

Meeting Minutes
Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards
32nd Annual Meeting of State Delegates
September 25-26, 2018 Philadelphia, PA

Tuesday September 25, 2018

Registration and Orientation Breakfast for all Delegates

Introduction of Board of Directors- the Board of Directors introduced themselves and reviewed their roles on the board, as well as discussed, their “gems” for take-aways for this annual meeting. Just a few of the gems included: Remember that what we are here to do is enforce minimum standards, not the gold standard; Everyone has a voice, please share your thoughts and ideas; You will receive a lot of information here over the next few days, we encourage you to gather your colleagues information and continue to collaborate even after you leave, CONNECT! We are here for you. AMFTRB can be a resource, please remember that and reach out if you need support.

Welcome Pennsylvania Board- Joy Corby (PA) welcomed AMFTRB and state delegates to the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Opening of Annual Meeting- Joanni Sailor (OK) called the meeting to order at 8:32am

Roll Call of Member States- Tammy Austin (VT) facilitated the state Roll call. The following states were represented: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming, and the District of Columbia.

President’s Report: Joanni Sailor (OK) welcomed the delegates and provided a summary of the agenda for the meeting. Joanni reported that as a result of the Board of Directors meeting, the following initiatives would be pursued by AMFTRB in the coming year. 1.) Global Teletherapy, 2.) Remedial Consistency-gaining consistency with sanctions and remediation and 3.) Research on the risk factors that may help to identify those LMFTS that are at greater risk of disciplinary actions.

Regulatory Trends I: State Delegate Reports and Discussion- delegates introduced themselves and provided their state reports. State delegates that made reports were: Suzanne Casey; Arkansas, Kim Madsen; California, Ashleigh

Irving; Florida, Tammy Kammer; Idaho, David Norton; Illinois, Scott Cohen; Massachusetts, Herb Grant and Jennifer Mohlenhoff; Minnesota, Pam Rollins; Mississippi, Dale Battleson; Nebraska, Lorraine Barry; New Jersey, Charlie Knerr; Ohio, Eric Ashmore; Oklahoma, Joy Corby; Pennsylvania, Danny Garnet and Nakita Harrison; South Carolina, Mary Guth; South Dakota, Rick Bruhn and Jennifer Smothermon; Texas, Charlotte Lenart and Tim Tinsley; Virginia, Marilyn Cass; West Virginia, Greg Searls; Wyoming, and the Robin Jenkins; District of Columbia.

Regulatory Trends II: Emerging Regulatory Issues

Status of Occupational Licensing and LMFT Board Composition

Eric Ashmore, OK & Joanni Sailor, OK

(full PowerPoint presentation is available on the website)

Joanni provided a history of where Oklahoma has been in terms of licensure. Eric provided a review of the challenges and growth that was necessary to get them where they are today. He highlighted the need for organizational leadership and his ideas for working with legislatures.

Eric's 5 principles for meeting with legislators:

- 1) Stay on topic
- 2) Be knowledgeable
- 3) Know your Audience
- 4) Don't be afraid to walk away
- 5) Do not make promises that you cannot keep

Additional recommendations/things to remember:

- Criticism of rules/regulations may be warranted, but it is important to start on the same ground of understanding.
- It's ok to not know the answers. "Thank you for raising this concern. Let me do some research into this, and I will get that information to you" This makes your response more about the "data and outcomes" than a personal opinion.
- Take into account that the legislature may have something beneficial in mind. But be cautious to not give too much when compromising.

Regulatory Trends II: Discussion

Regulatory Trends III: Mobility of LMFT Licenses

Joanni Sailor, OK & Jennifer Smothermon, TX

(full PowerPoint presentation is available on the website)

Joanni provided a review of where mobility has been and the current recommendations. Our goal has been to help states respond to or be aware of

Federal views and actions associated with mobility. AMFTRB sees mobility as a means by which to increase access of care to the public which falls under the mission to protect the public for state boards. LMFTs are now looking at the need to be licensed in multiple states in order to provide teletherapy services. Yet, the process of licensure mobility continues to be a challenge for both states and licensed clinicians

Review of what other professions have done to address mobility, including a review of the second Federal Trade Commission Roundtable Discussion.

Jennifer provided a review of the results of the Mobility Survey that was conducted this spring. The presentation culminated with small group discussions on the following:

- What are the barriers/challenges to implementing the recommended Policy and using the recommended Form?
- What are solutions to these barriers/challenges?
- What is your state doing to support Mobility/Portability?
 - Policy? Rules/Regulations
 - Laws/Statutes
 - Compacts
 - Reciprocal Agreements

Teletherapy: Training Program Evaluation, VA Survey & Resources, Jennifer Smothermon, TX

Jennifer Smothermon provided a review of the work of the Teletherapy Committee. Jeremy Blair (AL) was unfortunately unable to be at the meeting this year due to a conflicting obligation. Jennifer reviewed the recommendations for Teletherapy Training programs as well as model language for teletherapy regulation for delegates to utilize as a resource. Jennifer also provided a review of the National Practitioners Data Base.

The meeting Adjourned at 4:30pm

Wednesday September 26, 2018

CLOSED SESSION

Regulatory Trends IV: MFT National Examination

Annual Report: Vicki Gremelsbacker, PTC, NY

Vicki provided a review of the MFT National Exam, including test construction, examination process, and results.

OPEN SESSION

Regulatory Trends V: Quality Assurance, Compliance & Discipline

Post-degree supervision across the U.S.: Licensees and supervisors

Rick Bruhn, TX & Lindsay McCarthy, Sam Houston State University, TX
(full PowerPoint available on the website)

Rick and Lyndsay presented their research finding on the variation of regulation for post degree supervision

Complaint: Securing Client Session Recordings in Continuing Competency Training and Supervision for Licensure

David Norton, IL & Tammy Austin, VT
(full PowerPoint available on the website)

David and Tammy presented the title topic as an informative introduction to this question that was presented to the Association. Are we doing enough to ensure compliance and security when sessions are video taped?

AMFTRB Business Meeting- Joanni Sailor called the business meeting to order at 11:23am

Secretary's Report & Approval of 2017 Minutes

Tammy Austin (VT) reported that all but two-member boards have paid their dues for 2018. The two states that have not yet paid have been in communication with Lois and are working on getting their dues paid.

Tammy presented the 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes for approval. *Greg Searles motioned to approve the minutes as written, Scott Cohen seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report

David Norton (IL) presented that the Association is doing well financially and has greater revenue over expenses. David presented the proposed budget for 2019, highlighting a few areas

- We continue to have a line item for an assistant to increase the staff support, and to aid Lois in completing the work of the Association. We are interviewing candidates and hope to fill this position soon.
- Exam security line item- we have to do this periodically, but we have just completed one so we are not expecting to have as much expense in this item this year.
- Our reserve fund has a good balance that will support the association in the event of any lawsuits of other issues that may arise.

David reported that our Bookkeeper works hard to keep everything clear, and we are reviewed by a CPA. The 2017 taxes have been filed. The Finance committee meets 3-4 times per year to discuss the association finances. Our Financial Advisor, Tracy

Horne, is often a part of these conversations, and provides up with weekly and monthly financial statements

Scott Cohen motioned to approve the 2019 Budget as proposed. Herb Grant seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Joanni Sailor recognized and thanked David for his contributions to AMFTRB through his role as Treasurer.

Bylaws Discussion & Vote

Mary Guth (SD) presented the proposed changes to the Bylaws. (see Changes to the Bylaws in Attachment A) Discussion took place in regard to the intent behind the changes to Section 3, Payment of Dues. The original intent was to have a specific date for payment to be due, however due to numerous complicating factors, the Board decided to go with 60 days in advance of the annual meeting, feeling that this would give Lois and the Board adequate time to handle issues that may arise of payment is not received by the deadline. Discussion and questions regarding if identifying whether or not a specific date would be best were talked about. However, the consensus resulted in no changes.

Mary Guth requested a motioned to approve the recommended changes to the Bylaws as written. Greg Searls motioned to approve the recommended changes as written. Kim Madsen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Elections Committee Report:

Danny Garnett (SC), Chair reported that the results of the Elections Board members are as follows: Scott Cohen was elected Treasurer and Jennifer Smothermon was re-elected to Member at Large.

Joanni Sailor (OK) thanked and showed appreciation for Danny and his work on the Election committee.

The 2019 Annual Meeting will be held next year in conjunction with the CLEAR Conference. September 16 and 17, 2019

Adjournment: Kim Madsen (CA) motioned to adjourn the meeting. Joy Corby (PA) seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:54am

Respectfully Submitted by Tammy Austin 10/8/18

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