

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

BOARD OF MARITAL & FAMILY THERAPY

CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 23, 2022

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provision of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting (teleconference) of the Board of Marital & Family Therapy was held on May 23, 2022 at 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9th Floor, Juneau, AK.

Date:	May 23, 2022
Time:	9:00 am
Location:	Online teleconference - run from 333 Willoughby Avenue, 9 th Floor, Juneau, AK
Board Members Present:	Noah Shields (Chair, LMFT), Joy Collins (LMFT), Richards Clampitt (LMFT), Kayla Green (Public Member),
Division Staff Present:	Lacey Derr (Records and Licensing Supervisor), Josh Hardy (Investigator), Melissa Dumas (Admin. Officer)
Present from the Public:	Mercy Dennis (LMFT), Karen Cunningham (LMFT), Joshua Miller (LMFT)

2. Review Agenda

Brief Discussion:	<i>It was suggested that the tabled applications be moved to 10:45 am; at the same time as the omnibus board presentation.</i>	
Motion:	Move to approve the agenda as amended. (First: K. Green; Second: J. Collins)	
Recorded Votes:	Shields - Y	Green - Y
	Collins - Y	

3. Ethics Reporting

Brief Discussion:	<i>None of the members present had anything to report.</i>
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4. Investigative Report & Training

Brief Discussion:	<i>Investigator Hardy reviewed the current report with the Board; there is currently only one open case. Investigator Hardy also provided annual training for the Board reviewing the investigative process. Most of the training was public; the portion covering Board members reviewing cases, was done in executive session. The Board discussed creating a disciplinary matrix in the future.</i>
Motion:	Move to go into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), and the Alaska constitutional right to privacy provisions, for the purpose of discussing matters involving consideration of government records that by law are not subject to public disclosure. (First: R. Clampitt; Second: K. Green)

Recorded Votes:	<i>Shields - Y</i>	<i>Green - Y</i>
	<i>Collins - Y</i>	<i>Clampitt - Y</i>
Action Items:	<i>The board went into Executive Session at 9:29 a.m. and returned from Executive Session at 9:55 a.m.</i>	

10. Application Review – Tabled Applications		
Brief Discussion:	<i>Review of Joshua Miller’s application for renewal and the CE documents.</i>	
Motion:	<i>Ms. Derr requested a roll call vote to Approve Mr. Miller for renewal</i>	
Recorded Votes:	<i>Shields - Y</i>	<i>Green - Y</i>
	<i>Collins - Y</i>	<i>Clampitt - Abstain</i>
Action Items:	<i>Renew Mr. Miller’s license.</i>	
Brief Discussion:	<i>Review of Cora Benedict’s application for licensure by exam. There were some questions about the education course worksheet. The Board requested that the applicant provide course descriptions.</i>	
Action Items:	<i>Staff will request additional information from the applicant and load the complete application and additional information to OnBoard for Board review and voting.</i>	

6. Omnibus Board Presentation	
Brief Discussion:	<i>Florida has an omnibus board with marital & family therapy, social work and professional counselors. The administrator for FL mentioned that delegation of powers is given to the examiners. Currently in AK the professional counselors are not interested in forming an omnibus board but might look into delegation of powers. In FL the omnibus board is made up of nine members and they review problem applications. There has been discussion about a central investigative costs fund, so that smaller boards are more protected.</i>

5. Division Update	
Brief Discussion:	<i>Melissa Dumas, Admin Officer joined the meeting to present the current revenue/expenditure report for the 3rd quarter of FY22. It was noted that the MFT program received approximately \$52k in general fund dollars. Fees are not currently being increased, but programs are required to be self-sustaining.</i>

5. New Business

Brief Discussion:	<p><i>Non-Synchronous CE's for renewal – Should this be extended for the upcoming renewal? Mr. Clampitt noted that a regulation change would be required to add a description for synchronous. It could include video/online live vs being in-person, which still fits the definition. The existing regulation was likely written to address audio/video tapes being mailed, so that would not be synchronous.</i></p> <p><i>AMFTRB Annual Meeting – Mr. Shields will be the delegate and Ms. Green will be the alternate to attend the September meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Next Meeting Dates – January 26-27 in Juneau.</i></p> <p><i>Annual Report FY22 – Mr. Shields will take the narrative, Mr. Clampitt will take regulation and statute recommendations, Ms. Green will take the goals & objectives and Ms. Collins will take budget recommendations.</i></p>
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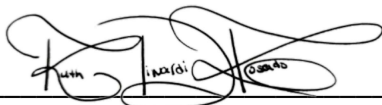
7. Public Comment	
Brief Discussion:	<p><i>Laura Patin (not present, but had sent an email) – Due to the lack of available live/in-person CE opportunities due to covid and its aftermath, would encourage the board to reduce the number of live CEs required for renewal and to allow certified, non-live CE until travel availability to attend live trainings becomes easier.</i></p> <p><i>Mercy Dennis, LMFT – Anchorage – appreciates the Board and State and the work they do. Synchronous/non-synchronous language is hard; could use some clarity. 12 AAC 19.320(b)(10)(B) – not every provider gives a certificate, this allows an approved MFT supervisor to verify the CE. Happy that the Board is attending the AMFTRB conference; one of things that will be discussed is a compact bill for cross state licensure agreements. Would also encourage the Board to review and update the regulations. Question about how the Board can communicate with licensees regarding what the Board is working on. It was also noted that for the omnibus board discussion, GA might be a better example; each board keeps its own power regarding statues/regulations but comes together as a joint board for other things.</i></p> <p><i>Karen Cunningham, LMFT – Anchorage – Co-supervises with Ms. Dennis and she already covered a lot of what she wanted to touch on. She expressed her thanks to everyone and noted that she enjoyed her time serving on the Board. Would encourage the Board to look at the omnibus Board concept. Also joining a compact, so there is reciprocity with other states would be helpful. Would ask that applications be processed as quickly as possible; associates can't work/accumulate hours until their license has been issued.</i></p>

8. New Business - Regulations Approval

Brief Discussion:	<i>The board discussed the public comments received regarding the proposed changes to regulations. The board reviewed the final re-keyed regulations for temporary military licensure and the one public comment received in support of the proposed regulations.</i>	
Motions:	Move to Approve 12 AAC 19.116 as proposed and publicly noticed. (First: K. Green; Second: R. Clampitt)	
Recorded Votes:	<i>Shields - Y</i>	<i>Green - Y</i>
	<i>Collins - Y</i>	<i>Clampitt - Y</i>
Action Items:	<i>Board chair will sign the certification order, staff with prepare information for regulations specialist to complete the regulations project.</i>	

Motion:	Move to adjourn the meeting. (First: R. Clampitt; Second: K. Green)	
Recorded Votes:	<i>Shields - Y</i>	<i>Green - Y</i>
	<i>Collins - Y</i>	<i>Clampitt - Y</i>
Adjournment:	<i>11:43 a.m.</i>	

Respectfully Submitted By:



Reviewed by Ruth Dinardi
Occupational Licensing Examiner
State of Alaska, CCED

03.31.2023

Date

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Noah Shields

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Board Chairperson
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