this case and will be filing it.

2019CA1302/1304- Orders not ready

PER DIEM

Motion made by Fred Stickle to approve Per Diem for the following:

2/24/20: Scott Kaminsky

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3/18/20: Tamara James, Shawn Oak, Fred Stickle, Mike Clark, Scott Kaminsky,

3/19/20: Tamara James Shawn Oak, Fred Stickle, Mike Clark, Scott Kaminsky.

Motion, seconded by John Embry, carried.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Fred Stickle to adjourn the meeting at 1:53p.m. Motion, seconded by John Embry, carried.

Shawn Oak, Chair