

MINUTES

UTAH MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST LICENSING BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2011

Room 402 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 9:13 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:17 A.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Richard J. Oborn
Lee Avery

Board Members Present:

Scot M. Allgood, Ph. D., Chairperson
Veon G. Smith, DSW
Jean N. Soderquist, Ph. D.
Alan Springer, Ph.D.

Members Absent:

Karen Feinauer

Guests:

Sunnie Giles

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes from September 16, 2010. Dr. Springer motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

1. Amendment to Marriage and Family Therapist Practice Act Rule that would prohibit a student from engaging in private practice while enrolled in a practicum course

Mr. Oborn reviewed the proposed changes to the Marriage and Family Therapist Licensing Act Rule. Mr. Oborn stated that the Division will obtain feedback from the public and each of the Utah Universities. Mr. Oborn noted the following changes:
1. R156-60b-102 (5), Definitions:
“Practicum” means a clinical program of training at an accredited school under general supervision in a setting other than a student’s private practice.
Mr. Oborn noted that general supervision as defined in the DOPL umbrella rule is the supervisor needs to be

immediately available. Mr. Oborn noted that general supervision, in the DOPL umbrella rule the definition of general supervision is the supervisor needs to be immediately available. Mr. Oborn noted that this could mean being available by telephone.

2. *R156-60b-302a(a), Education requirements: Add "clinical" master's or doctorate degree in MFT or "equivalent"*

The Board requested the language be changed to reflect the need to have a clinical emphasis in the program.

3. *Delete R156-60b-302d(4) referencing supervised training completed on or before December 31, 2008 for applicants who submit their applications before January 1, 2010.*

4. *R156-60b-304 continuing education add #8 to allow up to 10 hours of CEs to be carried over to the next renewal.*

Dr. Smith motioned to recommend to accept the proposed changes with noted changes, seconded by Dr. Soderquist. The motion carried unanimously.

1. 2011 General Legislative Session

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that there were 3 bills which could have potentially affected the MFT profession that did not pass this year. Mr. Oborn noted that these bills may be proposed in the future.

Mr. Oborn noted that these bills are:

1. HB 224, Online Mental Health Therapy;
2. HB 229, Mental Health Professional Practice Act; and
3. HB 289, Psychologist Licensing Amendments.

2. New MFT license application

Mr. Oborn reviewed the new MFT and LAMFT applications with the Board. Mr. Oborn noted that the Division decreased the size of the application by removing unneeded information and separating the MFT and LAMFT application into two separate applications.

3. Governor Herbert's proposal to create regulations that are more business friendly

Mr. Oborn reviewed Governor Gary R. Herbert's State of the State address on 01/26/2011 with the Board. Mr. Oborn noted that Governor Herbert has asked all state agencies to separate regulations that serve an important purpose from those regulations that serve no purpose at all.

Mr. Oborn asked the Board to let him know of regulations that are overly burdensome to the MFT profession that do not serve a purpose.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None at this time.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

June 9, 2011

2011 Board meetings are tentatively scheduled:
September 8, December 15.

ADJOURN:

The Board adjourned at 10:17 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.

June 8, 2011
Date Approved

(ss) Scot Allgood, Ph.D
Chairperson, Utah Marriage and Family Therapist
Licensing Board

June 8, 2011
Date Approved

(ss) Ricahrd J. Oborn
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing