

1 State of Alaska  
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATION, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
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5 BOARD OF MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY  
6 Minutes of the meeting November 04, 2024  
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9 By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.86.030, and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62,  
10 Article 6, the scheduled meeting of the Board of Marital and Family Therapy originated from Anchorage,  
11 this meeting was held in-person.  
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13 The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.  
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15 **Agenda Item – Roll Call**

16 **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum**

- 17 1 Noah Shields, Chair, Therapist/Counselor  
18 2 Shawnmarie Carpenter, Therapist  
19 3 Kayla Green, Public member  
20 4 Richard Clampitt, Therapist/Counselor  
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22 **Board Members Absent**

23 None  
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25 **Staff Members Present**

- 26 1 Marlo Adams, Occupational Licensing Examiner  
27 2 Amberly Northcutt, Occupational Licensing Examiner  
28 3 Jeanne Pace, Program Coordinator I  
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30 **Members of the Public Present**

- 31 1 Mercy Dennis  
32 2 Kelsey Fox  
33 3 Susan Niman  
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35 **Agenda Item – Ethics Disclosures**

36 All members said they had no potential ethics conflicts to disclose.  
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38 **Agenda Item – Approve Agenda**

39 In a motion duly made by Kayla Green, seconded by Richard Clampitt with unanimous consent, it was  
40 resolved to approve the November 04, 2024, agenda as presented.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Noah Shields, Chair	X			
Shawnmarie Carpenter	X			
Richard Clampitt	X			
Kayla Green	X			

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**Agenda Item – Public Comment**

**Mercy Dennis** – Discussed the senior license, reviewing past agendas to highlight when the senior license was addressed or omitted. She expressed her concerns about the ongoing pursuit of the senior license.

**Kelsey Fox** – Discussed the licensure compact, the status of the workgroup, its progress, whether we will receive updates about it, how the workgroup is structured, and why the renewal application is available so late in the year.

**Susan Niman** – Inquired if old form for CE courses can be used, or if there is going to be a new one. She also asked what the goals are for the senior license.

**Board members** – Responded to questions from public members. Shawnmarie explained how the subcommittee (workgroup) was formed. Richard discussed the senior license, emphasizing its importance. He believes it is a priority to include it in the statutes. He stated if we can get it added during the upcoming legislative session, it will be important to incorporate it into the existing language, especially since it was stalled in the last session.

**Agenda Item – Investigations Report**

Jasmin Bautista presented the investigative board report covering the period from August 7, 2024, to November 1, 2024.

**Agenda Item – Regulations:**

Noah, Richard, Kayla, and Shawnmarie discussed the below topics.

- A. Updates to Regulations pertaining to upcoming statute change
- B. Approved Continuing Education Activities 12 AAC 19.110(g) and 12 AAC 19.320

**In a motion duly made by Kayla Green, seconded by Richard Clampitt with unanimous consent, move to initiate a regulation project regarding course work by approving the following language for public comment, unless substantive changes are made by the regulation’s specialist or Department of Law: Article 1, Section Index [120. Courses], 12 AAC 19.110(d) and (f), 12 AAC 19.120, and add section to 12 AAC 19.200 to read: The board will extend the license for supervised practice if the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that an extension is necessary to complete the supervised experience required in AS 08.63.100 due to reasonable cause or excusable neglect. and move the definition in 12 AAC 19.340(c)(1-5) from this section to 12 AAC 19.990. 12 AAC 19.320(b)(10), 12 AAC 19.990(4), 12 AAC 19.990(5), 12 AAC 19.990(9) and a new one, 12 AAC 19.990(10).**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Noah Shields, Chair	X			
Shawnmarie Carpenter	X			
Richard Clampitt	X			
Kayla Green	X			

**Agenda Item – Division Report**

Melissa Dumas presented the FY23 Fourth Quarter Report and provided updates on fees.

83 **Continued Agenda Item – Regulations**

84 Discussed which language needs to be changed and the regulations applicable to each project.

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86 **In a motion duly made by Shawnmarie Carpenter, seconded by Richard Clampitt with unanimous**  
87 **consent, move to initiate a regulations project regarding the redundancies by approving the following**  
88 **language for public comment, unless substantive changes are made by the regulations specialist or**  
89 **Department of Law: 12 AAC 19.110(g) and 12 AAC 19.320 (title), 12 AAC 19.120(a), (a)(1), (a)(2), (c) and**  
90 **12 AAC 19.130 (a)(1) is approved by the board or approved by a board from another state or jurisdiction**  
91 **with equivalent licensing requirements to this state.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Noah Shields, Chair	X			
Shawnmarie Carpenter	X			
Richard Clampitt	X			
Kayla Green	X			

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94 **Off Record – 11:27am**

95 **On Record – 11:33am**

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97 **Agenda Item - 10:00 AM Administrative Business**

98 The board discussed each customer correspondence.

99 A. Customer Correspondence –

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101 **Question #1** - The previous SE modules were all approved for CEUs by the NY board of marital and  
102 family therapy, as well as numerous other boards for mental health professionals. The sixth and  
103 final module is approved for acupuncturists and physical therapists but does not have mental  
104 health CEUs. I'm uncertain if this counts as a closely related field toward my required CEUs for  
105 licensure, or if I need to supplement with additional CEUs.

106 **Board Response:** To be accepted by the board, continuing education must contribute directly to  
107 the professional competency of a marital and family therapist and must be directly related to the  
108 skills and knowledge required to implement marital and family therapy principles and methods.

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110 **Question #2** - We were encouraged during the training to contact our individual state licensing  
111 boards before adding therapeutic somatic touch work to our practices to ensure compliance with  
112 legal and ethical statutes. I'm wanting to know the Alaska board's position on LMFTs incorporating  
113 this into our psychotherapy practice. I don't want to start including therapeutic touch work in my  
114 practice until I understand the board's position. Obviously, I will not engage in touch work as an  
115 LMFT if prohibited by the board.

116 **Board Response:** As long as the individual is practicing ethically within their training and  
117 experience and scope of practice, it is not something the board would prohibit.

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119 **Letter to Licensing Boards** – A letter from the Alaska Behavioral Health Association informing the  
120 board of their future plans and anticipated participation from the board.

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122 B. Future meetings are scheduled as follows - January 9th from 1 PM to 3 PM for discussing statute  
123 proposals, and a quarterly board meeting on March 24th at 9 AM

124 C. Future Board Travel - The date of the AMFTRB annual meeting is not yet set and will occur  
125 sometime between September 14 and 20.

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127 **Agenda Item – Application Review**

128 **A. Tabled Applications - CE Courses** – The board discussed the CE applications and agreed on a  
129 response to the applicant. **Board Response** – Request the post-test so the board can review it  
130 before approving/denying.

131 **B. Applications- Quorum not met**

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133 **In a motion duly made by Kayla Green, seconded by Richard Clampitt, with unanimous consent, move**  
134 **that the Alaska State Board of Marital and Family Therapists enter into executive session in accordance**  
135 **with AS 44.62.310(c), and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**  
136 **discussing.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Noah Shields, Chair	x			
Shawnmarie Carpenter	x			
Richard Clampitt	x			
Kayla Green	x			

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139 **Into Executive Session – 12:12pm**

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141 **On Record – 12:32pm**

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143 **In a motion duly made by Shawnmarie Carpenter, seconded by Richard Clampitt, with unanimous consent,**  
144 **move to vote on CE application #20197 for approval.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Noah Shields, Chair	X			
Shawnmarie Carpenter	X			
Richard Clampitt	X			
Kayla Green	X			

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147 **Agenta Item – New Business**

148 **A. AI Discussion** - The discussion centered on the benefits of AI for the profession, its potential  
149 effects, and its impacts. All board members expressed the need to create a position statement  
150 to provide recommendations to licensees on best practices.

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152 **B. Subcommittee Meeting** - Discussed the subcommittee meeting where two members joined  
153 Shawnmarie. They expressed their concerns and ideas regarding individuals who arrive during  
154 the summer months but are not permanent residents and have mental health providers located  
155 out of state. They noted that a lack of cultural awareness is a significant issue. There was  
156 discussion about possibly seeking a statute change to allow for a temporary license with specific  
157 stipulations or continuing the two-year license but with additional requirements aimed at  
158 improving cultural awareness. - **Shawnmarie Carpenter**

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160 C. **Conference Report** – Noah Shields reviewed the various topics that were discussed at the AMFTRB  
161 meeting he attended.  
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163 **Agenda Item** – The board revisited the discussion on the regulation project for out-of-state supervision,  
164 aligning it with the new HB126.

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166 **In a motion duly made by Kayla Green, seconded by Richard Clampitt, with unanimous consent, motion**  
167 **to adjourn this meeting.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Noah Shields, Chair	X			
Shawnmarie Carpenter	X			
Richard Clampitt	X			
Kayla Green	X			

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169 **Off Record** – 1:35pm

Date final minutes approved by the board: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onboard	11/29/2024
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170 **Agenda Item - Adjourn**  
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