

MINUTES

UTAH MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST LICENSING BOARD MEETING

June 10, 2016

Room 474, 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 9:03 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:33 A.M.

Bureau Manager:

Dane Ishihara

Board Secretary:

Lee Avery

Board Members Present:

Veon G. Smith, DSW, Chairperson
Alan Springer, Ph.D., Vice Chairperson
Scot M. Allgood, Ph.D.
Elaine Reintjes
Adam Munk, Ph.D.

DOPL Staff Present:

Susan Bennett, Compliance Specialist

Guests:

Ben Erwin, Ph.D.
Jeremy Bailey
Madison Price
Jeff Benmon
JR Patterson

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes dated March 11, 2016. Dr. Allgood made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Reintjes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Board member training May 9, 2016. Dr. Allgood made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Reintjes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Board member training May 19, 2016. Dr. Allgood made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Reintjes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMPLIANCE REPORT

Ms. Bennett Probation Specialist

Ms. Bennett reviewed the probation report

APPOINTMENTS:

Shelley K. Sachs, probation interview

Ms. Sachs met with the Board. Dr. Springer conducted the interview. Ms. Sachs gave the Board copies of the continuing education courses she is proposing to meet the additional CEs required in her stipulation. The Board reviewed the addendum to her probation plan. Her Supervisor Dr. Erwin advised the Board that her clinical skills are very good. He reviewed 100% of her client records when he visited her office. He helped her implement changes in her financing and billing practices. Ms. Sachs is asking the Board to move her supervision to monthly. After talking with Dr. Erwin, Dr. Allgood made a motion to move Ms. Sachs' supervision to monthly. After further discussion, Ms. Reintjes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the proposed CE courses Ms. Sachs submitted. Ms. Sachs stated she is having difficulty finding face to face CEs in ethics. She is proposing one course that is regarding medical billing, but it is not MFT specific.

The Board noted that in the past, the Board has not approved all of the CEs for ethics obtained online and because this is a renewal year, UAMFT will be offering more in person ethics courses and afternoon workshops. Ms. Sachs needs to have her CEs for her stipulation completed by December 2016. Dr. Allgood made a motion to accept up to half of Ms. Sachs' CEs on line. Dr. Munk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Allgood encouraged Ms. Sachs to contact him for contact information regarding finishing her doctorate program. The Board asked to see Ms. Sachs September 9, 2016 to provide an update to the Board regarding the live CE courses she is required to complete by December 2016.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Supervision Standards

The Board reviewed the supervision information submitted by an applicant who supervision was not obtained in Utah and the supervisor did not meet all of the requirements under R156-60b-302d, The Board noted this rule does not give the Board the option of waiving this requirement. The applicant will need to

apply for the AMFT license and obtain their supervised hours under a supervisor who meets these requirements.

The Board reviewed R156-60b-302e, Duties and responsibilities of a supervisor of MFT and MHT training. The Board noted that the language in the current rule may be prohibitive for student MFT's to gain employment toward their supervised hours. The Board feels there needs to be some changes in this language. The Board is concerned with the quality of the student's supervision. The Board would like to see more flexibility to the supervisor. The Board noted that AAMFT's code of ethics allows students to pay for supervision. The Board expressed some concern regarding the supervisee/supervisor be engaged in a relationship, in which the supervisor is independent from control by the supervisee and in which the ability of the supervisor to supervise and direct the practice of the supervisee is not compromised.

Mr. Ishihara will draft language for the Board to review.

The Board noted that the Division Investigator Ben Baker attended the UAMFT convention this year and many licensees indicated they found the information he shared very helpful. The Board felt this was very helpful to the profession and would like to see someone from the Division attend all conventions, if possible.

Continuing Education Standards

The Board reviewed the CE requirement and feels it needs to be cleaned up especially how the Board reviews webinars, interactive online CEs etc. Mr. Ishihara will draft language for the Board to review in September.

Suicide Prevention Training

The Board would like this training be more about suicide assessment and a reminder to professionals to update their professional practices.

DOPL Outreach

Covered above

Payment of supervisor by supervisee

Covered above

Nominate Board member to assist the Division in review of complaints

The Board discussed having one Board member assigned to assist the Division in reviewing complaints regarding MFT licensees. Dr. Springer nominated Dr.

Munk. Dr. Allgood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board requested Dr. Munk to bring repeated issues to the Board.

The Board noted that Dr. Allgood's term with the Board ends June 30, 2016 and this might be his last Board meeting. The Board thanked Dr. Allgood for this time, leadership and dedication to the Board and profession.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR: September 9, 2016

2016 Board meeting tentatively scheduled:
September 9, December 9

ADJOURN: The Board adjourned at 10:33 A.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

Date Approved

Chairperson, Utah Marriage and Family Therapist
Licensing Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing