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Meeting Notice
MISSOURI STATE COMMITTEE OF MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
January 23, 2012 8:00 a.m.
Telephone Conference Call
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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

Amended agenda posted 1/13/2012 2:05 p.m.

Tentative Open Agenda

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- 1 Approval of Open Session Agenda
- 2 Open Session Minutes
 - E Mail Ballot December 5, 2011
- 3 Supervision Requirements Correspondence Dr Timothy Nelson
- 4 Meeting Schedule

Convene in closed session pursuant to sections 610.021 subsection (14), 324.001.8 and 324.001.9 RSMo 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 communications 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 RSMo which authorized this agency to go into closed session during those meetings.

Adjournment

OPEN MINUTES
Missouri State Committee of Marital and Family Therapists
Division of Professional Registration
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Email Ballot December 5, 2011

On this date, a closed email ballot was sent to the members of the Missouri State Committee of Marital and Family Therapists pursuant to section 610.021(14) RSMo.

Mail Ballots Sent to:

Dr. Teri Loney, Chairperson
Ted Estes
Diane Modrell, Public Member
Greg Roberts. Public Member

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Dear Committee Members, my name is Tim Nelson. I am a Licensed MFT in Missouri, a Licensed Clinical MFT in Kansas, and an Approved Supervisor with the AAMFT. I currently supervise students who seek independent licensure in both Missouri and Kansas.

I write to you as I have a matter for which I humbly request your urgent attention, guidance and action. On 12/6/2011, Loree Kessler informed me that I cannot supervise any licensure supervisee from Missouri when another licensure supervisee from Kansas is present in the room. Up to this point, I was unaware of this stipulation in the regulations. As a result, I have been in violation of this policy since 2008.

I bring this matter to your attention because my supervisees will likely incur a serious and significant penalty if their supervision hours are suddenly nullified due to my unintended oversight of this regulation. This would cost my supervisees hundreds of hours of lost therapy and supervision time. Indeed, the penalty of having to start over seems particularly unwarranted in light of the concerns and questions addressed below.

1. After my 12/6/2011 conversation with Loree Kessler, I again called the State Committee office to further clarify my understanding of the regulations with Ms. Kessler. Unfortunately, she was out of the office. So, I spoke with Sarah Becker, Licensure Tech II. I asked her to guide me in my process of interpreting the regulations. She indicated that she did not see any problem with my supervising Kansas and Missouri supervisees together given the language stated in the regulations (please see the attached regulations). I do want to note that she shared this information not aware of what Loree Kessler had shared with me earlier.
2. I also asked to speak with one of the Directors, Jane Rackers. She noted that she was not aware of the regulations and had not heard of this concern before. I deem this to be important, given the number of supervisors that live along the state line and supervise both Kansas and Missouri supervisees.
3. Please note that the regulations do not stipulate that "S-MFTs" be ONLY Missouri supervisees. Indeed, nowhere in the regulations is there language that specifies that "S-MFT" applies **only and exclusively** to supervisees from Missouri.

4. In light of this restriction, I will need guidance from the State Committee on how to provide supervision to a supervisee who is seeking dual licensure in Missouri and Kansas.
5. I have spoken to supervisors who told me that they know of students who are now currently licensed in Missouri who engaged in supervision while Kansas supervisees were present in the room with them. It will be helpful for me to learn how the State Committee will respond to former supervisees who are currently licensed who violated this regulation during their supervisory experience.
6. Loree Kessler indicated that I could have supervisees from Kansas observe the Missouri supervisees as long as they were behind a one-way mirror. It would be helpful for me to understand how this context is different than having a muted Kansas supervisee in the room while Missouri students receive their supervision (which is how I have conducted group supervision with my Missouri supervisees).
7. I spoke with the Kansas State Committee and they indicated they do not have any restrictions on whether or not Kansas or Missouri supervisees receive supervision together or separately.
8. I would like to also add that each of the Missouri supervisors I consulted, who also supervise Missouri and Kansas supervisees, were unaware of this regulation.

Indeed, my Missouri supervisees have been observing and participating in the supervision of my Kansas supervisees since 2008. I have been counting this as supervision for both groups. If this is not permissible, it would be helpful if the regulations specified this directly and explicitly. Below I make two specific requests of you in light of the information I provided above.

- I would ask that my Missouri supervisees not be penalized for the ambiguous and unclear language in the regulations. And, that they be allowed to count all of their accrued therapy and supervision hours up to this point.
- I would ask that the board reconsider their policy and allow Kansas and Missouri supervisees to receive supervision together.
- I would kindly and respectfully ask, if you are unwilling or unable to accommodate my second request above, that you add language to the regulations that clarifies what specifically is meant by the designation "S-MFT."

Finally, I would like to be clear that since I learned of this regulation, I have separated my Missouri and Kansas supervisees. They no longer are in the same room to receive supervision together. Rather, when my Missouri supervisees are receiving supervision, my Kansas supervisees are behind a one-way mirror observing our process.

I thank you for your prompt attention to these concerns. I would kindly and respectfully ask for your tender guidance and action with these very important concerns. Should you have further question or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the number or e-mail address listed above. I look forward to hearing your decisions. Thank you again for all of your work on my behalf. I am most grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Rules of Department of Insurance,
Financial Institutions and
Professional Registration
Division 2233—State Committee of Marital and
Family Therapists
Chapter 2—Licensure Requirements**

20 CSR 2233-2.020 Supervised Marital and Family Work Experience:

(D) A minimum of two (2) hours every two (2) weeks of individual face-to-face supervision with the registered supervisor. 1. At least half of the supervision shall be individual face-to-face supervision which may consist of no more than two (2) S-MFTs meeting with the registered supervisor. 2. The remaining supervision may be group supervision. For the purpose of this rule, group supervision may consist of at least three (3) and no more than six (6) SMFTs. 3. The S-MFT must complete a minimum of two hundred (200) hours of supervision, at least half of which one hundred (100) hours must be in individual face-to-face supervision.