



**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
July 17, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Seymour, Chair
Shonda Craft, Vice-Chair
Denny Morrow, Secretary
Herb Grant
Flaten, Mark
Bruce O'Leary
Katy Graves

STAFF PRESENT:

Jennifer Mohlenhoff, Executive Director

OFFICE OF THE MN ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Jennifer Coates, Assistant Attorney General
Jason Pleggenkuhle, Manager, Health Licensing Occupations Division

GUESTS

Students

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair John Seymour called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the University Room of the University Park Plaza Building.

II. CONSIDER AGENDA

John Seymour stated that there is an addition to the Administrative report which will include a Rules Committee update by the committee Chair, Mark Flaten. Jennifer noted that Jason Pleggenkuhle, Manager of the Health Licensing Occupations Division of the Attorney General's Office will attend the meeting today to give a briefing on court cases impacting health professions in Minnesota.

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 2015 BOARD MEETING

Herb Grant made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2015 Board meeting as written. Mark Flaten seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Members reviewed the Executive Director's Administrative Report as follows:

- Budget and Vendor Payment Reports were reviewed and approved.
- The report on applications approved by the Application Review Committee in May and June 2015 was provided to the Board.
- LAMFT and LMFT licenses issued in May and June 2015 were reviewed and approved by the Board.
- National Exam Score Report – Members reviewed and discussed national exam score reports for April, May, and June 2015.
- LAMFT License Renewal (June 30, 2015) - Jennifer reported that the June LAMFT license renewal is complete.

2015 Legislative Session Update – Jennifer gave an update on the 2015 Legislative Session:

SF 1458 / HF 1638: Omnibus Health and Human Services Appropriation bill. PASSED / BMFT received a 1.8% funding increase

SF 504 / HF 506: Modifies the Board's practice act to allow for temporary/expedited licensing of former and current members of the military. PASSED

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=SF504&version=1&session=ls89&session_year=2015&session_number=0

SF 3 / HF 211: Adds "mental health professional" and other specified health professions as eligible for the health professional loan forgiveness program if practicing in a defined rural area. PASSED

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=SF3&version=1&session=ls89&session_year=2015&session_number=0

SF 63 / HF 573: Adds LICSW and LMFT consultation as eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) coverage. PASSED

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=SF63&version=1&session=ls89&session_year=2015&session_number=0

SF 1246 / HF 1447: Establishes a mental health professions clinical training expansion grant program as well as grant programs for training sites for mental health professionals. PASSED

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=SF1246&version=0&session=ls89&session_year=2015&session_number=0

SF 1361 / HF1348, has no direct impact on the Board or the practice of MFT, but is the cooperative private divorce bill that comes out of a collaborative group led by LMFT Bill Doherty.

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=SF1361&version=0&session=ls89&session_year=2015&session_number=0

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS – Law amended to exempt individual health care providers in private practice with no other providers or providers that do not accept reimbursement from a group purchaser.

- Odyssey Funding – IT projects (FY2016-17) - Jennifer reported that the State's technology department, MN.IT obtained authorization to create the Odyssey Funding program, allowing state entities to allocate funds where spending authority would lapse and dedicate the funds to an interagency agreement with MN.IT for use on IT projects occurring in the current biennium (FY2016-17). Jennifer stated that in collaboration with other small Boards, she executed an interagency agreement for up to \$10,000.00 of Board funds, where the spending authority would have lapsed on June 30, 2015, to be used for funding specific IT projects, including the expansion of online services and improvements on the new database system.

- Rule Revision Update – Deferred.
- September 18, 2015 Board Meeting – scheduling issue with AMFTRB Annual Meeting – Jennifer stated that the AMFTRB Annual meeting and CLEAR Conference is scheduled early in the week of the September 18th Board meeting and questioned whether the meeting should be re-scheduled for later in the month. John Seymour stated that he will not be attending the September Board meeting. All other members plan to be in attendance. The Board meeting will be held as originally scheduled, on September 18, 2015.

VI. VARIANCES: #V-2015-18; #V-2015-19; #V-2015-20

V-2015-18 - Members reviewed and discussed a request for a variance to sit for the exam for an eighth time. Mark Flaten made a motion to approve this variance request. Shonda Craft seconded the motion. Herb Grant abstained. The motion passed.

V-2015-19 - Members reviewed and discussed a request for a variance to be granted Board-approved supervisor status prior to meeting the Rule requirement. Herb Grant made a motion to deny this variance request. Bruce O'Leary seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V-2015-20 - Members reviewed and discussed a request for a variance to be granted Board-approved supervisor status prior to meeting the Rule requirement. Denny Morrow made a motion to approve this variance request. Katy Graves seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VII. 2ND READING AND REVIEW OF PROPOSED BYLAWS

Members held a second reading and review of proposed bylaws. Herb Grant made a motion to approve the proposed bylaws. Shonda Craft seconded the motion. The motion passed and the Bylaws are hereby adopted.

VII-B. REPORT FROM RULES COMMITTEE

Mark Flaten reported that the Rules Committee met this morning with Jennifer Mohlenhoff and consultant Tiernee Murphy in regard to the proposed rule revisions. The Committee reviewed the draft Statement of Needs and Reasonableness in response to input of the Board and public process and made final changes which will be incorporated into the rule proposal. Denny Morrow made a motion to approve the Certificate and Resolution to Adopt Rules. Shonda Craft seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VIII. UPDATE: US SUPREME COURT AND MN COURT OF APPEALS CASES

Jennifer reported on a Minnesota Court of Appeals case in progress, regarding a Duty to Warn case where an applicant for licensure was found to not be covered by the indemnity provision of the State's duty to warn statute. Appeal of the decision to the MN Supreme Court has been filed. Jennifer will keep members informed of the case as it progresses.

Jason Pleggenkuhle, Manager of the Health Licensing Occupations Division of the Attorney General's Office reported on a U.S. Supreme Court case, "North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners vs. Federal Trade Commission," and the potential impact the case may have on regulatory activities in the US. Members discussed the structural distinctions and differences between the North Carolina Board and the Minnesota Health Boards. Pleggenkuhle stated the AGO will continue to monitor the matter and apprise the Board of the need for any specific action.

IX. HPSP: PROPOSED GOVERNANCE CHANGES

Jennifer reported that she is serving as a taskforce member of the Health Professional Services Program (HPSP) Governance Committee. The taskforce has reviewed ways in which the HPSP Program Committee could be changed to better serve the needs of HPSP and its client. The task force has crafted a proposed revision to the HPSP Program Committee statute and a white paper explaining the proposed revisions. Both documents were provided to the Board for review. Board input is welcome as HPSP moves forward with its effort to enact the statutory changes during the 2016 legislative session.

X. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

John Seymour announced the appointment of Committee members for FY2016 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016):

Rules Committee – Mark Flaten, Herb Grant, John Seymour
Continuing Education – Bruce O'Leary, Mark Flaten
Complaint – Denny Morrow, Herb Grant
Application – Bruce O'Leary, Shonda Craft, Katy Graves
Personnel – Shonda Craft, John Seymour

XI. REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR STATE LICENSURE (REVISED)

Members reviewed and discussed a draft of the revised application for state licensure.

XII. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

XIII. OTHER ITEMS

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE:

The Applications Committee met on May 15, 2015 and June 19, 2015.

- Applications approved for the State exam: 28
- Applications (Non-COAMFTE) approved for the national exam: 11
- Applications (COAMFTE) approved for the national exam by staff per Board policy: 14
- Applications approved for licensure by Reciprocity: 6

STATE EXAMINATIONS:

May 13, 2015:

Eight (8) applicants sat for the State exam. Upon successful completion, licenses were issued to the following:

1. Bengtson, Charline L.
2. Bonahoom, Lisa M.

3. Toenies, Sara M.
4. Root, Leslie A.
5. Engelkes, Cynthia D.
6. Williams, Elizabeth K.
7. Grant, Brianna K.
8. Kahnke, Jessica L.

May 22, 2015:

Seven (7) applicants sat for the State exam. Upon successful completion, licenses were issued to the following:

1. Palacio, Costanza
2. Trebelhorn, Wendy J.
3. McClaren, Sarah J.
4. Nephew, Amanda K.
5. Ziegler, Sandra J.

June 17, 2015:

Eight (8) applicants sat for the State exam. Upon successful completion, licenses were issued to the following:

1. Johnson, Susan C.
2. Kegley, Jessica J.
3. Glover, Mark A.
4. Thomson, Mary B.
5. Kurzweg, Sonja C.
6. Wentzel, Amber N.
7. Walsh, Laurel A.
8. Van Ryn, Michelle

June 19, 2015:

12 applicants sat for the State exam. Upon successful completion, licenses were issued to the following:

1. Pash, Erin K.
2. Rademacher, Shelly J.
3. Rhines, Heather M.
4. Olson, Patricia J.
5. Branstad, Kelli R.
6. Bohlinger, Anna I.S.
7. Milanovich, Valissa L.
8. Volini, Lucas A.
9. Green, Kesha S.
10. Weiler, Lindsey M.

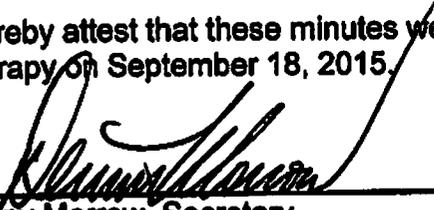
XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Closed to the Public)

Members reviewed and discussed a Stipulation and Consent order against a licensee on boundary, dual relationship, and impairment concerns. Mark Flaten made a motion to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Bruce O'Leary seconded the motion. The motion passed.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair John Seymour adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. on a motion by Mark Flaten and seconded by Herb Grant. The motion passed.

I hereby attest that these minutes were read and approved by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy on September 18, 2015.



Derfy Morrow, Secretary