

Nevada State Board of Examiners
for Marriage and Family Therapists and
Clinical Professional Counselors
October 24, 2012
Las Vegas, NV

WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS
ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS
(LCB File No. R163-12)

Purpose: To receive feedback from the public regarding proposed rules and regulations changes and/or adoptions to Chapter 641A of the Nevada Administrative Code.

Board Attendance

Colleen Peterson, PhD	President
Katherine Unthank	Member
Raymond E. Smith Sr.	Executive Director
Rose Marie Reynolds	Deputy Attorney General

Public Attendance

Jennifer Gilroy	NV Marriage and Family Therapist from Bridge Counseling
Roberta Vande Voort	NV Marriage and Family Therapist from Kayenta Wellness
Cherrie Fernelius	Public Member
Merlelynn Harris	Clark County Representative, Nevada Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, NV Marriage and Family Therapist
Dean Sanner	NV Marriage and Family Therapist
Adrienne O'Neal	President, Nevada Association for Marriage and Family Therapy NV Marriage and Family Therapist

1. Workshop was called to order by President at 9:00am.
2. Public Comments: There was no public comment.
3. Recited Proposed Regulation Changes with Comments

Section 1. Ms. Gilroy of Bridge Counseling requested clarification of added language concerning "circumstances in which a Primary Supervisor may immediately suspend a Supervision Agreement." There is some concern about interns who secure a supervision agreement with Supervisors who are employed at Bridge Counseling and then seek employment somewhere other than Bridge Counseling where the Supervisor is not comfortable in supporting the intern's employment decision. If an intern moves forward contrary to supervision's advisement, does Supervision have the right to terminate or suspend the Supervision Agreement?

President: The Board will support the action/decision of the Supervisor.

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Ms. Vande Voort: How does the Supervisor terminate a supervision agreement when they find out that an internship employment situation that was thought to be appropriate turns out to be an inappropriate situation where the supervisor's license is being put at risk?

President: The Board is becoming more aware of these situations and also finds that they will support the action/decision of the Supervisor.

DAG: When it comes to the attention of the Supervisor that the intern is not practicing as you would like, do you, the supervisor, attempt to stop the bad practices or do you move immediately suspending the internship Agreement?

Ms. Vande Voort: In most situations it is the supervisor who becomes aware of the specifics of the practices of the employment situation. It turns out that things are not what the supervisor thought. There is a process for repair of the intern's practices to more ethical behavior and not an immediate suspension of practice.

President: When the intern is in a situation of employment where they are obligated to adhere to agency practices that the supervisor is not comfortable with, the Board would support the Supervisor who would reserve the right to discontinue supervision.

Section 2. NAC 641A.085. (More clarification for "including clinical expertise working with individuals, couples and families" will be added. The DAG will work with the Board on the language needed for this section.)

paragraph 3. add language:

- a. Courses in the supervised practice or marriage and family therapy must include clinical experience working with individuals, couples and families. Clinical experience with only individuals does not meet this study area requirement.

Section 3. NAC 641A.146. (No comment.)

Section 4. NAC 641A.182. Ms. O'Neal of Nevada Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (NAMFT): Supervisors should meet the requirement of AAMFT Certified Supervisors and equivalence supervisors should not be used.

President: This is a general comment around supervisors and not a comment to the proposed changes. Does NAMFT have a problem with someone who has the equivalence in training to the AAMFT Approved Supervisor candidate?

Ms. O'Neal of Nevada Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (NAMFT): There is a preference to AAMFT's systemic training of supervisors.

Ms. Harris: Clarification was needed.

Section 5. NAC 641A.252. (No comment.)

4. Public Comments: Dr. Unthank: The Code of Ethics for the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) can also be changed or updated.

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President: It has been verified that NBCC has not yet released their new version of their Code of Ethics. So, we are not able to make that change yet.

Ms. O'Neal: NAMFT also recommends changes to the regulation to accept live online trainings as face to face CEUs. (see attachment.)

Future Rulemaking Procedures

Remarks by the President

There will be a Las Vegas Public Workshop at the Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Room LV 4412, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101, on Wednesday, October 24th, 2012, teleconferenced to Carson City to the Legislative Counsel Bureau, 401 S. Carson Street, Room CC 2134, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

We will take the comments that have been submitted and make corrections or changes to the proposed regulations.

If changes are substantive, the latest proposed regulations will be sent to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) for drafting.

After drafting another public Workshop will be held either in the North and/or the South.

However, if there are no major changes, then a final approved version will be produced.

Following this we will schedule a Public Hearing for adoption of proposed regulation.

If there are major changes then, after the changes are made to the latest proposed regulations another public workshop will be held to go over the changes. This will be followed by another submission to LCB for redrafting. The back and forth between workshop and LCB will continue until we can produce an approved version. When we have an approved version then we can schedule the Public Hearing.

5. Adjournment

President's Note: The Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors would like to thank the members of the public who participated in the Workshop this day. The Board would like you to know we are working as quickly and diligently as we can to get those who are qualified licensed as soon as possible. Thank you.

Note: This workshop was recorded.

Note: These minutes were have not yet been approved by the Board and are subject to change.