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## **Meeting Notice**

**MISSOURI STATE COMMITTEE OF MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**  
**March 15, 2005 – 8:00 a.m.**  
**Telephone Conference Call**  
**Division of Professional Registration**  
**3605 Missouri Boulevard – Jefferson City, Missouri**  
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The State Committee may convene in closed session at any time during the meeting. If the meeting is closed, the appropriate section will be announced to the public, with the motion and vote recorded in open session minutes.

Please see attached agenda for this meeting.

Attachment

# Tentative Agenda

**MISSOURI STATE COMMITTEE OF MARITAL  
AND  
FAMILY THERAPISTS  
March 15, 2005 –8:00 a.m.  
Division of Professional Registration  
3605 Missouri Boulevard – Jefferson City, Missouri**

- 1 Call to Order Dr. Elizabeth Kingsley, Chairperson
- 2 Approval of Open Session Agenda
- 3 Approval of Open Session Conference Call Minutes January 18, 2004
- 4 Letter from Maureen D. Patton, LMFT
- 5 Meeting Schedule

Convene in closed session pursuant to motions to close section 610.021 subsection (14) and 620.010.14 subsection (7) RSMo for the purpose of discussing investigative reports and/or complaints and/or audits and applicants for licensure and/or other information pertaining to the licensee or applicant and, section 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal actions, causes of action or litigation and any confidential or privileged communications between this agency and its attorney.

## Adjournment

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**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**  
**Missouri State Committee of Marital & Family Therapists**  
**March 15, 2005 – 8:00 a.m.**  
**Conference Call**  
**Division of Professional Registration**  
**3605 Missouri Boulevard – Jefferson City, Missouri**

At 8:04 a.m. on March 15, 2005 the Missouri State Committee of Marital and Family Therapists conference call meeting was called to order by Dr. Elizabeth Kingsley, Chairperson at the Division of Professional Registration, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, Missouri. Roll call was facilitated by Dr. Dorothy Becvar.

**Committee Members Present**

Dr. Elizabeth Kingsley, Chairperson  
Dr. Dorothy Becvar, Secretary  
Dr. Teri Loney  
Ted Estes

**Committee Members Absent**

Claudetta Feemster, Public Member  
Wayne Allen, Public Member

**Staff Present**

Loree Kessler, Executive Director  
Justin Smith, Licensure Technician II

Dr. Kingsley stated she would be voting in open and closed sessions.

A motion was made by Dr. Becvar and seconded by Mr. Estes to approve the open session agenda with the following amendments clarification of practicum requirement, HB 725, and state committee general counsel. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Becvar and seconded by Dr. Loney to approve the open session minutes of the January 18, 2005 telephone conference call as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**Letter from Maureen Patton, LMFT**

The committee instructed the executive director to send a letter to Ms. Patton and recommend Ms. Patton review the issue of insufficient funds checks and confidential information with the prosecuting attorney in her area. Additionally, Ms. Patton may wish to seek private, legal counsel or consult with AAMFT's legal department. Regarding the committee's position if a complaint were filed relating to a therapist seeking collection of the past due amount, the state committee indicated each complaint is considered individually and there is no policy or guideline for this area. The state committee suggested the response to Ms. Patton include a brief overview of the complaint and investigative process.

### **Clarification of Practicum**

The state committee clarified the regulation regarding 4 CSR 233-2.010(5)(F) that requires an applicant obtain at least 500 hours of direct client contact as part of the practicum/internship experience. If an applicant does not have the required hours, s/he may take an additional practicum or internship for graduate credit or assemble an independent study for practicum that is approved by the college or university for graduate credit and by the state committee for content. The additional practicum or internship would fulfill the deficient client contact hours and can be any number of graduate semester hours based upon the college or university.

### **HB 725**

The executive director advised the state committee that language to merge the LPC and MFT committees had been introduced by Representative Behnen.

### **Miscellaneous**

The executive director announced that Daryl Hylton had accepted a position as general counsel with the Department of Economic Development and that the Attorney General's office was reorganizing and assigning counsel according. At this time the Attorney General's office had established a unit consisting of the mental health boards within the Division of Professional Registration and Rikki Wright, Assistant Attorney General had been assigned as supervisor to that section.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The state committee scheduled a conference call for May 17, 2005 at 8:00 a.m.

At 8:27 a.m. a motion was made by Dr. Becvar and seconded by Dr. Loney to convene in closed session pursuant to section 620.010 subsection (14), paragraph (7) for the purpose of discussing investigative reports and/or complaints and/or audits and/or other information pertaining to the licensee or applicant, section 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal actions, causes of action or litigation, and any confidential or privileged communication between this agency and its attorney and for the purpose of reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes of one or more previous meetings under the subsections of 610.021 which authorized this agency to go into closed session during those meetings. State committee members voting aye; Dr. Kingsley, Dr. Loney, Mr. Estes, and Dr. Becvar. Motion carried unanimously.

At 9:03 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Becvar and seconded by Mr. Estes to convene in open session and adjourn the meeting. State committee members voting aye; Dr. Kingsley, Dr. Loney, Mr. Estes, and Dr. Becvar. Motion carried unanimously.



Executive Director

Approved by State Committee on May 17, 2005