

Report from the Nevada Board of
Examiners for Marriage & Family
Therapists and Clinical Professional
Counselors
Progress in Complying with the Provisions
of Assembly Bill 457

Report as of January 3, 2020

Overview

- Highlights of what this presentation will cover:
 - MFT/CPC BOE Legislative Changes 2019 including Fee Structure
 - Licensing and Enforcement Data
 - Board Member Orientations
 - Online Renewals - 2019
 - Commission on Behavioral Health – 1 case
 - MFT/CPC Supervised Experience
 - Financial and Budget Information
 - Staff Operations and Performance
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NV BoE Marriage & Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors – SB 37 Legislative Highlights

- SB37 Provides the first fee increase for license renewals in 30 years – fee structure chart follows
- Allows for a biennial license period – cutting down on administrative work required to renew 1300+ licenses all expiring on 12/31
- *Scope of Practice Changes for CPC/MFT* – Exclusions removed thereby allowing those activities within scope of practice – including diagnosis and treatment of bipolar, schizophrenia, and psychosis
- *Licensure by Endorsement*
 - Reciprocity license allowed for holders of a corresponding valid and unrestricted license as a CPC/MFT in another state or District of Columbia.
 - Reciprocity also given to active members, veterans, or a spouse of an active member of the Armed Forces.

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NV BOE MFT/CPC FEE SCHEDULE		
DESCRIPTION	Until June 2019	July 2019
Application for an initial license	\$75	\$150
Issuance of a license	\$50	\$60
Renewal of an annual MFT or CPC license	\$150	\$0
Biennial Renewal of a license to practice as an MFT or CPC	\$0	\$450
Fee for late payment of license renewal	\$100	\$125
Placement of a license to practice as an MFT or CPC on inactive status	\$150	\$100
Renewal of an Intern's license	\$100	\$150
Issuance of a duplicate license	\$50	\$10
Reevaluation of an applicant's coursework	0	\$50
Application for approval as a supervisor	0	\$75
Approval of a course or program of continuing education	0	\$25
Approval of a provider of continuing education	0	\$150

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Licensing Data

2019 LICENSES ISSUED

<u>QTR</u>	<u>CPC</u>	<u>CPC-Intern</u>	<u>MFT</u>	<u>MFT-Intern</u>	<u>Totals</u>
1	34	18	28	45	125
2	30	29	31	29	119
3	28	31	22	16	97
4	19	27	18	27	91
Totals	111	105	99	117	432

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Enforcement Data

- We have dedicated resources to hiring a part-time Complaints Investigator, our former Executive Director, Stephanie Steinhiser.
- We are addressing all the recent complaints and working to investigate and close older complaints.
- January board meeting – 1 disciplinary hearing
- May, July, August, and November board meetings – 19 cases were dismissed.

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ENFORCEMENT DATA **Calendar Year 2019**

- # of complaints received - 13
- # of investigations completed - 21
- # of cases dismissed - 19
- # of cases settled - 1
- # of hearings for cases held - 1

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BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATIONS

- Two board members were added by the Governor –
 - Dr. Sheldon Jacobs, MFT – Added 10/18/19
 - Sara Pelton, MFT – Added 11/13/19
- Both were able to attend the Office of the Attorney General's training for Board and Commission members on November 18, 2019.

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ONLINE RENEWALS

- The BOE MFT/CPC went live with online renewals on November 12, 2019.
- Verifications of answers to ethics questions occurred for about 12 renewals so oversight is built into the online system.
- 1,051 licensees successfully renewed online by December 31st.
- Online License Verifications are currently operational.

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COMMISSION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- One applicant was denied a MFT license by the board in 2019 based on a perceived lack of professional behavior
- Said applicant submitted an appeal to the Commission on Behavioral Health
- Hearing was August 2, 2019 where the Commission ruled that this applicant's denial for licensure should be set aside;
Decision received on August 15, 2019
- Applicant was issued a MFT license on September 20, 2019.

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MFT/CPC Supervised Experience

- MFT/CPC board has had regulations regarding the supervised experience of licensed interns since 2007 (NRS 641A.287/288)
- Licensed Interns are required to have 300 hours of supervision from primary and secondary approved supervisors
- The board office maintains a list of approved supervisors and tracks which supervisor each Intern is utilizing
- Interns must submit forms documenting their hours every six months which are signed by their supervisors.

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Financial & Budget Information

- As the new Executive Director as of August 1, 2019, I was unaware that an audit was required for the previous fiscal year.
- Our CPA firm is currently conducting the audit for fiscal year 2018/2019 and plans to have their report ready on January 13, 2020.
- We will plan to have our 2019/2020 audit started in July 2020 in order to have timely results.
- As soon as the previous fiscal year is adjusted and closed, per the audit, we will develop accurate financial statements and budgets.

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Staff Operations and Performance

- Current staff is full-time Executive Director and Office Manager; part-time Complaints Investigator, Office Administrator, and Office Clerk.
- Employee Performance Evaluations will be performed annually in May, prior to fiscal year-end and budgeting.
- Each full-time and part-time employee will be involved in a discussion between the Executive Director and the employee clarifying goals and methods to achieve those goals.
- The employee's evaluations will include a written evaluation of the employee's progress in their job.

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