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Above are your newly appointed board members. On your left is David Mullin, LMFT from Florence, MS and on the right is Anna Lyn Whitt, LMSW from Brandon, MS. They are replacing the expired board members tenures of Barbara Martin, LMFT and Hank Rainer, LCSW.

LICENSE RENEWALS ARE DUE!

Online renewal is available until September 30, 2008. You may visit the board's website at www.swmft.ms.gov and click the online renewal link to begin.

One big change that occurred this year was requesting that licensees submit their renewal by August 30, 2008 or thirty (30) days before their respective licenses was due to expire. The Board implemented this change to minimize the lapse in licensure cause by the submission of license renewal on the day the license actually expires. The early submission will allow us time to get the renewal card and seal into the licensee's hand before their license expires.

There is not a penalty for submission of your renewal after August 30, 2008; however, renewals postmarked after September 30, 2008 will be considered lapsed and the licensee will be required to follow the rules and regulations requirement for reinstating a lapsed license.

Executive Director
Billy A. Dilworth

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CONTINUING EDUCATION OFFERINGS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

The following programs have been reviewed and approved by MS Chapter, NASW CE Certification Committee. With this approval, the programs meet Social Work Units (SWUs) requirement of the MS Board of Examiners for Social Workers pursuant to Section IX-E.

For further information about specific programs, please contact the sponsoring organizations at the telephone number provided on this list. This page is offered as a courtesy only. The Board will not be held responsible for any problems that arise from the cancellation or attendance of the following programs.

Updated as of 8/27/2008

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>SPONSORED BY</i>	<i>PHONE NUMBER</i>	<i>SWUS</i>
TB	New Developments in the Treatment of Child & Adult Trauma	Jackson, MS	Center for Professional Training	601.613.5250	.72 SWU
12/03/2008	Medical Records Law	Biloxi, MS	Lorman Business Center, Inc	715.833.3940	.72 SWU
11/14/2008	Medical Records Law	Hattiesburg, MS	Lorman Business Center, Inc	715.833.3940	.72 SWU
10/24/2008	Ethics in Actions	Gulfport, MS	Health Education Network	800.839.4584	.72 SWU
10/23/2008	Ethics in Actions	Jackson, MS	Health Education Network	800.839.4584	.72 SWU
10/22/2008	The Best Ever Anxiety Treatment Techniques	Memphis, TN	PESI, LLC	800.844.8260 x 8166	.7 SWU
10/17/2008	The Restraint Free Future	Jackson, MS	MS Health Care Association	601.956.3472	.69 SWU
10/08/2008	The Tornado Within: Exploring the Connections Between Children's Anger, Unresolved Grief & Escalating Violence	Jackson, MS	Cross Cuntry Education	800.397.0180	.72 SWU
10/07/2008	Combat Stress & PTSD: Working with Veterans & their Families	San Bernardino, CA	PESI LLC	800.844.8260 x8166	.73 SWU
10/04-05/2008	Reversing Panic Attacks, Acute Stress & PTSD	New Orleans, LA	Belleruth Naparstek	www.conferenceworks.com/cec	9 Credit hours
10/01/2008	Mental Health Pills, Skills,& Ethics	Jackson , MS	Medical Educational Services, Inc	www.meds-pdn.com or 715.836.9900	6.0 CE clock hours
10/01/2008	Persistent & Chronic Pine Syndromes	Gulfport, MS	Health ED	800.839.4584	.72 SWU
09/26/2008	Personality of The Physician & Relational Themes	Hattiesburg, MS	Pine Grove Behavioral Health	800.844.4445	.12 SWU
09/25-26/2008	End of Life Nursing Education Consortium	Jackson, MS	St Dominic Jackson Memorial Hospital	601.200.6920	1.62 SWU
09/25-26/2008	Confidentiality Conference: An Advocate's Guide	Greenville, MS	Our House, Inc	662.334.6873	1.02 for Both Days
09/26/2008	Personality Disorders & the Use of Psychotropic Medications in Treating Mental Illness	Grenada, MS	Grenada Crisis Intervention	662.227.3700	.48 SWU
09/25/2008	Complex Challenges of End Of Life Care	Memphis, TN	Health ED	800.839.4584	.72 SWU
09/24/2008	Mental Health In Our Society & How to Help Clients Accept Treatment	Oxford, MS	MS State Hospital	662.227.3700	.48 SWU

09/19/2008	Assessment of PTSD	Hattiesburg, MS	Pine Grove Behavioral Health	800.844.4445	.21 SWU
09/19/2008	Learning the Basics from Crystal Methamphetamine to Schizophrenia	Cleveland, MS	MS State Hospital	662.846.2620	.48 SWU
09/19/2008	Jaquith University	Whitfield, MS	Jaquith Nursing Home	601.351.8289	See Brochure Not all Sessions Aproved
09/18/2008	Psychiatric Updates for 2008	Corinth, MS	Crossroads Center for Emotional Care	662.293.5524	.75 SWU
09/17/2008	Treating Addiction in the New Millennium	Meridian, MS	Alliance Health Center	601.581.9918	.3 SWU
09/12/2008	Increase in Older Population Means Increase in Vulnerable Adults	Forest, MS	Pioneer Health Services	601.507.2698	.18 SWU
09.12.2008	Innovations in Treatment & Recovery	Point Clear, AL	Pine Grove Behavioral & Addiction Services	888.574.4673	.6 SWU
09/12/2008	Healthy Living: Death, Loss & Grief in Life	Meridian, MS	Community Seventh Day Adventist	601.484.0148	.49 SWU
09/11/2008	Mindfulness Enhance Your Therapeutic Skills with Powerful Mind-Body Awareness Techniques	Jackson, MS	Cross Country Education	800.397.0180	.72 SWU
09/11-12/2008	Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare	Jackson, MS	MS Conference on Social Welfare	601.213.7520	1.23 SWU
09/4-5/2008	2008 Gulf Coast Social Work Conference	Biloxi, MS	Continuing Education Productions, Inc	877.496.2361	1.2 SWU
08/29/2008	Sexual Assault Volunteer Training Part II	Greenville, MS	Our House, Inc	662.334.6873	.43 SWU
08/28/2008	Cognitive Behavioral Treatment	Mobile, AL	PESI, LLC	800.844.8260 x8166	.7 SWU
08/28/2008	Positive Parenting with a Plan	Jackson, MS	Cross Country Education	800.397.0180	.72 SWU
08/28/2008	Sexual Assault Volunteer Training Part II	Greenville, MS	Our House, Inc	66.334.6873	.63 SWU
08/27/2008	Cognitive Behavioral Treatment	Montgomery, AL	PESI, LLC	800.844.8260 x8166	.7 SWU

Continuing Education Message:

Pursuant to the rules and regulations, license renewals for social workers and marriage and family therapists will be audited each year. It is very important that both social workers and marriage and family therapists pay close attention and make certain that the hours that he/she receives for continuing education is approved by the authorized organization.

Any certificate received as proof of attendance at a continuing education offering for social work training must state that the program was sponsored/co-sponsored by MS Chapter, National Association of Social Workers, or approved by a designed provider of MS Chapter, National Association of Social Workers, or approved by the MS Chapter, National Association of Social Workers.

Marriage and family therapists should make certain that any certificate received as proof of attendance for a continuing education offering in marriage and family therapy is approved by American Association of Marriage and Family Therapist and any if it's divisions, including the MS Association of Marriage and Family Therapist. There is a list of designated providers for marriage and family therapy. They are listed in your rules and regulations.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OFFERINGS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

The following programs have been reviewed and approved by the Mississippi Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (MAMFT) CE Certification Committee. With this approval, the programs meet continuing education requirements for renewal of your MFT license as required by the Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists.

This list is provided as a courtesy to licensees and may be updated on this website once monthly. If you have any questions or concerns about a program, please contact that sponsoring organization at the number provided on this list.

As of 8/18/08

Date(s)	Topic	Location	Sponsor	Phone Number	C. E. Hours
Various Dates	Marital Therapy: A Research Based Approach(Video Workshop)	Jackson, MS	Samaritan Counseling Services	601-292-4627	14
4/3/08	Spring Social Work Institute	Ridgeland, MS	Continuing Education Productions	877-496-2361	6.5
4/4/08	Spring Social Work Institute	Biloxi, MS	Continuing Education Productions	877-496-2361	6.5
4/04-05/08	Together We Can, Together We Will	Jackson, MS	National Alliance on Mental Health	601.899.9058	5
4/10/08	Clinical Supervision Skills in Behavioral Health <i>THIS PROGRAM DOES NOT SATISFY MBOE MFT SUPERVISION TRAINING REQUIREMENTS</i>	Jackson, MS	Cross Country Education	615-331-4422	6
4/10//08	Stop The Hurt! Child Abuse Conference	Tupelo, MS	Family Resource Center	662-844-0013 or angiefloyd@bellsouth.net	5.5
4/24/08	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: The Basics of Helping People Get Better	Jackson	Cross Country Education	615-331-4422	6
4/25/08	Challenges Facing Providers In Treating The Elderly	Forest, MS	Pioneer Health Services	601-469-1514 or Sdoanbex@yahoo.com	3
5/5/08	The Three Stages of Healing: Counseling Victims of Sexual Trauma	Jackson, MS	Cross Country Education	615-331-4422 or ConEd@CrossCountryEducation.com	6

5/9-10/08	Marriage and Family Therapy Supervisor Training	Brandon, MS	MS Board of SW/MFT and The University Clinic for Family Therapy	heath.grames@usm.edu or 601-266-6434	16 (3 of these hours will count for ethics)
5/19/08	Couples & Affairs: Managing the Clinical Challenges	Jackson, MS	Cross Country Education	615-331-4422	6
5/22-23/08	Marriage and Family Therapy Supervisor Training	Oxford, MS	MS Board of SW/MFT and The University Clinic for Family Therapy	heath.grames@usm.edu or 601-266-6434	16 (3 of these hours will count for ethics)
6/11/08	“Using Play Therapy with Child & Adolescents	Hattiesburg, MS	Memorial Behavioral Health	601-545-9301	1
7/23/08	Play Therapy Tools of the Trade	Jackson, MS	Cross Country Education	615-331-4422	6
7/25/08	MFT Scope of Practice and Ethical Conduct: Making the Connection	Brandon, MS	Southern Institute for Family Therapy	601-266-6909 or jeff.hinton@usm.edu or c.west@usm.edu	6 (these hours will count for ethics)
8/1/08	MFT Scope of Practice and Ethical Conduct: Making the Connection	Hattiesburg, MS	Southern Institute for Family Therapy	601-266-6909 or jeff.hinton@usm.edu or c.west@usm.edu	6 (these hours will count for ethics)
8/15/08	Mindfulness Enhance Your Therapeutic Skills with Powerful Mind-body Awareness Techniques	Robinsonville, MS	Cross County Education	615-331-4422 or ConEd@CrossCountyEducation.com	6
8/28/2008	Positive Parenting with a Plan: How to Empower Parents with Challenging Children & Adolescents	Jackson, MS	Cross County Education	615-331-4422 or ConEd@CrossCountyEducation.com	6
9/25/08	The Complex Challenges of End of Life Care	Little Rock, AR	Health ED	800-839-4584 or custserv@health-ed.com	6
9/26/08	The Complex Challenges of End of Life Care	Memphis, TN	Health ED	800-839-4584 or custserv@health-ed.com	6
10/01/08	Persistent & Chronic Pain Syndromes	Gulfport, MS	Health ED	800-839-4584 or custserv@health-ed.com	6
10/02/08	Persistent & Chronic Pain Syndromes	Baton Rouge, LA	Health ED	800-839-4584 or custserv@health-ed.com	6

10/03/08	Persistent & Chronic Pain Syndromes	Lafayette, LA	Health ED	800-839-4584 or custserv@health-ed.com	6
10/16-17/08	Fifth Annual Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Related Disorders Conference	Hattiesburg, MS	Connections-Hattiesburg Clinic Partner-USM Office Professional Development	601-266-5689 or michelle.pittman@usm.edu	10.67
12/11/08	Emerging Paradigms in Neurodevelopmental Disorders	Jackson, MS	Health ED	800-839-4584 or custserv@health-ed.com	6
12/12/08	52 Practical Strategies for AS, HFA, and NLD	Jackson, MS	Health ED	800-839-4584 or custserv@health-ed.com	6

SUMMARY OF BOARD DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The following licenses have been revoked or suspended by the Board since July 1, 1997.

REVOKED/SUSPENDED

Name	License Number	Date of Action	Sanction
Catherine Jean Pacher	C1386	09/11/98	Revoked
Marguearite E. Whiting	W4415	12/11/98	Revoked
Monica Hubbard Porter	M3025	12/07/07	Revoked

“CHANGE OF ADDRESS”

WHEN YOU MOVE, PLEASE NOTIFY THE BOARD IMMEDIATELY SO THAT YOUR INFORMATION CAN BE UPDATED. DO NOT RELY ON THE POST OFFICE FORWARDING ORDER. THOSE ORDERS USUALLY EXPIRE BEFORE WE BECOME AWARE.

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO : INFO@SWMFT.MS.GOV

Understanding the Relationship Between Scope of Practice and Scope of Competence

W. Jeff Hinton, PhD, LMFT & Charles West, PhD, LMFT

Scope of practice issues create many legal and ethical concerns for both licensees and regulatory boards. Each licensed professional has the duty to work within the scope of practice of the profession in which he/she is licensed and to not go beyond that scope of practice, infringing upon the scope of practice of another profession. Because there is some overlap of the scopes of practice of the various mental health professions, each marriage and family therapist must not only thoroughly understand the marriage and family therapy scope of practice, but also understand the scopes of practice for other mental health professions in the state.

“Scope of practice” is defined in law and delineates what the licensed professional can do by placing limits upon or confining the breadth of functions a profession may lawfully perform. Although less dynamic than an individual’s scope of competence, scopes of practice do evolve over time. Scopes of practice serve as an absolute ceiling for the types of professional practices a profession can provide.

At the national level, common scope of practice challenges for licensed marriage and family therapists include issues related to the administration and interpretation of psychological tests and the legal right to diagnose and treat individuals, couples, and families. These challenges exist in political, legal, and ethical contexts, which vary from state to state.

In order to avoid the pitfalls of these common challenges requires that the licensee demonstrate a thorough understanding of the profession’s scope of practice and the professional’s “scope of competence”. A licensee’s scope of competence defines what that individual professional can or can’t do and is determined by their education, training, and experience. A professional’s scope of competence is fluid and changes as he/she grows professionally through continuing education and training experiences. Each professional is legally and ethically bound to work within the limits of his/her scope of competence regardless of the profession’s scope of practice. Scope of competence sets an additional limit on the types of professional practices an individual professional can provide. In order to avoid scope of practice legal issues, licensed marriage and family therapists must evaluate their individual scope of competence and how it relates to the profession’s scope of practice.

It is possible that the profession’s scope of practice may be much broader than one professional’s scope of competence. Given this situation, one’s scope of competence may prevent him/her from providing all of the services covered under the profession’s scope of practice. Likewise, one’s scope of competence may exceed the professional limits delineated within the profession’s scope of practice. In this case, the profession’s scope of practice always supersedes the individual professional’s scope of competence.

As defined in statute the scope of practice for licensed marriage and family therapists in Mississippi states: “Marriage and family therapy” means the rendering of professional therapy services to individuals, families or couples, singly or in groups, and involves the professional application of psychotherapeutic and family systems theories and techniques in the delivery of therapy services to those persons.

Compared to the scopes of practice of many other states, Mississippi’s scope is broad and empowers marriage and family therapists to provide a wide array of mental health services. Because our scope of practice authorizes the “rendering of professional therapy services to individuals, families or couples singly or in groups” and the “professional application of psychotherapeutic and family systems theories and techniques”, LMFT’s in our state avoid many challenges related to the legal right to diagnose and treat individuals, couples and families. Obviously, the ability to provide professional therapy services requires diagnoses and treatment. However, the licensee must have the education, training, and experience required to competently provide these services.

Current licensure requirements insure that licensees do meet minimal education, training and experience competency standards to provide many professional services authorized by the above outlined scope of practice. However, licensees who were licensed without meeting current licensure requirements (grandfathered licensees) may or may not meet these competency standards. In order to evaluate what professional services a licensee can or can’t perform, each licensee should evaluate his/her scope of competence within the confines of the profession’s scope of practice. A licensee who lacks competence (as defined by education, training, and experience) to provide a particular service or group of services allowed under the profession’s scope of practice should consider expanding his/her scope of competence through additional education and training opportunities.

LMFTs in Mississippi must complete 35 hours of approved continuing education each renewal cycle. By choosing continuing education opportunities wisely, a professional can expand his/her scope of competence. Each professional should strongly consider creating an individualized professional development plan to expand his/her scope of competence. A list of approved continuing education activities for LMFTs can be found on the Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists website (www.swmft.ms.gov). Separate lists exist for Marriage and Family Therapists and Social Workers. Approved offerings for social workers are listed under the Social Work section of the website and approved offerings for LMFTs are listed under the MFT section. Offerings approved for one discipline are not automatically approved for the other discipline.

Listed below you will find a few examples to evaluate. Please examine each scenario and decide if the issue is more related to scope of competence or scope of practice.

Scope of Practice or Scope of Competence Issue – You Decide

- Jeff, an LMFT with a (CACREP) degree in vocational counseling and 12 years of clinical experience providing counseling services mostly to disabled clients is nearing retirement from the state agency he works for. Jeff has decided he would like to open a part time private practice and use his license to specialize in couples counseling. He plans on providing approximately 10 hours a week of marital therapy to couples.
- Heath, an LMFT with a degree in marriage and family therapy and 4 years of clinical experience working mostly with couples in his church begins to see Lloyd. Lloyd soon becomes Billy, Hank, Rusty, Dean and Ron. Without further consultation/supervision, Heath continues to treat Lloyd for dissociative disorder.
- Chuck, an LMFT with a (COAMFTE) PhD in marriage and family therapy, and 15 years of clinical experience and thousands of hours administering psychological tests for clients is asked to administer and interpret the results of the MMPI for a client by his agency.
- Mary Ann, an LMFT with a PhD in marriage and family therapy and 27 years of clinical experience in multiple settings is seeing a female client who has been the victim of repeated domestic violence. Because her client doesn't have a steady source of income or health insurance, Mary Ann has decided to not charge the client for services. Because Mary Ann believes that her client is depressed and would benefit from medication, she provides the client with the web address of a company that will provide medications without a prescription at a very low cost.

Key: 1. Scope of Competence; 2. Scope of Competence; 3. Scope of Practice; 4. Scope of practice

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