

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 31, 2020**

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Marriage and Family Therapists held virtually through Zoom on March 31, 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shawn Oak
Scott Kaminsky
Fred Stickle
Gary Clark
John Embry
Tamara James

DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

Tiler Hahn, Board Administrator
Michael Newman, Commissioner

OTHERS

Bryan Morrow, Legal Counsel

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

N/A

GUESTS

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CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Oak called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Oak notified the board that since the Special Meeting held on March 19, 2020, the board received a letter addressed to Governor Beshear from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II. Secretary Azar had asked Governor Beshear help facilitate allowing health professionals to practice via telehealth, to waive regulatory standards that prevented this, and to relax scope of practice during the COVID-19 crisis.

Based on the information received from HHS, the Board Attorney notified the board that it could make the following motion:

Motion to suspend 201 KAR 32:110E, Section 3(1) requiring licensed marriage and family therapists and marriage and family therapy associates providing telehealth services in this state to have completed 15 hours of board-approved training. During state of emergency declared on March 6, 2020, by Executive Order 2020-215, licensed marriage and family therapists and marriage and family therapy associates may provide telehealth services in this state without having to complete 15 hours of board-approved training. Marriage and family therapists and marriage and family therapy associates who have not completed 15 hours of board-approved training are encourage to get the training as soon as possible and familiarize themselves with the Telehealth regulation. This suspension will only last until the Governor declares that the state of emergency declared on March 6, 2020, by Executive Order 2020-215, has ceased.

Scott Kaminsky made the motion, and Fred Stickle seconded; motion carried.

Based on the information received from HHS, the Board Attorney notified the board that it could make the following motion:

Motion to suspend 201 KAR 32:110E, Section 3(1) requiring a licensed marriage and family therapist who is supervising a marriage and family therapy associate providing telehealth services in this state to have completed 15 hours of board-approved training in the practice of telehealth. During state of emergency

declared on March 6, 2020, by Executive Order 2020-215, licensed marriage and family therapists supervising a marriage and family therapy associates may provide supervision without having to complete 15 hours of board-approved training. Marriage and family therapists who are supervising marriage and family therapy associates providing telehealth services in this case who have not completed 15 hours of board-approved training are encourage to get the training as soon as possible and familiarize themselves the Telehealth regulation. This suspension will only last until the Governor declares that the state of emergency declared on March 6, 2020, by Executive Order 2020-215, has ceased. Scott Kaminsky made the motion, and Fred Stickle seconded; motion carried.

Based on the information received from HHS, the Board Attorney notified the board that it could make the following motion:

Motion to suspend 201 KAR 32:110E, Section 8 requiring compliance with HIPAA and HITECH. Following the lead of the HHS, during state of emergency declared on March 6, 2020, by Executive Order 2020-215, licensed marriage and family therapists, marriage and family therapy associates, and licensees who supervise associates may seek to communicate with patients, and provide telehealth services, through remote communications technologies even if these technologies, and the manner in which they are used, may not fully comply with the requirements of the HIPAA and HITECH Rules. The Board will exercise its enforcement discretion and will not impose penalties for noncompliance with the regulatory requirements under 201 KAR 32:110, Section against licensees and associates in connection with the good faith provision of telehealth during the state of emergency declared on March 6, 2020, by Executive Order 2020-215. This suspension will only last until the Governor declares that the state of emergency declared on March 6, 2020, by Executive Order 2020-215, has ceased.

Fred Stickle made the motion, and John Embry seconded; motion carried.

PER DIEM

Motion made by Scott Kaminsky to approve Per Diem for today's meeting. Motion, seconded by Gary Clark, carried.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Scott Kaminsky to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 p.m. Motion, seconded by Gary Clark, carried.



Shawn Oak, Chair

12:03:51 From Dale Bertram : Yeap....These folks spin things in odd ways.
12:04:01 From Rosalie : I would support a motion to suspend training
requirement during emergency
12:04:41 From TILER HAHN : ALL GEUSTS! PLEASE TYPE YOUR NAME INTO THE CHAT
SO THAT WE HAVE A RECORD FOR THE MINUTES OF ALL GEUSTS.
12:04:50 From Rosalie : discuss some way to reimburse those of us who paid
for the training
12:04:52 From Natalie Warren : Natalie Warren
12:04:57 From Benjamin Wilson : Benjamin Wilson
12:04:57 From jenniferschiller : Jennifer Schiller
12:04:57 From joel.klepac@centre.edu : Joel Klepac
12:04:58 From jacquelyn.craig : Jacquelyn Craig, LMFT
12:04:59 From Dale Bertram : Dale E. Bertram
12:05:00 From Rosalie : Rosalie Guthrie
12:05:02 From Kristen Martin : Kristen Martin
12:05:02 From Bridgette Allen : Bridgette Allen
12:05:05 From Jennifer Kendrick : Jennifer Kendrick
12:05:05 From Aaron Dowdell : Aaron Dowdell
12:05:06 From Annabel : Annabel Williams
12:05:06 From kdavenport : Keiko Davenport
12:05:06 From Allison Howell : Allison Howell
12:05:07 From DeShara C. Doub : DeShara Doub
12:05:07 From Arpita : Arpita Eusebius, LMFT
12:05:10 From laurabarclay : Laura Barclay
12:05:12 From John Russell Stanger : John Russell Stanger
12:05:13 From Mary Ellen Yates : Mary Ellen Yates
12:05:15 From Christy Wolfram : Christy Wolfram LMFT
12:05:15 From Michelle.Oak : Michelle Oak
12:05:17 From Sara.Burch : Sara Burch
12:05:20 From Karen Sheets-Mobley : Karen Sheets-Mobley, LCSW, LMFT
12:05:20 From Motselisi Moseme : Motselisi Moseme
12:05:24 From jenniferschiller : Can the motion be stated here for us to
see the wording?
12:05:28 From Roger Smith : Roger Smith
12:05:29 From Briania Davis : Briania Davis
12:05:30 From Jonathan Butler : Jonathan Butler
12:05:30 From Rayna Vergiels : Rayna Vergiels
12:05:33 From mirandafilamini : Miranda Filamini
12:05:34 From Josh Johnston : Joshua Johnston
12:05:37 From ktippett ktippett : Katelyn Tippett
12:05:43 From Matthew Harris : Matthew T. Harris, MSSW, LMFT
12:05:48 From Michael Kuney : Savannah Kuney, Marriage and Family Therapist
Associate
12:05:58 From Audrey Bennett : Audrey Bennett
12:06:00 From Eric Sharp, Marriage and Family Therapy Associate : Eric
Sharp, Marriage and Family Therapy Associate
12:06:09 From Grace.Lester@centerstone.org : Grace Lester
12:06:37 From Amanda Velez : I would support a motion to suspend interstate
teletherapy restrictions. Many of us have clients in Indiana that we are unable to
see. Indiana has suspended interstate teletherapy regulations, per EO 20-05 2D

12:06:43 From Christi Brooks : Christi Brooks
12:07:00 From Lisa C : Lisa Cardwell, Marriage and Family Therapy,
Associate
12:08:07 From DeShara C. Doub : Will including telehealth in Marriage and
Family Therapy Associate supervision be addressed?
12:08:32 From Michelle Sanborn : Michelle Sanborn
12:08:39 From Danielle W. : Danielle Whiteside
12:08:45 From Risa Musto : Risa Musto
12:08:47 From Amanda Driggs : Amanda Driggs
12:09:37 From Mary Ellen Yates : THANK YOU!!
12:09:52 From Josh Johnston : Will you address interstate telehealth
regulations at this meeting?
12:10:03 From Jennifer Kendrick : Will you be addressing Amanda Velez's
question?
12:10:33 From jenniferschiller : I appreciate the opportunity to be online
to view this and for the good decisions of the Board.
12:10:38 From Teri's iPhone : how long with emergency regs take before it
is effective?
12:10:56 From Katie Graham : thank you
12:11:43 From Mary Ellen Yates : When/how will we receive the memo that
recaps these decisions?
12:11:57 From Kristina Waters : Kristina Waters
12:11:58 From Michael Kuney : Thank you for letting us watch your
discussion
12:12:13 From DeShara C. Doub : Will there be an address of permanent
allowing of Marriage and Family Therapist Associates to conduct telehealth after
state of emergency?
12:12:26 From Mary Ellen Yates : Thanks.
12:12:26 From jenniferschiller : I hope this will continue for us to
observe the functions of the Board.
12:12:43 From Motselisi Moseme : I hope so as well!
12:12:48 From Arpita : Thank you for your leadership through these
unprecedented times!
12:12:52 From Dale Bertram : Thank You!