

# **BOARD OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY MEETING MINUTES**

**March 1, 2022**

**11:00 am to 1:00 pm**

## **Virtual Meeting Notice**

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all board meetings will be held virtually during the declared public health emergency.*

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### **Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Open Session**

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**OPEN SESSION MARCH 1, 2022**

OS-0301-01	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Members</u></b> Sheila Holt – Board Chair (Present) Angela Sarafin – Board Member (Present)</p> <p><b><u>Board Staff</u></b> Ericka Walker- Executive Director (Present) Joanne Drozdoski- Assistant General Counsel (Present) Thelma Ofosu- Mensah – Health Licensing Specialist (Present) Rebecca Odrick –Investigator (Present)</p>	
OS-0301-02	<p><b>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Angela Sarafin to accept the March 1, 2022, open session agenda. Seconded by Sheila Holt.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Angela Sarafin and Shelia Holt voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0301-03	<p><b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b></p> <p>Ms. Walker gave an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ She recommended that the Board members visit the DC Coronavirus website periodically to acquaint themselves with information about coronavirus updates/status in the District, coronavirus.dc.gov.</li> <li>➤ DC Health requires health care professionals with a DC license, registration, or certification to receive a booster dose by March 1, 2022.</li> <li>➤ The Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA) Processing Center is open to the public Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9 am – 1 pm, and Wednesday, 9 am - 3:30 pm (except holidays) in addition, all application transactions are done solely via the online platform.</li> </ul>	
OS-0301-04	<p><b>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b></p> <p>No Report</p>	
OS-0301-05	<p><b>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b></p> <p>No Report</p>	

OS-0301-06	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the December 7, 2021, meeting.</p> <p>Motion made by Angela Sarafin to accept the December 7, 2021, open session minutes with the identified correction. Seconded by Sheila Holt.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b></p> <p>Angela Sarafin and Shelia Holt voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0301-07	<p><b>FYI 2022 MEETING DATES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>June 7, 2022</b></li> <li>• <b>September 6, 2022</b></li> <li>• <b>December 6, 2022</b></li> </ul> <p><b>CENSUS:</b>  <b>164 Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists</b>          No Action Required</p>	
OS-0301-08	<p><b>REGULATION REQUIREMENTS ON HOW TO ACCRUE POST-GRADUATE SUPERVISION HOURS</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p> <p>Board To Discuss</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b></p> <p>The current regulation under section 7703.3 indicates that the two (2)-year post-graduate supervised clinical experience required under § 7703.1 shall meet the following requirements: (a) The experience shall be obtained under the supervision of a supervisor approved by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), or a supervisor approved by the Board. Some applicants who have been licensed in other jurisdictions for many years and in good standing who had accrued their post- supervision hours years ago had supervisors who did not fall under any category outlined in section 7703.3 of the regulation. However, the supervisors do or at the time of supervision might have possessed a license, in good standing, to practice marriage and family therapy, professional counseling, counseling psychology, psychiatry, or independent clinical social work in other jurisdictions.</p>	

	<p>The Board to determine whether Board staff should accept supervised hours accrued under such case scenarios.</p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p> <p>The Board provided guidance to Board staff to adhere to the following regulatory guidance: Sections 7703.4 (a) – (c), 7703.6, 7711.1 (b), and 7712.10. The Board also recommended amending the Supervisory Verification Form for supervisors who are not AAMFT approved. The amendment will comply with Section 7703.4 (a) – (c), to include showing proof of at least 6 credit hours of supervisory training.</p> <p>In the event that an applicant’s supervisor is not available to complete the Districts Supervisory Verification Form, the Board will accept supervision forms from another jurisdiction that the applicant is currently licensed, provided it’s a copy of the original verification attestation.</p>	
OS-0301-09	<p><b>MOTION TO CLOSE</b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p> <p>To go into a closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b></p> <p>Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</p> <p>Motion made by Angela Sarafin to close the open session minutes. Seconded by Sheila Holt.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b></p> <p>Angela Sarafin and Shelia Holt voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

**This concludes the Open Session meeting.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2022.**

**The Open Meetings Act governs this meeting. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at [opengovoffice@dc.gov](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).**