

ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

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Board Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2018

The Alabama Board of Examiners in Marriage and Family Therapy met on Friday, January 26, 2018, at the Board office in Montgomery to conduct Board business. Members present were as follows: Mr. Jeremy Blair, (Board Chair); Dr. Scott Ketring (member), Dr. Luciana Silva (member), Dr. Mark Westfall (member) and Ms. Angela Nelms-Griffin (member). Also present were: Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Todd Hughes (Assistant Attorney General) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren and recording secretary).

The regularly scheduled meeting was advertised on the Board's website, www.mft.alabama.gov, and the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Blair at 10:05 a.m. with a quorum of the members present to conduct business.

The oath of office was administered by Mr. Warren to the new Board member: Dr. Silva, Dr. Westfall and Ms. Griffin.

Mr. Blair presented the July 28, 2017 Board meeting minutes for the Board's approval. A motion was made by Dr. Ketring to approve the minutes from July meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Westfall and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Blair commented on attending the Association of Marital & Family Therapy Regulatory Boards national meeting last September and the work being done in developing teletherapy regulations.

Mr. Warren presented to the Board the financial activities for FY 2017 ending September 30, 2017 and for the first quarter of FY 2018. The financial report included a line item summary of expenses. He also reported on the total number of licensees (#320 total). Mr. Warren included in his report information about the number of complaints received during fiscal years 2016, 2017 and 2018 (copy of report available for review in Official Book of Minutes). Dr. Ketring made the motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Silva and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Administrator's Report listing activities performed by the staff since the last Board meeting, along with a list of new licenses issued (reports available for review in Official Book of Minutes).

Mr. Warren presented information related to new Board member orientation concerning the Alabama Ethics Act, Complaint Procedure and Administrative Hearing Process, the Alabama Open Meetings Act and the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission Supreme Court decision. The Board discussed risk management coverage for Board members when acting as a full Board and not individual action when taken outside of official action of the Board.

Mr. Hughes presented the Legal Counsel report that included a Consent Agreement for the Board's approval. Mr. Hughes reported that in the matter of Case 2016-05, the licensee agreed to surrender their license and would not be eligible for 2 years to apply for licensure with the Board. A copy of the Agreement was provided to the Board for their review. Dr. Ketring made the motion to accept the Consent Agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Silva and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented a copy of the proposed Rules for the new members' review which were discussed at the last Board meeting. Dr. Ketring reviewed the proposed changes. Dr. Ketring made the motion to approve the proposed rule changes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Silva and unanimously approved by the Board (a copy of the proposed Rule changes available for review in Official Book of Minutes).

The Board discussed requiring the registration of AAMFT supervisors. Dr. Westfall made the motion that the Board issue a statement encouraging AAMFT supervisors to register with the Board, without requiring a registration fee, and the list of AAMFT supervisors would be posted on the Board's website as a resource. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ketring and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented a letter from the University of Mobile requesting the Board approval of a change in curriculum. Dr. Ketring commented on these changes and his discussion with Dr. Landry, Chair of the Department of Marriage and Family Counseling at University of Mobile. Dr. Ketring made the motion to approve the curriculum changes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Westfall and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Blair presented a request for supervision under an LPC or LCSW due to the logistics of one LMFT in the area. A copy of the email request was provided to the Board for review. The Board discussed the current rules concerning supervision, along with the proposed rule changes recently approved by the Board that was pending final adoption. It was the consensus of the Board that, based on the limited access of an LMFT in the area, the individual could seek out supervision online while the new proposed rules were pending Final adoption.

Mr. Blair reported that the annual election of Board officers was due. Mr. Blair nominated Dr. Ketring as Board Chair. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Griffin. There were no other nominations from the floor and the nomination was unanimously approved.

Dr. Ketring nominated Dr. Silva as Board Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Griffin. There were no other nominations from the floor and the nomination was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented 11 applications for the Board's review. Dr. Westfall made the motion to approve 10 of the applications for licensure, with one requiring additional information for review at the next Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Griffin and unanimously approved by the Board.

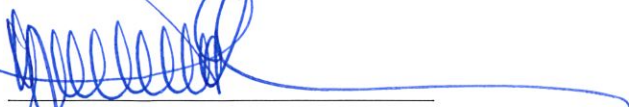
Mr. Blair announced that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled April 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

There was no further business of the Board and Mr. Blair adjourned the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Scott A. Ketting, Chair



Keith E. Warren, Executive Director

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