

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY SECTION  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 15, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Arlie Albrecht, Bruce Kuehl, Ann Marie Starr, Abe Rabinowitz

**STAFF:** Jeff Scanlan, Bureau Director; Michael Berndt, Legal Counsel; Gail Sumi, Minute Taker and other DRL Staff

**GUESTS:** Linda Pellman, MA, LMFT, Wisconsin Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (WAMFT); Melissa Hyman, Edgewood College; Andrea Bartels; Edgewood College

**CALL TO ORDER**

Bruce Kuehl called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. A quorum of four (4) members was present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Arlie Albrecht moved, seconded by Ann Marie Starr to approve the April 15, 2009 agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2009**

**MOTION:** Abe Rabinowitz moved, seconded by Ann Marie Starr, to approve the minutes of January 26, 2009 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Jeff Scanlan deferred to the administrative report provided at the Joint Board meeting. The Section's attention was directed to the 2009 meeting and screening dates. The Section was then advised of the methodology behind the increased fees for licensure and renewal, which will become effective after July 1, 2009. The new fees are a reflection of the time spent on regulation and services provided to each of the various professions. The Section discussed the fee changes and the impact of increased fees on dually licensed professionals.

**REQUEST FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY SECTION MOTION TO DESIGNATE THE WI OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS ATTORNEY AS ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE FOR THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY SECTION OF THE JOINT BOARD**

Michael Berndt, General Counsel, provided the Section with the background surrounding the move of the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) function. This move will eliminate the appearance of conflict in interest resulting from prosecutors and judges working in the same facility. The Section posed questions regarding this change.

**MOTION:** Abe Rabinowitz moved, seconded by Arlie Albrecht, to designate an attorney who is employed by the Division of Hearings and Appeals, Wisconsin Department of Administration, to serve as an Administrative Law Judge to preside over Class 1 license denial hearings and Class 2 disciplinary proceedings, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § RL 1.08 and § RL 2.10. This designation is in addition to the designation already provided for in Wis. Admin. Code § RL 1.08 and § RL 2.10. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS**

None.

**PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS THAT MAY BE RECEIVED IN THE BUREAU AFTER MAILING OF AGENDA**

None.

**SUMMARY REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND PRESS RELEASES**

None.

**STATUS OF RULES AND STATUTES**

**HFS 35 Regulation of Certified Outpatient Mental Health Clinics**

Bruce Kuehl advised that the topic of HS 35 was placed on the agenda in the scenario that changes occur that may require the Section's attention. It was noted that there was no need for discussion on this issue.

**DISCUSSION ON AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF S. 457.02 PERTAINING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND USE DISORDER TREATMENT BY A LICENSEE OF THE BOARD (LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR OR CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER)**

The Section continued discussion originating from the Joint Board meeting regarding amendment or repeal of s. 457.02 and the rewrite of MPSW 1.09 Wis. Admin. Code. Section discussion of educational standards which should be required in order for licensees of the Joint Board to provide treatment for substance abuse disorders ensued. The Section will continue discussion at its July meeting.

**REVIEW OF DRAFT RULES: CHANGES TO S. MPSW 1.11 WIS. ADM. CODE RE PSYCHOMETRIC TESTING**

The Section reviewed the action taken by the Joint Board earlier in the day regarding MPSW 1.11 Wis. Admin. Code. Section discussion of language within s. MPSW 1.11 Wis. Adm. Code ensued.

**LETTER FROM EDGEWOOD COLLEGE: "REQUEST TO MFT SECTION – CAN GRADUATES OF EDGEWOOD MFT PROGRAM MARK ON APPLICATION THAT THEY HAVE GRADUATED FROM ACCREDITED PROGRAM DUE TO EDGEWOOD COLLEGES COAMFTE CANDIDACY STATUS?"**

A letter from Edgewood College questioned if students of the school can indicate on their application forms that they are graduating from a COAMFTE accredited program was reviewed by the Section. It was indicated that COAMFTE has recently changed its accreditation standards thus eliminating its candidacy status. The Section responded that they recognize Edgewood College's program as the equivalent to a COAMFTE accredited program and to proceed accordingly on graduate applications.

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST SECTION – DISCUSSION ON INPUT TO GOAL SETTING COMMITTEE FOR THE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING AND SOCIAL WORK JOINT BOARD**

The recommendations made by the MPSW Joint Board Goal Setting Committee were reviewed by the Section. Arlie Albrecht reported to the Section regarding the facilitation and progress of the subcommittee. The Section discussed commonality across the Sections of the Joint Board. The Section indicated its opinion that amendment or repeal of s. 457.02 and rewrite of MPSW 1.09 Wis. Admin. Code and supervision with commonality across the Sections were paramount issues among the recommendations named by the MPSW Joint Board Goal Setting Committee. A review of the Sections statutes and rules will be conducted by the members of the Section in order to identify additional revisions that may be needed. This topic will be added to July meeting agenda.

## **UPDATE ON WAFCA AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

Ann Marie Starr reported that the WAFCA Ad-Hoc Committee has not met since the last Section meeting. Arlie Albrecht reported to the Section regarding meetings, which he has participated in pertaining to billing reimbursement for training licenses to include Medicaid payments.

## **AMFTRB REPORT – ANN MARIE STARR**

Ann Marie Starr indicated that the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB) Annual Meeting September 2009 in Denver, Colorado.

**MOTION:** Bruce Kuehl moved, seconded by Abe Rabinowitz, to designate Ann Marie Starr as the Section's delegate to attend the AMFTRB Annual Meeting to be held in September 2009 in Denver, Colorado. Motion carried unanimously.

## **COALITION REPORT – BRUCE KUEHL**

Bruce Kuehl reported that the Coalition was currently addressing issues similar to those discussed by WAFCA.

## **WAMFT REPORT – ARLIE ALBRECHT**

Bruce Kuehl and Arlie Albrecht reported to the Section regarding a phone conference call, they participated in with Linda Pellmen, WAMFT. At this meeting, the role of a Section liaison and of designating a WAMFT member as a liaison to the Board was discussed.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL**

None.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Ann Marie Starr moved, seconded by Abe Rabinowitz, to convene to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State statutes 29.85(1)(a)(b)(f) and (g), to review applications, deliberate on proposed stipulations, deliberate on administrative warning; deliberate on hearings or appearances for denial of applications; review monitoring cases; review DOE cases, and consult with legal counsel. Roll Call Vote: Arlie Albrecht-yes; Bruce Kuehl-yes; Abe Rabinowitz-yes; Ann Marie Starr-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board convened into Closed Session at 3:06 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** Abe Rabinowitz moved, seconded by Ann Marie Starr, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 4:24 p.m.

**VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION IF VOTING IS APPROPRIATE**

**MONITORING**

**REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE  
DOUGLAS DOBBERFUHL**

This item was discussed by the Section. The Section requested that Sharon Henes, Department Monitor, and Section Counsel work together to respond to Douglas Dobberful.

**DELIBERATION OF PROPOSED MONITORING SIGNED AFTER THE MAILING OF AGENDA**

None.

**REQUEST FOR SUPERVISOR APPROVAL**

None.

**REQUESTS FOR SUPERVISOR APPROVAL RECEIVED AFTER THE MAILING OF  
THE AGENDA**

None.

**DELIBERATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS SIGNED AFTER MAILING OF  
AGENDA**

None.

**DELIBERATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE WARNINGS ISSUED AFTER MAILING OF  
AGENDA**

None.

**DELIBERATION OF PROPOSED FINAL DECISIONS AND ORDERS THAT MAY BE  
RECEIVED AFTER MAILING  
OF THE AGENDA**

None.

**DELIBERATION OF PETITIONS FOR REHEARINGS RECEIVED AFTER THE  
MAILING OF THE AGENDA**

None.

**DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT – CASE STATUS  
CASE CLOSINGS**

**09 MFT 003**

**MOTION:** Ann Marie Starr moved, seconded by Abe Rabinowitz, to close case number 09 MFT 003 for no violation. Motion carried unanimously.

## APPLICATION REVIEWS

4/15/09

### RECIPROCITY

Leigha Weber—more information requested

Harry Schaumburg—approved

Laura Griffin—approved

### File Review

Thomas Staloch—education denied

Susan Nelms—denied experience accrued prior to the training license being issued

**MOTION:** Arlie Albrecht moved, seconded by Ann Marie Starr, to approve the applications approved, deny the applications denied, and to request further information on applications where needed. Motion carried unanimously.

## REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY PERMIT

### NATALIE KLAS

**MOTION:** Ann Marie Starr moved, seconded by Arlie Albrecht, to approve the request submitted by Natalie Klas for renewal of her temporary license. Motion carried unanimously.

## DOE – SIGNATURE COLLECTION

None.

## OTHER SECTION BUSINESS

Bruce Kuehl presented an inquiry from a license holder regarding the wording on application form #2571 with the Section. The first question related to the inclusion of wording that would allow “approved supervisor in training” to be added to the form under the header “Check supervisor qualification(s)”, fifth check box listed. After discussion of this revision, the Section requested that the Department revise this form to include “AAMFT Supervisor in Training.” It was indicated that the form should state that any supervisor in training must be receiving supervision from an AAMFT Approved Supervisor. The second revision recommended change of the first paragraph located directly below the checklist portion of the form. This sentence indicates that a supervisor must not allow a supervisee to engage in a Marriage and Family Therapy practice that the supervisor is not competent to perform. The recommendation for revision would change this sentence to indicate, “that a supervisor may not permit a supervisee to engage in a practice that the supervisee cannot competently perform”. The Section indicated that the recommended change is incorrect and thusly the paragraph should remain as it is currently listed.

The Section then discussed an issue that was raised at the Joint Board meeting regarding rule language pertaining to the acceptance of experience hours obtained in other states. Ann Marie Starr will research the requirements for states, which have a training designation and will bring her findings to the next meeting. It was requested that a legal opinion be provided at next meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Arlie Albrecht moved, seconded by Ann Marie Starr, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.