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## Senate Finance Committee

### SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE LETTER OF INTENT

CSSB 40 (FIN)

"Regulating the practice of marital and family therapy."

The Senate Finance Committee is concerned that the license fees reflected in the fiscal note for CSSB 40 (FIN) of \$350 per year will only support the full program costs of the marital and family therapists board every other year unless licensees are forced to pay a prohibitively high annual fee.

This Committee encourages the prime sponsor and both the Governor and the Department of Commerce & Economic Development to make an effort in the next two years to combine the Marital and Family Therapy Board with other boards. We believe this would create administrative costs that can easily be covered by licensing fees each year.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat Pourchot", written over a horizontal line.

Senator Pat Pourchot  
Co-Chair  
Senate Finance

Senate adopted 4/17/91

Adopted by the House 5/16/91

STATE OF ALASKA  
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

NO. 2  
Bill Version: CSSB 40(FIN)  
(S) Publish Date: 4/17/91

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Department Affecter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Regulating the practice of BRU: Occupational Licensing  
marital and family therapy.... Component: Administration  
Sponsor: Senator Pearce  
Requestor: Senate HESS COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
TRAVEL	12.7	12.7	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.6
CONTRACTUAL	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.7
SUPPLIES	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS. CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	28.0	28.0	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9
CAPITAL						
REVENUE	28.0	0	28.0	0	28.0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		28.0		26.9		26.9
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER GF/PR	28.0	0	26.9	0	26.9	0
TOTAL	28.0	28.0	26.9	26.9	26.9	26.9

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year impact: None

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Division: Occupational Licensing Date: April 15, 1991  
Approved by Commissioner: Glenn A. Olds Asst Comm  
Agency: Commerce & Economic Development Date: 4-15-91

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Travel: \$ 12.7

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Supplies: \$ 1.0

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TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

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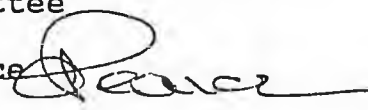
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Senator Drue Pearce  
District G

## MEMORANDUM

*motion paper  
forward note*

TO: Senator Arliss Sturgulewski, Chair  
Senate HESS Committee

FROM: Senator Drue Pearce 


DATE: March 5, 1991

RE: SB 40, Practice of Marital and Family Therapy

SB 40 would establish a five-member Board of Marital and Family Therapy to establish examination, training and education requirements for entry into the profession, and to issue licenses to qualified individuals. The Division of Occupational Licensing estimates that there are 40 practitioners who would qualify for licensure.

A family or couple who are referred for therapy are often in crisis and maybe extremely vulnerable to a therapist's guidance and influence. If not properly trained, a therapist could be a threat to at-risk individuals. Passage of this bill would be a step toward quality assurance for the public.

This bill will protect the public by providing standards and regulation for those who wish to become licensed marital and family therapy practitioners in the state.

 If SB 40 does not pass this session, the clients presently served by these practitioners will no longer qualify for public assistance reimbursement due to changes in the Medicaid regulations that require licensed providers.

It is important that SB 40 be passed this session.

Thank you.

DP:tej

Amendments attached

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*Very broad  
What about standards  
(social workers  
under national?)*

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Arliss Sturgulewski, Chair  
Senate HESS Committee

FROM: Senator Drue Pearce *Pearce*

DATE: January 22, 1991

RE: Requesting hearing for SB 40, Marital and Family  
Therapists Regulation

Please consider scheduling SB 40, An Act regulating the practice of marital and family therapy; amending Alaska Rule of Evidence 504(a)(3); and providing for an effective date, for a hearing as soon as possible.

SB 40 establishes a five-member Board of Marital and Family Therapy to establish examination, training and education requirements for entry into the profession, and to issue licenses to qualified individuals. By providing these standards the public would be protected.

If SB 40 does not become law this year, a disruption of services will occur for the clients of Alaskan marital and family therapists. These clients will no longer qualify for public assistance reimbursement due to changes in the Medicaid regulations that require licensed providers. It is important that SB 40 be passed this session.

Please call me or Tally Johnson of my staff, if you have any questions.

DP:tej

Attachment

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Senator Drue Pearce  
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FROM: Senator Drue Pearce  
DATE: April 17, 1991  
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I urge your support.

Thank you.

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**Senator Drue Pearce**  
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Pat Pourchot, Co-Chair  
Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Senator Drue Pearce *DP by JCA*

DATE: April 10, 1991

RE: CSSB 40 (HESS) Amendments

CSSB 40 (HESS), Regulating the practice of marital and family therapy, is on the Senate Finance Committee calendar for Thursday, April 11th. I would like to offer the following amendments to the committee:

TO: CSSB 40 (HESS)

Amendment #1:

Page 2, line 11, Insert a new paragraph to read:

"(6) ensure that licensees are aware of the requirement of AS 47.17.020;"

Reletter accordingly

Page 3, line 19: delete "and"

Page 3, line 20, Insert a new subparagraph to read:

"(D) has received training related to domestic violence;  
and"

Reletter accordingly.

Explanation: Amendment #1 requires the board to confirm that licensees are aware of the requirements of the child reporting procedures of AS 47.17.020. This amendment would also require the licensee to have past training in domestic violence.

This concern was brought forth by Cindy Smith, Executive Director of Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault when she testified on HB 18. HB 18 contains this amendment. Their concern was marital and family therapists counsel people in family crisis. It is important that these counselors be trained to be aware that domestic violence is occurring within the family unit.

Amendment #2:

Page 2, line 29, Delete the words

"another mental health field, or the equivalent,"

Page 2, line 29, Insert preceding the word "from"

"or allied mental health field"

Page 3, line 22, Delete after the word "therapy,

", another mental health field, or its equivalent,"

Page 3, line 22, Insert after the word "therapy"

"or allied mental health field"

Explanation: Amendment #2 was suggested by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. (See attached letter). Senator Sturgulewski, Chair of the Senate HESS Committee, had asked me to follow through with this concern that was brought out in her committee.

This amendment would close a loop hole in the language by requiring the licensee to hold at a minimum a master's degree instead of "the equivalent" to a master's degree. The American AMFT felt the present language would allow the board to approve for licensing an applicant who had taken courses and workshops which the board felt were equivalent to the work of a master's degree.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me or Tally Johnson of my staff.

DP:tej

Attachment

cc: ✓ Senator Arliss Sturgulewski, Chair, Senate HESS Committee



# American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

April 9, 1991

Senator Drue Pearce  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Pearce:

The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) is pleased to endorse S.B. 40, to provide for the regulation of marriage and family therapists in the state of Alaska. In enacting this legislation, Alaska will be consistent with the current trend across the United States to regulate this profession. In the last five years the number of states which enacted such regulation has doubled--going from 11 to 22. Further, it is anticipated that between 3 and 5 states may enact legislation similar to that in S.B. 40 in 1991. AAMFT appreciates and respects your leadership in this area.

As we discussed with one of your staff, Tally Johnson, we would recommend a slight wording change in Article 2, Section 08.63.100. Specifically, in Section (a), Subsection (3)(B), we would recommend that the language read, "holds a master's degree or doctorate in marital and family therapy from a regionally accredited educational institution approved by the board, or a master's or doctorate in a related field approved by the board for which the person completed a course of study that included instruction substantially equivalent to the following . . ." We believe that this language would be more consistent with language in statute in other states by requiring, minimally a master's degree, rather than "the equivalent" to a master's degree, which might be allowed by the current language.

Additionally, to be consistent in language throughout the bill, a change would also have to be made in Section (b). This language would then read, "Under regulations adopted by the board, a person who holds a master's or doctorate degree in marital and family therapy or a related field from a regionally accredited educational institution approved by the board, but whose course of study did not include all the courses or clinical practice requirements set out in (a)(3)(B) of this section may substitute post-degree courses or practice, as approved by the board, to satisfy the requirements of (a)(3)(B) of this section." This change would reflect the requirement of a minimum of a master's degree to qualify for regulation as a marriage and family

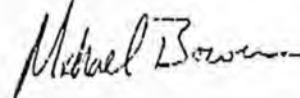
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therapist, rather than "the equivalent of a master's degree," as might be construed from current language.

Further, we recommended one other change which might require comment. In the language above we added the word "regionally" to define what accredited educational institutions could issue degrees. This language is consistent with almost all state laws which regulate mental health professionals, and requires that the universities or colleges which grant the degrees to meet standards for educational processes, library holdings, etc. While this change would still allow for some "alternative" training, it would require the institutions which issue qualifying degrees to meet standards which have been deemed appropriate for graduate level training.

Again, AAMFT is pleased to endorse and support S.B. 40. We will be glad to provide further assistance as needed or appropriate. We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments to you.

Sincerely,



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**Senator Drue Pearce**  
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Kim Busch, Director  
Division of Medical Assistance  
Department of H&SS

FROM: Senator Drue Pearce *Drue Pearce*

DATE: March 6, 1991

RE: SB 40, Marital and Family Therapy

*Will  
DHSS  
Dated*

Questions were asked in the Senate HESS Committee about medicaid and federal requirements in regards to SB 40 which would regulate the practice of marital and family therapy.

Senator Arliss Sturgulewski and members of her committee would like you to address the following questions. Senator Sturgulewski is planning to hear this bill again early next week to review these concerns.

How does the medicaid payment presently work for marital and family clients?

How will medicaid payments work when the new state and federal regulations goes into effect? And if this bill passes?

What is the amount that the state pays for medicaid coverage for marital and family clients? A breakout of federal coverage also.

Who qualifies to receive medicaid coverage?

Do practitioners bill the clients or directly to Medicaid?

Does marital and family therapy need to be on the medicaid list in statutes in order to receive coverage? Or do they fall under "clinical services"? Does it need to be a separate bill?

Do federal medicaid requirements cover children for family therapy or psychological therapy?

Does recently federal law changes require us to make changes to our system?

Is psychiatric care going to be required under state regulations for marital and family therapy?

Does the new federal law require standards for licensure of marital and family therapists? Or is it left up to each state?

In advance, I thank you for your prompt reply.

DP:tej

cc: Senator Sturgulewski, Chair, Senate HESS Committee

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPT. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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March 11, 1991

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Dear Senator Pearce:

The following are answers to the questions you had about SB 40 and Medicaid:

1. Medicaid now covers family or marriage therapy (group or individual counseling) provided by community mental health centers or in "physician's mental health clinics", which are practices in which an M.D. (usually a psychiatrist) supervises various staff with lesser credentials.
  
2. (a) When we implement the new state mental health regulations, they will restrict who can actually deliver the therapy in both types of service settings, and they will require a much more active, on-site supervision by the physician in physicians' clinics.  
  
(b) When state regulations appear to implement the recent federal law change expanding services to Medicaid recipients under 21, it is our current intent to add licensed clinical psychologists and licensed clinical social workers as professions that can directly enroll and provide therapy, without the requirement that they work in a clinic setting under the supervision of an M.D.  
  
(c) If SB 40 passes, it will have no effect on Medicaid. However, licensure is the first step toward being a Medicaid provider. Federal law allows states to opt to include any state-licensed medical providers. Once this profession wins licensure, it would be federally permissible to include them as providers of Medicaid services. This would have to be done by amending AS 47.07.030 and AS 47.07.035 to add them as an optional Medicaid service.

3. The state sets the rates for therapy, though the federal government can approve or reject the state's rate. Though the hourly rate varies by provider type and type of service, when the therapy is done under an M.D. in a clinic, reimbursement for individual therapy varies from \$90-\$115 per hour, with group therapy being 1/3 to 1/2 that rate. It is very difficult to determine the total amount spent on therapy, since any physician can provide therapy which is coded as being no different from a regular office visit.
4. About 50,000 Alaskans (about 38,000 of whom are under 21) qualify for Medicaid each year. There are dozens of ways to qualify, but in a general sense, a person qualifies by being:

Financially Needy , which means having from 77% to 133% of the Alaska federal poverty level in countable monthly family income (for a family of 3, this means between \$891 and \$1543 per month), and having no more than \$1000 in countable assets for families and not over \$2000 for single adults; and

Belonging to one of the following major categories:

- (a) Under 21, or
  - (b) Pregnant, or
  - (c) A needy caretaker relative (usually a parent) of a child under 19, or
  - (d) A child in the custody of the Department, or
  - (e) Over 65, or
  - (f) Blind, or
  - (g) Disabled
5. When a provider serves a Medicaid patient, they must first bill any insurance the recipient has, then bill Medicaid for the remainder. They cannot ever bill the patient for a Medicaid-covered service, even if Medicaid pays less than they would charge a private-pay patient.
  6. Eligible children can receive any medically necessary family or individual therapy, within the limits we prescribe by state regulation. (There are some federal limits on how restrictive state rules can be.)

Senator Drue Pearce  
March 11, 1991  
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7. The federal changes mandated in OBRA '89 compel us to add an array of services for children which were, before this Act, optional services. This is a massive project for us, and for many other states that, like Alaska, had been cautious and modest in the number of Medicaid-optional services they had added. The Requirements Analysis stage of our planning produced over a linear shelf foot of planning documents, not including the data system programming itself.

Your questions were very comprehensive; to fully answer most of them would require a very lengthy response. I hope this "summary" response will be helpful in identifying for you those areas where you may wish to have more details.

Sincerely,



Kimberly B. Busch  
Acting Director

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cc: ✓Senator Sturgulewski, Chair, Senate HESS Committee

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March 20, 1991

Re: SB 40

Dear Senator Pearce:

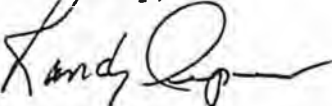
I apologize for the brevity of my recent written response to your question about how much Medicaid is currently paying for the services of marriage and family therapists. I did not intend that answer to appear evasive, but the fact is that no amount of research in our payment records can produce the answer to your question.

Senator Sturgulewski's 3/19/91 surmise as to the cause of our inability to respond was exactly correct: The nature of the physician's clinic structure doesn't show us the actual provider of service. A good analogy is a local pediatric practice: only the pediatrician himself is enrolled as the provider. We know from personal experience that he employs one or two registered nurses and a part-time advanced nurse practitioner. Who actually serves a child is a function of licensure rules, who is available, and the patient's needs. But the billing to Medicaid (or to Aetna and most other payors) always shows only that the physician provided the service.

From reviews, anecdotal information, and from some excellent testimony we received during our recent Mental Health regulation hearings, we know that there are a few marriage and family therapists who have some degree of professional association with a physician and have been receiving, through that physician, indirect reimbursement from Medicaid. We cannot know how many, or how much they receive.

I hope this answers your question better than did my original letter.

Sincerely,



Kimberly B. Busch  
Acting Director

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cc: Senator Arliss Sturgulewski, Chair  
Health, Ed. & Social Services

Representative Max Gruenberg

# FAX COVER SHEET

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DATE: 27 Mar 91

TIME: 9:10

TO:

Legal Services:  
Please prepare CS  
SB 40 (HESS) w  
following amendments

FROM:

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TO: SB 40

*OK* Page 2, line 1, following "may":

Insert "only"

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BY SENATOR PEARCE  
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TO: SB 40

Page 3, line 24, following "section":

Delete: "expires two years from the date of issuance."

Insert: "shall be renewed biennially by the applicant on a *OK*  
date set by the department and approved by the  
board."

Page 3, line 24, following "It":

Delete: "may"

Insert: "shall" *OK*

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TO: SB 40

Page 7, line 29

Delete: "Section 5. AS 21.88.900 (10)"

(page 7, lines, 29-31 and page 8, lines 1-8)

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BY SENATOR PEARCE  
3/4/91

TO: SB 40

Page 9, line ~~29~~ 31

Delete: "Section 11"

(delete effective date)

SENATE HESS COMMITTEE

AMENDMENT  
SENATE BILL 40

#5

Page 3, Line 1:

(i) (3 courses: 9 semester or 12 quarter hours) courses in marital and family therapy:

(ii) (3 courses: 9 semester or 12 quarter hours) courses in marital and family studies;

(iii) (3 courses: 9 semester or 12 quarter hours) courses in human development

(iv) (1 course: 3 semester or 4 quarter hours) in professional studies or professional ethics;

and (v) (1 course: 3 semester or 4 quarter hours) in research;

# Alaska State Legislature

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Office of the Chief Clerk

### MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

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May 16, 1991

Mr. President:

The House has passed CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 40 (FINANCE) with the following amendment:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 40 (FINANCE)  
"An Act regulating the practice of marital and family therapy and amending Alaska Rule of Evidence 504(a)(3)."

and it is transmitted for consideration.

House adopted Senate Finance Letter of Intent

Concur ?

Copier  
Sen. Eliason  
Sen. Hayward  
Sen. Zhang  
Sen. Pearson  
Sen. Pouchot  
Sen. Wittke

*Kristen Gray*

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

*No reference to National Standards*

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*Medicaid*  
*22 states*  
*ref. marital &*  
*family therapy*  
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SENATE BILL NO. 40

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR PEARCE

Introduced: 1/21/91

Referred: HESS, Judiciary and Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act regulating the practice of marital and family therapy; amending Alaska Rule of  
2 Evidence 504(a)(3); and providing for an effective date."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 \* Section 1. AS 08 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

5 CHAPTER 63. MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY.

6 ARTICLE 1. BOARD OF MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY.

7 Sec. 08.63.010. BOARD ESTABLISHED. (a) There is established the Board of Marital  
8 and Family Therapy.

9 (b) The board consists of three persons licensed under this chapter and two members of  
10 the public.

11 Sec. 08.63.020. BOARD APPOINTMENTS. The governor shall appoint the members  
12 of the board subject to confirmation by the legislature.

13 Sec. 08.63.030. MEETINGS. The board shall hold an annual meeting and may hold  
14 special meetings at the call of the chair or a majority of the board members.

1           Sec. 08.63.040. REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBERS. The governor <sup>only</sup> may remove a  
2 member of the board for good cause.

3           Sec. 08.63.050. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD. The board shall

4                 (1) establish objective examination requirements and training and education  
5 requirements for persons who apply for a license to practice marital and family therapy;

6                 (2) examine applicants and issue licenses to qualified applicants;

7                 (3) establish continuing education requirements for license renewal;

8                 (4) adopt a code of ethical practice for marital and family therapy;

9                 (5) hold hearings and order the disciplinary sanction of a person who violates this  
10 chapter or a regulation of the board;

11                (6) establish standards for supervisors and supervision under this chapter;

12                (7) report annually to the governor and the department on the board's proceedings  
13 each year; the report must include the number of licensure applicants, the number of  
14 examinations conducted, the failure rate for each examination, a financial report, and other  
15 information requested by the department;

16                (8) enforce the provisions of this chapter and adopt regulations necessary to carry  
17 out its duties under this chapter.

18           Sec. 08.63.060. PROCEDURES. The Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) applies  
19 to regulations and proceedings under this chapter.

20           ARTICLE 2. MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY LICENSES.

21           Sec. 08.63.100. QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSE TO PRACTICE. (a) The board  
22 shall issue a license to practice marital and family therapy to a person who

23                 (1) applies on a form provided by the board;

24                 (2) pays the fee established under AS 08.01.065;

25                 (3) furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the person

26                         (A) has not engaged in conduct that is a ground for imposing disciplinary  
27 sanctions under AS 08.63.210;

28                         (B) holds a master's degree or doctorate in marital and family therapy,  
29 another mental health field, or the equivalent, from an accredited educational institution  
30 approved by the board for which the person completed a course of study that included  
31 instruction substantially equivalent to the following;

- 1 (i) courses in marital and family therapy;  
2 (ii) courses in marital and family studies;  
3 (iii) courses in human development;  
4 (iv) a course in professional studies or professional ethics and law;  
5 (v) a course in research; and  
6 (vi) one year of supervised clinical practice in marital and family  
7 therapy;

8 (C) after receiving a degree described in (B) of this paragraph, has

9 (i) practiced marital and family therapy within three years of the  
10 person's application, including 1,500 hours of direct clinical contact with couples  
11 and families; and

12 (ii) been supervised in the clinical contact for at least 200 hours,  
13 including 100 hours of individual supervision and 100 hours of group supervision  
14 approved by the board; and

15 (D) has passed a written or oral examination administered by the board.

16 (b) Under regulations adopted by the board, a person who holds a master's or doctorate  
17 degree in marital and family therapy, another mental health field, or its equivalent, from an  
18 educational institution approved by the board, but whose course of degree study did not include  
19 all the courses or clinical practice requirements set out in (a)(3)(B) of this section may substitute  
20 post-degree courses or practice, as approved by the board, to satisfy the requirements of (a)(3)(B)  
21 of this section.

22 (c) An applicant who fails an examination given under this section may not retake the  
23 examination for a period of six months from the date of the examination that the applicant failed.

24 (d) A license issued under this section ~~expires two years from the date of issuance.~~ *shall be renewed biennially*  
25 *shall* ~~may~~ *by the applicant on a date set by the dept + approved by* be renewed by payment of the fee established under AS 08.01.065 and by satisfaction of  
26 *the board* the continuing education requirements established by the board for the renewal of licenses issued  
27 under this section.

28 Sec. 08.63.110. LICENSE FOR SUPERVISED PRACTICE. (a) The board shall issue  
29 a four-year license for the supervised practice of marital and family therapy to a person who  
30 meets the requirements of AS 08.63.100(a)(1), (2), and (3)(A) - (B).

31 (b) A licensee under this section may practice only

1 (1) under the direct supervision of a supervisor approved by the board under  
2 AS 08.63.120; and

3 (2) in a clinic, social service agency, or other setting approved by the board.

4 (c) A license for supervised practice expires four years from the date of issuance and  
5 may not be renewed.

6 (d) A licensee under this section shall submit to the board for its approval a proposed  
7 plan for satisfying the supervision requirements of AS 08.63.100(a)(3)(C).

8 (e) A licensee under this section shall use the title "marital therapy associate," "family  
9 therapy associate," or other title that is approved by the board.

10 (f) The board shall revoke a license for supervised practice if the person fails the  
11 examination required under AS 08.63.100 two or more times.

12 Sec. 08.63.120. AUTHORIZED SUPERVISORS. (a) A person may not supervise a  
13 person under this chapter unless approved by the board to be a supervisor.

14 (b) A person who supervises a licensee under this section must

15 (1) have practiced marital and family therapy for five years;

16 (2) be licensed under this chapter; and

17 (3) meet the minimum standards established by the board for approved  
18 supervisors.

19 Sec. 08.63.130. TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR THE PRACTICE OF MARITAL AND  
20 FAMILY THERAPY. (a) The board shall issue a temporary license for the practice of marital  
21 and family therapy to an applicant who satisfies the requirements of AS 08.63.100(a)(1), (2) and  
22 (3)(A), (B), and (C) and has been approved by the board to take the marital and family therapy  
23 examination.

24 (b) A person may practice under a temporary license until the board issues the results  
25 of the first marital and family therapy examination given after issuance of the person's temporary  
26 license and either issues or denies a license under AS 08.63.100 to the person.

27 (c) If a licensee under this section fails the marital and family therapy examination, the  
28 board may not renew the person's temporary license.

29 Sec. 08.63.140. LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS. The board shall issue a license to  
30 practice marital and family therapy to a person who

31 (1) is licensed or certified for the practice of marital and family therapy in another

1 state that has requirements for the license or certificate that are substantially equal to or greater  
2 than the requirements of this state; and

3 (2) meets the requirements of AS 08.63.100(a)(1), (2), and (3)(A).

4 ARTICLE 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

5 Sec. 08.63.200. CONFIDENTIALITY OF COMMUNICATION. (a) A person licensed  
6 under this chapter may not reveal to another person a communication made to the licensee by  
7 a client about a matter concerning which the client has employed the licensee in a professional  
8 capacity. This section does not apply to

9 (1) a case conference or case consultation with other mental health professionals  
10 at which the patient is not identified;

11 (2) the release of information that the client in writing authorized the licensee to  
12 reveal;

13 (3) information released to the board as part of a disciplinary or other proceeding;  
14 or

15 (4) situations where the rules of evidence applicable to the psychotherapist-patient  
16 privilege allow the release of the information.

17 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a person licensed under this chapter shall report  
18 incidents of child abuse or neglect as required by AS 47.17.

19 (c) Information obtained by the board under (a)(3) of this section is confidential and is  
20 not a public record for purposes of AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.140.

21 Sec. 08.63.210. GROUNDS FOR IMPOSITION OF DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS.  
22 After a hearing, the board may impose a disciplinary sanction under AS 08.01.075 on a person  
23 licensed under this chapter when the board finds that the person

24 (1) secured a license through deceit, fraud, or intentional misrepresentation;

25 (2) engaged in deceit, fraud, or intentional misrepresentation in the course of  
26 providing professional services or engaging in professional activities;

27 (3) advertised professional services in a false or misleading manner;

28 (4) has been convicted of a felony or of another crime that affects the person's  
29 ability to practice competently and safely;

30 (5) failed to comply with a provision of this chapter or a regulation adopted under  
31 this chapter, or an order of the board;

1 (6) continued to practice after becoming unfit due to  
2 (A) professional incompetence;  
3 (B) addiction or severe dependency on alcohol or another drug that impairs  
4 the person's ability to practice safely;

5 (7) engaged in unethical conduct in connection with the delivery of professional  
6 services to clients.

7 Sec. 08.63.220. LICENSE REQUIRED IF DESIGNATION USED. A person who is not  
8 licensed under this chapter or whose license is suspended or revoked, or whose license has  
9 lapsed, who knowingly uses in connection with the person's name the words or letters  
10 "L.M.F.T.," "L.M.F.C.," "Licensed Marital and Family Therapist," "Licensed Marriage and  
11 Family Counselor," or other letters, words, or insignia indicating or implying that the person is  
12 licensed as a marital and family therapist in this state or who in any way, orally or in writing,  
13 directly or by implication, knowingly holds out as being licensed as a marital and family therapist  
14 in this state is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

15 Sec. 08.63.900. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise,

16 (1) "advertise" includes issuing or causing to be distributed a card, sign or device  
17 to a person, or causing, permitting, or allowing a sign or marking on or in a building or structure,  
18 or in a newspaper, magazine, or directory, or on radio or television, or using other means  
19 designed to secure public attention;

20 (2) "board" means the Board of Marital and Family Therapy;

21 (3) "course" means a class of at least three credit hours in a graduate program at  
22 an accredited educational institution or an institution approved by the board;

23 (4) "department" means the Department of Commerce and Economic  
24 Development;

25 (5) "practice of marital and family therapy" means the diagnosis and treatment  
26 of mental and emotional disorders that are referenced in the standard diagnostic nomenclature for  
27 marital and family therapy, whether cognitive, affective, or behavioral, within the context of  
28 human relationships, particularly marital and family systems; marital and family therapy involves

29 (A) the professional application of assessments and treatments of  
30 psychotherapeutic services to individuals, couples, and families for the purpose of treating  
31 the diagnosed emotional and mental disorders;

1 (B) an applied understanding of the dynamics of marital and family  
2 interactions, along with the application of psychotherapeutic and counseling techniques  
3 for the purpose of resolving intrapersonal and interpersonal conflict and changing  
4 perceptions, attitudes, and behaviors in the area of human relationships and family life;

5 (6) "supervision" means face-to-face consultation, direction, review, evaluation,  
6 and assessment of the practice of the person being supervised, including direct observation and  
7 the review of case presentations, audio tapes, and video tapes.

8 \* Sec. 2. AS 08.01.010 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

9 (33) Board of Marital and Family Therapy (AS 08.63.010).

10 \* Sec. 3. AS 08.02.010(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) An acupuncturist licensed under AS 08.06, an audiologist licensed under AS 08.11,  
12 a person licensed in the state as a chiropractor under AS 08.20, a dentist under AS 08.36, a  
13 marital and family therapist licensed under AS 08.63, a medical practitioner or osteopath  
14 under AS 08.64, a registered nurse under AS 08.68, an optometrist under AS 08.72, a registered  
15 pharmacist under AS 08.80, a physical therapist or occupational therapist licensed under AS 08.-  
16 84, a psychologist under AS 08.86, or a clinical social worker licensed under AS 08.95, shall use  
17 as professional identification appropriate letters or a title after that person's name which repre-  
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1 (4) A communication is confidential if not intended to be disclosed to third  
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90 days until  
7/1/92  
SB 40*

*No reference to National Standards -  
only standards set by the board.*

**SENATE BILL NO. 40**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY SENATOR PEARCE**

Introduced: 1/21/91 *LPC*

Referred: HESS, Judiciary and Finance

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APPOINTMENTS*

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act regulating the practice of marital and family therapy; amending Alaska Rule of  
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12                   (7) report annually to the governor and the department on the board's proceedings  
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14 examinations conducted, the failure rate for each examination, a financial report, and other  
15 information requested by the department;  
16                   (8) enforce the provisions of this chapter and adopt regulations necessary to carry  
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18           Sec. 08.63.060. PROCEDURES. The Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) applies  
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- 23                   (1) applies on a form provided by the board;  
24                   (2) pays the fee established under AS 08.01.065;  
25                   (3) furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the person  
26                           (A) has not engaged in conduct that is a ground for imposing disciplinary  
27 sanctions under AS 08.63.210;  
28                           (B) holds a master's degree or doctorate in marital and family therapy,  
29 another mental health field, or the equivalent, from an accredited educational institution  
30 approved by the board for which the person completed a course of study that included  
31 instruction substantially equivalent to the following:

- 1 (i) courses in marital and family therapy;  
2 (ii) courses in marital and family studies;  
3 (iii) courses in human development;  
4 (iv) a course in professional studies or professional ethics and law;  
5 (v) a course in research; and  
6 (vi) one year of supervised clinical practice in marital and family  
7 therapy;

8 (C) after receiving a degree described in (B) of this paragraph, has

9 (i) practiced marital and family therapy within three years of the  
10 person's application, including 1,500 hours of direct clinical contact with couples  
11 and families; and *9 am FT 1,000 hours - upgraded*

12 (ii) been supervised in the clinical contact for at least 200 hours,  
13 including 100 hours of individual supervision and 100 hours of group supervision  
14 approved by the board; and

15 (D) has passed a written or oral examination administered by the board.

16 (b) Under regulations adopted by the board, a person who holds a master's or doctorate  
17 degree in marital and family therapy, another mental health field, or its equivalent, from an  
18 educational institution approved by the board, but whose course of degree study did not include  
19 all the courses or clinical practice requirements set out in (a)(3)(B) of this section may substitute  
20 post-degree courses or practice, as approved by the board, to satisfy the requirements of (a)(3)(B)  
21 of this section. *and essentially equivalent to*

22 (c) An applicant who fails an examination given under this section may not retake the  
23 examination for a period of six months from the date of the examination that the applicant failed.

24 (d) A license issued under this section ~~expires two years from the date of issuance.~~ *shall be renewed biennially by*  
25 *applicant on date set by the department and approved by the board.* ~~may~~ be renewed by payment of the fee established under AS 08.01.065 and by satisfaction of  
26 the continuing education requirements established by the board for the renewal of licenses issued  
27 under this section. *\$300*

28 Sec. 08.63.110. LICENSE FOR SUPERVISED PRACTICE. (a) The board shall issue  
29 a four-year license for the supervised practice of marital and family therapy to a person who  
30 meets the requirements of AS 08.63.100(a)(1), (2), and (3)(A) - (B).

31 (b) A licensee under this section may practice only

1 (1) under the direct supervision of a supervisor approved by the board under  
2 AS 08.63.120; and

3 (2) in a clinic, social service agency, or other setting approved by the board.

4 (c) A license for supervised practice expires four years from the date of issuance and  
5 may not be renewed.

6 (d) A licensee under this section shall submit to the board for its approval a proposed  
7 plan for satisfying the supervision requirements of AS 08.63.100(a)(3)(C).

8 (e) A licensee under this section shall use the title "marital therapy associate," "family  
9 therapy associate," or other title that is approved by the board.

10 (f) The board shall revoke a license for supervised practice if the person fails the  
11 examination required under AS 08.63.100 two or more times.

12 Sec. 08.63.120. AUTHORIZED SUPERVISORS. (a) A person may not supervise a  
13 person under this chapter unless approved by the board to be a supervisor.

14 (b) A person who supervises a licensee under this section must

15 (1) have practiced marital and family therapy for five years;

16 (2) be licensed under this chapter; and

17 (3) meet the minimum standards established by the board for approved  
18 supervisors.

19 Sec. 08.63.130. TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR THE PRACTICE OF MARITAL AND  
20 FAMILY THERAPY. (a) The board shall issue a temporary license for the practice of marital  
21 and family therapy to an applicant who satisfies the requirements of AS 08.63.100(a)(1), (2) and  
22 (3)(A), (B), and (C) and has been approved by the board to take the marital and family therapy  
23 examination.

24 (b) A person may practice under a temporary license until the board issues the results  
25 of the first marital and family therapy examination given after issuance of the person's temporary  
26 license and either issues or denies a license under AS 08.63.100 to the person.

27 (c) If a licensee under this section fails the marital and family therapy examination, the  
28 board may not renew the person's temporary license.

29 Sec. 08.63.140. LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS. The board shall issue a license to  
30 practice marital and family therapy to a person who

31 (1) is licensed or certified for the practice of marital and family therapy in another

1 state that has requirements for the license or certificate that are substantially equal to or greater  
2 than the requirements of this state; and

3 (2) meets the requirements of AS 08.63.100(a)(1), (2), and (3)(A).

4 ARTICLE 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

5 Sec. 08.63.200. CONFIDENTIALITY OF COMMUNICATION. (a) A person licensed  
6 under this chapter may not reveal to another person a communication made to the licensee by  
7 a client about a matter concerning which the client has employed the licensee in a professional  
8 capacity. This section does not apply to

9 (1) a case conference or case consultation with other mental health professionals  
10 at which the patient is not identified;

11 (2) the release of information that the client in writing authorized the licensee to  
12 reveal;

13 (3) information released to the board as part of a disciplinary or other proceeding;  
14 or

15 (4) situations where the rules of evidence applicable to the psychotherapist-patient  
16 privilege allow the release of the information.

17 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a person licensed under this chapter shall report  
18 incidents of child abuse or neglect as required by AS 47.17.

19 (c) Information obtained by the board under (a)(3) of this section is confidential and is  
20 not a public record for purposes of AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.140.

21 Sec. 08.63.210. GROUNDS FOR IMPOSITION OF DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS.

22 After a hearing, the board may impose a disciplinary sanction under AS 08.01.075 on a person  
23 licensed under this chapter when the board finds that the person

24 (1) secured a license through deceit, fraud, or intentional misrepresentation;

25 (2) engaged in deceit, fraud, or intentional misrepresentation in the course of  
26 providing professional services or engaging in professional activities;

27 (3) advertised professional services in a false or misleading manner;

28 (4) has been convicted of a felony or of another crime that affects the person's  
29 ability to practice competently and safely;

30 (5) failed to comply with a provision of this chapter or a regulation adopted under  
31 this chapter, or an order of the board;

1 (6) continued to practice after becoming unfit due to

2 (A) professional incompetence;

3 (B) addiction or severe dependency on alcohol or another drug that impairs  
4 the person's ability to practice safely;

5 (7) engaged in unethical conduct in connection with the delivery of professional  
6 services to clients.

7 Sec. 08.63.220. LICENSE REQUIRED IF DESIGNATION USED. A person who is not  
8 licensed under this chapter or whose license is suspended or revoked, or whose license has  
9 lapsed, who knowingly uses in connection with the person's name the words or letters  
10 "L.M.F.T.," "L.M.F.C.," "Licensed Marital and Family Therapist," "Licensed Marriage and  
11 Family Counselor," or other letters, words, or insignia indicating or implying that the person is  
12 licensed as a marital and family therapist in this state or who in any way, orally or in writing,  
13 directly or by implication, knowingly holds out as being licensed as a marital and family therapist  
14 in this state is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

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16 (1) "advertise" includes issuing or causing to be distributed a card, sign or device  
17 to a person, or causing, permitting, or allowing a sign or marking on or in a building or structure,  
18 or in a newspaper, magazine, or directory, or on radio or television, or using other means  
19 designed to secure public attention;

20 (2) "board" means the Board of Marital and Family Therapy;

21 (3) "course" means a class of at least three credit hours in a graduate program at  
22 an accredited educational institution or an institution approved by the board;

23 (4) "department" means the Department of Commerce and Economic  
24 Development;

25 (5) "practice of marital and family therapy" means the diagnosis and treatment  
26 of mental and emotional disorders that are referenced in the standard diagnostic nomenclature for  
27 marital and family therapy, whether cognitive, affective, or behavioral, within the context of  
28 human relationships, particularly marital and family systems; marital and family therapy involves

29 (A) the professional application of assessments and treatments of  
30 psychotherapeutic services to individuals, couples, and families for the purpose of treating  
31 the diagnosed emotional and mental disorders;

1 (B) an applied understanding of the dynamics of marital and family  
2 interactions, along with the application of psychotherapeutic and counseling techniques  
3 for the purpose of resolving intrapersonal and interpersonal conflict and changing  
4 perceptions, attitudes, and behaviors in the area of human relationships and family life;

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6 and assessment of the practice of the person being supervised, including direct observation and  
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**HOUSE BILL NO.**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG**

Introduced:  
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25                    (3) furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the person

26                            (A) has not engaged in conduct that is a ground for imposing disciplinary  
27 sanctions under AS 08.63.210;

28                            (B) holds a master's degree or doctorate in marital and family therapy,  
29 another mental health field, or the equivalent, from an accredited educational institution  
30 approved by the board for which the person completed a course of study that included  
31 instruction substantially equivalent to the following:

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- 1 (i) courses in marital and family therapy;  
 2 (ii) courses in marital and family studies;  
 3 (iii) courses in human development;  
 4 (iv) a course in professional studies or professional ethics and law;  
 5 (v) a course in research; and  
 6 (vi) ~~one year of supervised clinical practice in marital and family~~  
 7 therapy;

8 (C) after receiving a degree described in (B) of this paragraph, has

9 (i) practiced marital and family therapy within three years of the  
 10 person's application, including 1,500 hours of direct clinical contact with couples  
 11 and families; and

12 (ii) been supervised in the clinical contact for at least 200 hours,  
 13 including 100 hours of individual supervision and 100 hours of group supervision  
 14 approved by the board; and

15 (D) has passed a written or oral examination administered by the board.

16 (b) Under regulations adopted by the board, a person who holds a master's or doctorate  
 17 degree in marital and family therapy, another mental health field, or its equivalent, from an  
 18 educational institution approved by the board, but whose course of degree study did not include  
 19 all the courses or clinical practice requirements set out in (a)(3)(B) of this section may substitute  
 20 post-degree courses or practice, as approved by the board, to satisfy the requirements of (a)(3)(B)  
 21 of this section.

22 (c) An applicant who fails an examination given under this section may not retake the  
 23 examination for a period of six months from the date of the examination that the applicant failed.

24 (d) A license issued under this section expires two years from the date of issuance. It  
 25 may be renewed by payment of the fee established under AS 08.01.065 and by satisfaction of  
 26 the continuing education requirements established by the board for the renewal of licenses issued  
 27 under this section.

28 Sec. 08.63.110. LICENSE FOR SUPERVISED PRACTICE. (a) The board shall issue  
 29 a four-year license for the supervised practice of marital and family therapy to a person who  
 30 meets the requirements of AS 08.63.100(a)(1), (2), and (3)(A) - (B).

31 (b) A licensee under this section may practice only

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1 (1) under the direct supervision of a supervisor approved by the board under  
2 AS 08.63.120; and

3 (2) in a clinic, social service agency, or other setting approved by the board.

4 ~~(c) A license for supervised practice expires four years from the date of issuance and~~  
5 ~~may not be renewed.~~

6 (d) A licensee under this section shall submit to the board for its approval a proposed  
7 plan for satisfying the supervision requirements of AS 08.63.100(a)(3)(C).

8 (e) A licensee under this section shall use the title "marital therapy associate," "family  
9 therapy associate," or other title that is approved by the board.

10 (f) The board shall revoke a license for supervised practice if the person fails the  
11 examination required under AS-08.63.100 two or more times.

12 Sec. 08.63.120. AUTHORIZED SUPERVISORS. (a) A person may not supervise a  
13 person under this chapter unless approved by the board to be a supervisor.

14 ~~(b) A person who supervises a licensee under this section must~~

15 (1) have practiced marital and family therapy for five years;

16 (2) be licensed under this chapter; and

17 (3) meet the minimum standards established by the board for approved  
18 supervisors.

19 Sec. 08.63.130. TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR THE PRACTICE OF MARITAL AND  
20 FAMILY THERAPY. (a) The board shall issue a temporary license for the practice of marital  
21 and family therapy to an applicant who satisfies the requirements of AS 08.63.100(a)(1), (2) and  
22 (3)(A), (B), and (C) and has been approved by the board to take the marital and family therapy  
23 examination.

24 (b) A person may practice under a temporary license until the board issues the results  
25 of the first marital and family therapy examination given after issuance of the person's temporary  
26 license and either issues or denies a license under AS 08.63.100 to the person.

27 (c) If a licensee under this section fails the marital and family therapy examination, the  
28 board may not renew the person's temporary license.

29 Sec. 08.63.140. LICENSURE BY CREDENTIALS. The board shall issue a license to  
30 practice marital and family therapy to a person who

31 (1) is licensed or certified for the practice of marital and family therapy in another

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1 state that has requirements for the license or certificate that are substantially equal to or greater  
2 than the requirements of this state; and

3 (2) meets the requirements of AS 08.63.100(a)(1), (2), and (3)(A)

4 ARTICLE 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

5 Sec. 08.63.200. CONFIDENTIALITY OF COMMUNICATION. (a) A person licensed  
6 under this chapter may not reveal to another person a communication made to the licensee by  
7 a client about a matter concerning which the client has employed the licensee in a professional  
8 capacity. This section does not apply to

9 (1) a case conference or case consultation with other mental health professionals  
10 at which the patient is not identified;

11 (2) the release of information that the client in writing authorized the licensee to  
12 reveal;

13 (3) information released to the board as part of a disciplinary or other proceeding;  
14 or

15 (4) situations where the rules of evidence applicable to the psychotherapist-patient  
16 privilege allow the release of the information.

17 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a person licensed under this chapter shall report  
18 incidents of child abuse or neglect as required by AS 47.17.

19 (c) Information obtained by the board under (a)(3) of this section is confidential and is  
20 not a public record for purposes of AS 09.25.110 - 09.25.140.

21 Sec. 08.63.210. GROUNDS FOR IMPOSITION OF DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS.

22 After a hearing, the board may impose a disciplinary sanction under AS 08.01.075 on a person  
23 licensed under this chapter when the board finds that the person

24 (1) secured a license through deceit, fraud, or intentional misrepresentation;

25 (2) engaged in deceit, fraud, or intentional misrepresentation in the course of  
26 providing professional services or engaging in professional activities;

27 (3) advertised professional services in a false or misleading manner;

28 (4) has been convicted of a felony or of another crime that affects the person's  
29 ability to practice competently and safely;

30 (5) failed to comply with a provision of this chapter or a regulation adopted under  
31 this chapter, or an order of the board;

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- 1 (6) continued to practice after becoming unfit due to
- 2 (A) professional incompetence;
- 3 (B) addiction or severe dependency on alcohol or another drug that impairs
- 4 the person's ability to practice safely;
- 5 (7) engaged in unethical conduct in connection with the delivery of professional
- 6 services to clients.

7 Sec. 08.63.220. LICENSE REQUIRED IF DESIGNATION USED. A person who is not  
 8 licensed under this chapter or whose license is suspended or revoked, or whose license has  
 9 lapsed, who knowingly uses in connection with the person's name the words or letters  
 10 "L.M.F.T.," "L.M.F.C.," "Licensed Marital and Family Therapist," "Licensed Marriage and  
 11 Family Counselor," or other letters, words, or insignia indicating or implying that the person is  
 12 licensed as a marital and family therapist in this state or who in any way, orally or in writing,  
 13 directly or by implication, knowingly holds out as being licensed as a marital and family therapist  
 14 in this state is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

15 Sec. 08.63.900. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise,

16 (1) "advertise" includes issuing or causing to be distributed a card, sign or device  
 17 to a person, or causing, permitting, or allowing a sign or marking on or in a building or structure,  
 18 or in a newspaper, magazine, or directory, or on radio or television, or using other means  
 19 designed to secure public attention;

20 (2) "board" means the Board of Marital and Family Therapy;

21 (3) "course" means a class of at least three credit hours in a graduate program at  
 22 an accredited educational institution or an institution approved by the board;

23 (4) "department" means the Department of Commerce and Economic  
 24 Development;

25 (5) "practice of marital and family therapy" means the diagnosis and treatment  
 26 of mental and emotional disorders that are referenced in the standard diagnostic nomenclature for  
 27 marital and family therapy, whether cognitive, affective, or behavioral, within the context of  
 28 human relationships, particularly marital and family systems; marital and family therapy involves

- 29 (A) the professional application of assessments and treatments of
- 30 psychotherapeutic services to individuals, couples, and families for the purpose of treating
- 31 the diagnosed emotional and mental disorders;

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1 (B) an applied understanding of the dynamics of marital and family  
 2 interactions, along with the application of psychotherapeutic and counselling techniques  
 3 for the purpose of resolving intrapersonal and interpersonal conflict and changing  
 4 perceptions, attitudes, and behaviors in the area of human relationships and family life;

5 (6) "supervision" means face to face consultation, direction, review, evaluation,  
 6 and assessment of the practice of the person being supervised, including direct observation and  
 7 the review of case presentations, audio tapes and video tapes.

8 \* Sec. 2. AS 08.01.010 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

9 (33) Board of Marital and Family Therapy (AS 08.63.010).

10 \* Sec. 3. AS 08.02.010(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) An acupuncturist licensed under AS 08.06, an audiologist licensed under AS 08.11,  
 12 a person licensed in the state as a chiropractor under AS 08.20, a dentist under AS 08.36, a  
 13 marital and family therapist licensed under AS 08.63, a medical practitioner or osteopath  
 14 under AS 08.64, a registered nurse under AS 08.68, an optometrist under AS 08.72, a registered  
 15 pharmacist under AS 08.80, a physical therapist or occupational therapist licensed under AS 08.  
 16 84, a psychologist under AS 08.86, or a clinical social worker licensed under AS 08.95, shall use  
 17 as professional identification appropriate letters or a title after that person's name which repre-  
 18 sents that person's specific field of practice: The letters or title shall appear on all signs,  
 19 stationery, or other advertising in which the person offers or displays personal professional  
 20 services to the public. In addition, a person engaged in the practice of medicine or osteopathy  
 21 under AS 08.64.380 or a person engaged in any manner in the healing arts who diagnoses, treats,  
 22 tests, or counsels other persons in relation to human health or disease and uses the letters "M.D."  
 23 or the title "doctor" or "physician" or another title that tends to show that the person is willing  
 24 or qualified to diagnose, treat, test, or counsel another person, shall clarify the letters or title by  
 25 adding the appropriate specialist designation, if any, such as "dermatologist", "radiologist",  
 26 "audiologist", "naturopath", or the like.

27 \* Sec. 4. AS 08.03.010(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

28 (25) Board of Marital and Family Therapy (AS 08.63.010) - June 30, 1994

29 \* Sec. 5. AS 21.88.900(10) is amended to read:

30 (10) "health care provider" means an acupuncturist licensed under AS 08.06; an  
 31 audiologist licensed under AS 08.11; a chiropractor licensed under AS 08.20; a dental hygienist

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1 licensed under AS 08.32; a dentist licensed under AS 08.36; a marital and family therapist  
 2 licensed under AS 08.63; a nurse licensed under AS 08.68; a dispensing optician licensed under  
 3 AS 08.71; an optometrist licensed under AS 08.72; a pharmacist licensed under AS 08.80; a  
 4 physical therapist or occupational therapist licensed under AS 08.84; a physician licensed under  
 5 AS 08.64; a podiatrist; a psychologist and a psychological associate licensed under AS 08.86; a  
 6 hospital as defined in AS 18.20.130, including a governmentally owned or operated hospital; a  
 7 corporate entity covered under AS 21.88.050(b)(11); an employee of a health care provider acting  
 8 within the course and scope of employment;

9 \* Sec. 6. AS 44.62.000(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

10 (57) Board of Marital and Family Therapy (AS 08.63.010).

11 \* Sec. 7. AS 47.17.000(13) is amended to read:

12 (13) "practitioner of the healing arts" includes chiropractors, mental health  
 13 counselors, dental hygienists, dentists, health aides, nurses, nurse practitioners, occupational  
 14 therapists, occupational therapy assistants, ~~chiropractors, osteopaths, acupuncturists, physical thera-~~  
 15 ~~pists, physical therapy assistants, physicians, physician's assistants, psychiatrists, psychologists,~~  
 16 ~~psychological associates, audiologists licensed under AS 08.11, hearing aid dealers licensed under~~  
 17 ~~AS 08.55, marital and family therapists licensed under AS 08.63, religious healing~~  
 18 ~~practitioners, acupuncturists, and surgeons;~~

19 \* Sec. 8. Alaska Rule of Evidence 504(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) DEFINITIONS. As used in this rule:

21 (1) A patient is a person who consults or is examined or interviewed by a  
 22 physician or psychotherapist.

23 (2) A physician is a person authorized to practice medicine in any state or nation,  
 24 or reasonably believed by the patient so to be.

25 (3) A psychotherapist is (A) a person authorized to practice medicine in any state  
 26 or nation, or reasonably believed by the patient so to be, while engaged in the diagnosis or  
 27 treatment of a mental or emotional condition, including alcohol or drug addiction, [OR] (B) a  
 28 person licensed or certified as a psychologist or psychological examiner under the laws of any  
 29 state or nation or reasonably believed by the patient to so be, while similarly engaged, or (C) a  
 30 person licensed as a marital or family therapist under the laws of a state or nation or  
 31 reasonably believed by the patient to so be, while similarly engaged.

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1 (4) A communication is confidential if not intended to be disclosed to third  
 2 persons other than those present to further the interest of the patient in the consultation,  
 3 examination, or interview, or persons reasonably necessary for the transmission of the  
 4 communication, or persons who are participating in the diagnosis and treatment under the  
 5 direction of the physician or psychotherapist, including members of the patient's family.

6 \* ~~Sec. 9~~ INITIAL APPOINTMENTS (a) In making the initial appointments of professional  
 7 members to the Board of Marital and Family Therapy, the governor shall consider a person licensed for  
 8 the purpose of AS 08.63.010, added by sec. 1 of this Act, if the person would be entitled to a license  
 9 under sec. 10 of this Act. The Board of Marital and Family Therapy shall issue a license to practice  
 10 marital and family therapy to the professional members appointed under this section.

11 (b) A license issued under this section is subject to the same renewal requirements as a license  
 12 issued under AS 08.63.100, added by sec. 1 of this Act.

13 (c) The initial appointments to the board shall be staggered as provided in AS 39.05.055.

14 \* ~~Sec. 10~~ TRANSITIONAL LICENSING. (a) Notwithstanding AS 08.63.100, added by sec. 1 of  
 15 this Act, the Board of Marital and Family Therapy shall ~~issue a license to practice marital and family~~  
 16 therapy to a person who

17 (1) applies for a license before July 1, 1992;  
 18 (2) satisfies the requirements of AS 08.63.100(a)(1) - (3)(A), added by sec. 1 of this Act;  
 19 (3) holds a master's or doctorate degree from an accredited educational institution either  
 20 in

21 (A) marital and family therapy or ~~another mental health field; or~~

22 (B) an appropriate course of study approved by the board; and

23 (4) has practiced marital and family therapy in the state for at least two years preceding  
 24 application.

25 (b) A license under this section is subject to the same renewal requirements as a license issued  
 26 under AS 08.63.100, added by sec. 1 of this Act.

27 ~~(c) The Board of Marital and Family Therapy shall license the requirements of (a) of~~  
 28 this section for the purposes of licensing as a marital and family therapy professional every person who  
 29 merits licensing by virtue of the person's education, training, and experience in the field of marital and  
 30 family therapy.

31 \* ~~Sec. 11~~ AS 08.63.220, added by sec. 1 of this Act, takes effect July 1, 1992.

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1 \* Sec. 12. Except as provided in sec. 11 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 1991.

POSITION PAPER

Senate Bill 40

"An act regulating the practice of marital and family therapy; amending Alaska Rules of Evidence 504(a)(3); and providing for an effective date."

This Act would provide for the state licensure of marriage and family therapists. By itself, the licensure of this new medical professional group will have no fiscal or program effect on the Medicaid program.

However, state licensure is a necessary first step toward entry in to the Medicaid program, in one of two ways:

1. Under department regulations, licensed mental health professionals, under the direction of psychiatrists or other appropriate terminal-degreed professionals, may perform services for Medicaid-eligible persons, for which their physician's mental health clinic or community mental health clinic will be reimbursed. Provided our regulations are revised to specify their inclusion, licensed marriage and family therapists could receive this indirect reimbursement.

Federal Medicaid rules require the Medicaid program to have policies guaranteeing quality of care. Alaska, like most other states, generally restrict service providers to licensed personnel, since the licensure mechanism is the first (and best) guarantee of quality of care.

2. If the Legislature subsequently decides to amend AS 47.07.030 and AS 47.07.035 to add marriage and family therapists as a Medicaid optional coverage, these professionals who choose to practice independent of a clinic environment will be able to enroll directly and receive reimbursement, without a physician or clinician's supervision.

This step can only be accomplished after licensure, since federal Medicaid law and regulation prevent states from enrolling independent practitioners who are not licensed.

The Legislature will undoubtedly receive ample testimony from the therapists about their need for, and qualifications for, licensure status. We would like to sacrifice politeness for honesty and remind the Legislature that the concept of professional licensure is valid primarily to protect the public, not to advantage the professions. In our view, there is a need for more mental health

practitioners and services in Alaska, but only if the public has a basic guarantee that these services will be safe and effective. Frankly, the quality of unlicensed mental health practitioners is very uneven in Alaska.

In testimony last Fall on its package of Medicaid mental health regulation amendments, the department received testimony, both oral and written, from marriage and family therapists, and it also received exhibits concerning their national association and its standards. The department's staff of mental health professionals have also presented their personal views on those materials and on what they have observed in the way this profession practices. We are impressed at marriage and family therapists' professional standards. We support their efforts to seek the fuller recognition that professional licensure brings.

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Acting Director  
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Commissioner

Date:

23 / March / 1991

SB 40: "An Act regulating the practice of marital and family therapy; amending Alaska Rule of Evidence 504(a)(3); and providing for an effective date."

SB 40 creates a five member board to regulate the practice of marital and family therapy. The bill establishes qualifications for licensure which include: showing proof that the individual has not engaged in conduct that is a ground for disciplinary sanctions; proof of a master's degree or doctorate in marital and family therapy, or the equivalent mental health field; and practical experience. The bill also provides for supervised practice to obtain the necessary clinical contact experience, a temporary license for examination candidates, and a provision for licensure by credentials.

Information on file indicates there are approximately 40 practitioners who would qualify for licensure upon passage of the bill. Generally, the department does not support creation of a board for small numbers of practitioners. The costs involved in establishing a five member board including a portion of administrative overhead expenses are usually greater than the small number of licensees can support through licensing fees. Therefore, licensees must either be willing to pay relatively high fees or seek support from the general fund.

To hold costs to a minimum the department suggests other alternatives be considered, for example, licensing without a board where licensing requirements would be administered by the Division of Occupational Licensing; or, combining with an existing board, such as the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners or the Board of Clinical Social Workers.

The department is also concerned with Section 08.63.100(d) of the bill which states: "A license issued under this section expires two years from the date of issuance." Most licenses expire every two years, however, licenses expire on a specific date, and not on a staggered renewal process. There are far too many licenses issued by the division to track licensees on a staggered renewal cycle. Therefore, the department recommends the deletion of "[from the date of issuance]."

In summary, the department supports the licensing of marital and family therapists, but expresses concern over establishment of a new five member board for the small number of potential licensees; and recommends the change be made to Section 08.63.100(d) as mentioned above.

  
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Glenn A. Olds, Commissioner

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Senator Arliss Sturgulewski, Chair  
Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee  
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Dear Senator Sturgulewski:

Senator Drew Pearce's office has asked me to share some background information with you regarding SB 40, regarding the regulation of marriage and family therapists in Alaska. It is my understanding that you have some questions about (1) national standards for marriage and family therapists and (2) resources for examining marriage and family therapists who would apply for licensing by the State.

The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy is the professional certifying body for marriage and family therapists in both the United States and Canada. The organization has only one designation, Clinical Member, that certifies that a person is academically, ethically, experientially, and supervisorially qualified to practice marriage and family therapy. To achieve that level of certification, one must meet the following requirements academic and supervision requirements:

- (1) Hold a master's or doctoral degree in marital and family therapy from an accredited graduate institution. Course work must include: (a) 3 courses in marital and family studies, (b) 3 courses in marital and family therapy, (c) 3 courses in human development, personality theory, human sexuality, and/or behavior-pathology, (d) 3 courses in professional studies, including legal responsibilities, inter-professional relations, ethics, and family law, (e) 1 course in research design, methods, and statistics in marital and family studies and therapy, (f) 1 year clinical practicum, including assessment, diagnosis, and treatment.
- (2) Have a minimum of two years professional work experience in marital and family therapy and supervision following the awarding of the above degree and practicum experience.
- (3) Successfully complete at least 200 hours of supervision of 1,000 hours of marital and family therapy conducted in face-to-face contact with couples and families. A minimum of 100 of the 200 hours of supervision must be in individual supervision. Supervision must be provided by AAMFT Approved Supervisors unless they are not available within 50 miles distance, in which case alternative supervision is considered.

AAMFT sets very high standards for Clinical Members. You will note that SB 40 has some similarities in academic and supervision requirements to AAMFT. However, there are some differences as well. SB 40 does not specify the number of courses to be required in each category; this was left to the discretion of the State Board of Marital and Family Therapy. The hours of supervision following the completion of degree and practicum work are not the same in the bill as those of AAMFT. There is also provision on page 3, lines 16 - 21, for persons who hold master's or doctoral degrees in "another mental health field, or its equivalent, but whose course of study did not include all the courses or clinical practice requirements set out [in the bill] (to) substitute post-degree courses or

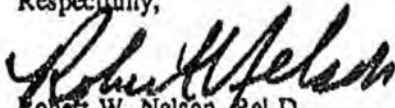
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licensing by the State through approved workshops, seminars, and special courses which can easily be made available.

Concerning resources for examination of applicants for licensing as "Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist" under the provisions of SB 40, there is an "Examination in Marital and Family Therapy" now available nationwide and is presently being used by all 22 states that have regulatory statutes. The examination was developed by the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards in association with Professional Examination Service, Inc. (475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10115). Use of such an examination removed staff time and expense from the State of Alaska. An applicant for licensing would simply pay a fee to, and take the examination administered by, the Professional Examination Service, Inc. The results would, then, be certified and released to the State of Alaska Board of Marital and Family Therapy.

I hope that this information is helpful. The American Association for Marital and Family Therapy firmly believes in, and advocates for, the regulation of marital and family therapists in order that high standards can be maintained and thereby the consumer safeguarded. If there is further information that I can furnish to you and your committee, please call on me.

Respectfully,

  
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Senator Arliss Sturgulewski  
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Dear Senator Sturgulewski:

I appreciated the opportunity to testify this morning before the Senate HESS Committee. Your committee will be taking action on SB 40, sponsored by Senator Drew Pearce concerning the regulating of marriage and family therapists soon. I would like to urge you to support this important piece of legislation in your role as Chair of that committee as you have in the past.

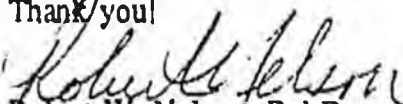
The Alaska Division of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy has worked long and hard for this legislation that, if and when it becomes law in Alaska, will be a first-step in protecting the mental health consumers seeking marriage or family therapy. It will also be a step in bringing about much-needed equity between mental health professionals in Alaska.

As you know, the State of Alaska presently regulates psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, clinical psychologists, psychological associates and clinical social workers. The only clearly defined mental health field that is not presently licensed and regulated by the State of Alaska is marriage and family therapy. At the same time, marriage and family therapy is the preferred treatment modality for many of the problems facing marriages and families in our communities, and those who are specialized to provide that treatment are not regulated. The mental health consumer does not have a public agency that sets standards for the practice and does not regulate who is trained to provide quality services. At a time when the consumer is under marital or family distress, s/he is not in an optimum position to make such decisions. And, there are many, many persons across Alaska at this time who are offering marriage and family therapy services who simply do not have training to do so. This legislation will establish academic, clinical, ethical and supervisory standards and the means to regulate them.

As you heard this morning, there is some urgency about this legislation. The Division of Medical Services will produce new Medicaid regulations this June which will require marriage and family therapists to be licensed by the State of Alaska. Like our Association, the State Division of Medical Services is supportive of SB 40 so as to ensure quality treatment services to Medicaid patients. This bill is necessary to guarantee continuation of marriage and family therapy services under the new regulations. A number of Clinical Members of our Association have been Medicaid providers for many years and will no longer be able to provide such services without passage of SB 40.

I am available to provide additional information about our Association and the field of marriage and family therapy. Please feel free to contact me at 563-3341. I urge your positive action and support of SB 40.

Thank you!

  
Robert W. Nelson, Rel.D.

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# Alaska Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

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2550 Denali Street, Suite 905, Anchorage, Alaska 99503 (907) 272-2063

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January 15, 1991

Dear Legislator:

During this session, there is a bill sponsored by Representative Max Gruenberg and Senator Drue Pearce for the licensure of Marriage and Family therapists. The bill numbers are SB40 and HB18. We would like to take the opportunity at this time to inform you on the field of Marriage and Family Therapy and the and arguments for licensure. Included in this packet are fact sheets about Marriage and Family Therapy and a newsletter update about both the Alaska Association for Marriage and Family Therapy as well as its impact on a national scope. Also included this packet are a sample of the broad base of support the mental health professions and others have shown for licensure of Marriage and Family therapists.

We feel that consumer advocacy and freedom of choice is an utmost priority, particularly in light of the changes in Medicaid regulations that require licensed providers. Many people who are being helped by MFTs and services paid for by Medicaid will no longer be able to receive that help when those regulations go into effect. Licensure can insure that no one will be left without the necessary mental health services.

We hope you and your aides will take some time to read through the material presented. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Nelson, Rel.D.  
President, AkAMFT  
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Randall G. Jones, M.A.  
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## AAMFT MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

### CLINICAL MEMBERSHIP

#### Education

Master's or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy from a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education, or a graduate degree from a regionally accredited educational institution and an equivalent course of study as defined by the AAMFT Board of Directors.

#### Equivalent Course of Study

For all applicants who have completed a degree program from a regionally accredited institution which is not accredited by AAMFT's Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education, coursework is subject to review by the Membership Committee. Meeting the educational qualifications consists of the completion of a course of study substantially equivalent to the following curriculum:

- **Marriage and Family Studies (3 courses: 9 semester or 12 quarter hours)** - Coursework may include introductory systems theory, family development, family systems, special family issues, gender and cultural issues, all with a major focus from a systems theory orientation.
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- **Human Development (3 courses: 9 semester or 12 quarter hours)** - Coursework may include human development (normal and abnormal), personality theory, human sexuality, psychopathology-abnormal behavior, preferably integrated with systems theory.
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- **Research (1 course: 3 semester or 4 quarter hours)** - This area is designed to provide assistance to students in becoming informed consumers of research in the marital and family therapy world.
- **Clinical Practicum (1 year, 300 hours)** - Face-to-face contact with individuals, couples and families for the purpose of assessment, diagnosis and treatment.

#### Curriculum Equivalencies for Pre-1979 Graduates

Applicants who have earned their first qualifying graduate degree prior to or in 1979 may document coursework equivalency in the following manner:

**Workshops/Seminars** - Forty-five attendance hours of relevant content equals one three-credit semester or one four-credit quarter course. Documentation should be arranged by coursework area on the application (Human Development, etc.) and should include content covered by each workshop, date, title, presenter, number of hours attended and certificate of attendance (CEUs are not acceptable) or descriptive material, if available.

**Graduate Courses Taught** - One graduate level course taught on a related subject equals one three-credit semester or one four-credit quarter course. Documentation should include a copy of the course syllabus.

# AAMFT HANDBOOK CONTINUED

**Publications Written:** Documentation for books written should include a copy of the title page, table of contents and bibliography. Documentation for journal articles written should include the title of the article, date of publication and publication name.

**Experience:** Documentation should include current resume or curriculum vita and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

## **Clinical Experience**

Minimum of two (2) years professional work experience in marriage and family therapy and supervision following receipt of the first qualifying graduate degree and the practicum required as part of the course of study.

Also, applicants must document successful completion of at least 200 hours of supervision on a minimum of 1,000 hours of marital and family therapy conducted in face-to-face contact with couples and families. Only supervised clinical contact may be credited for this requirement. At least 100 of the 200 hours of supervision must be individual supervision.

Applicants who have completed programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education may count all supervision and clinical hours completed during the program on a one-to-five ratio. This supervision may be documented on a report form by the program director and must meet the requirements outlined above.

Supervision must be provided by AAMFT Approved Supervisors. Lists of AAMFT Approved Supervisors, by state or province, are available from the Membership Department. If AAMFT Approved Supervisors are not available within 50 miles or employment or doctoral program requires an appointed supervisor, alternate supervisors will be considered by the Membership Committee. Proposed alternate supervisors must submit an Alternate Supervision Request form and meet standards of marriage and family and supervisory training set by the Committee. They are evaluated on a case-by-case basis for each applicant.

## **Licenses/Certificates**

Applicants with a state-issued marriage and family therapy license/certificate recognized by the AAMFT Board of Directors and a graduate degree recognized by that state for licensure/certification, are deemed to have met the educational and clinical experience qualifications for Clinical membership.

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# PROPOSED

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSE TO PRACTICE

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OR

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Note:  
Extensive  
documentation  
needed for  
curriculum  
equivalencies

# PROPOSED LICENSING QUALIFICATIONS CONT.

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Supervisors are not available within 50 miles or employment or doctoral program requires an appointed supervisor, alternate supervisors will be considered by the BOARD. Proposed alternate supervisors must submit an Alternate Supervision Request form and meet standards of marriage and family and supervisory training set by the BOARD. They are evaluated on a case-by-case basis for each applicant.

Please feel free to  
contact me if there are  
any further questions  
about this.

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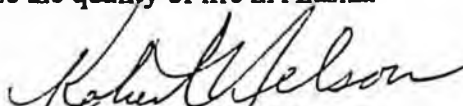
# THE ALASKA ASSOCIATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

## NEWSLETTER

### SPECIAL BULLETIN FOR STATE LEGISLATORS

This special bulletin of the Alaska Marital and Family Therapists is being distributed to all state legislators and their staff. This is AkAMFT's way of thanking legislators for taking time to learn more about the practice and profession of marriage and family therapy; acquainting them with the many ways with which our profession impacts family life at both the national and state levels; and encouraging an atmosphere of mutual cooperation and assistance between AkAMFT and Alaska legislators.

AkAMFT and its members welcome future opportunities to provide assistance and information to legislators and staff in their efforts to increase the quality of life in Alaska.



Robert Nelson, Ed.D.  
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Co-Chair, Legislative Affairs

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Since the early 1980's, the Alaska Association for Marriage and Family Therapy has been engaged in the process of developing legislation which would license the mental health profession of marriage and family therapy. Founded on the belief that licensure is one of the most effective recognized vehicles at the state level to protect the public, AkAMFT is committed to the development of licensure for all health education professionals. Currently, there are six free-standing legitimate, fully-accredited, and educationally sound mental health professions which form the major component of mental health industry, i.e., psychology, marriage and family therapy, mental health counseling, and clinical social work, making up the non-medical arm, while psychiatry and psychiatric nursing form the medical branch.

The need for licensure arises out of several factors. All mental health professions, by whatever name they call themselves "dispense strong medicine" which takes many system-psychotherapeutic forms. The various therapeutic interventions have the power to profoundly impact the family relationship or individual for better or for the worse at the deepest levels. It is the mandated responsibility of the state to protect the (mental) health of its citizens. One way the state has chosen to protect its citizens is through the vehicle licensure. Four mental health professions to this date are licensed by the state. They are: psychiatry, psychiatric nursing, psychology, and social work. Unfortunately, instances where consumers have been disadvantaged or mistreated by those claiming to be mental health professionals are well-documented. It is our strong belief that by

It is noteworthy that this non-biased source comprised of state regulators, believes that there is a separate profession of marriage and family therapy. A considerable body of research suggests that marriage and family therapy is an efficient and effective treatment alternative to traditional approaches for a wide variety of emotional and behavioral disorders. For this and other reasons, the federal government has recognized marriage and family therapists for some time. For many years, marriage and family therapists have been eligible mental health providers under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Unified Services (Champus). Additionally, marriage and family therapists are listed as one of the core mental health professions by the National Institute of Mental Health, and under federal law (Public Service Act, PL100-6900), as one of the core mental health professions, training programs in marriage and family therapy are eligible to receive clinical training grants on the same basis as programs in medicine, psychology, social work, and nursing. Thus, there is a consistent consensus among federal agencies and national committees that MFT carries distinct status as a profession.

Unfortunately, however not all who provide family therapy services have attained the necessary training for the practice of the profession, nor have they necessarily agreed to be bound by a code of ethics established by their peers. Given the fact that the State of Alaska does not regulate our profession, there exists the potential for untrained individuals to present themselves as marriage and family therapists. This is a source of concern for the qualified professionals and members of the public. Since we know that psychotherapy of any kind can do damage, the public, without the capacity to distinguish qualified professionals, remains more vulnerable to mistreatment. The lack of regulation of the profession of MFT in Alaska may present a greater loss to the public than it does to our professional membership, since many of our members can identify with other professions.

A growing number of marriage and family therapists have received the most contemporary training developed in the field. Often this training is through graduate programs in marriage and family therapy. These mental health professionals are prepared to offer effective treatment options to Alaskan families, yet these professionals are neither recognized nor regulated. Trained family therapists, although sanctioned nationally as legitimate providers in mental health services, have no such status in Alaska. The result is that in many contexts, Alaskan do not have a real option to select a qualified family therapist for treatment because most reimbursement systems do not recognize unregulated providers. This denies freedom of choice for mental health services to Alaskans who may already be disadvantaged.

We do not believe this state of affairs, with the public being exposed to unqualified and unprofessional practitioners, and potentially prohibited from legitimate treatment options has been the Governor's nor the legislators' intent. Rather, it may be due to limited awareness of the part of state officials regarding the professional of marriage and family therapy. In a state known to be in the vanguard when it comes to protecting the general welfare of its citizenry, these seems unfortunate. As mentioned, some twenty states have now recognized the need to regulate and recognize the profession of marriage and family therapy. Alaska should not be among the last to do so. We strongly urge that you consider exploring with us ways to address this issue. Members of AkMFT are available to meet with you to discuss appropriate options. AkMFT members also stand ready to act as consultants with regard to a wide variety of issues relevant to families in Alaska. We hope you find the enclosed special issue of our newsletter helpful in increasing your knowledge of our organization.

Sincerely,

Robert Nelson, Rel.D.  
President-AkAMFT

# FACT SHEET

## LICENSING MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS

++ The Alaska Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (a division of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy which represents over 17,000 qualified marriage and family therapists in the United States, Canada and abroad) believes that licensure and regulation by the State, as the steward of the public cause, is one of the most effective vehicles to protect the public. AkAMFT advocates the licensure by the State of Alaska of all mental health professions.

++ There are six distinct and fully accredited mental health professions in Alaska: medical branch (including psychiatry & psychiatric nursing) and non-medical branch (including psychology, social work, marriage & family therapy, and mental health counseling). The only clearly defined clinical discipline not licensed and regulated by the State of Alaska is marriage & family therapy.

++ Marriage and family therapy has long been recognized by the Federal Government as a separate and distinct mental health discipline . . . not simply a part of psychiatry, psychology or social work.

++ Listed in the Sourcebook on Health Professions (published by the U.S. Dept. of Health Human Services, through the Health Resources and Services Administration)

++ The Public Health Service Act lists marriage and family therapy as separate and distinct for receiving training funds through the National Institute of Mental Health.

++ The U. S. Dept of Health, Education and Welfare have designated AAMFT's Commission on Accreditation as the sole national accrediting agency for graduate and post-degree educational and training programs in the field of marriage and family therapy.

++ CHAMPUS has clearly defined marriage and family therapy and qualified Clinical Members of AAMFT as providers.

++ Marriage and family therapists have been providers under Medicaid for many years.

++ Alaska needs to regulate and license marriage and family therapists. 22 States currently license and regulate marriage and family therapists . . . and an additional 22 States have licensure legislation before them.

++ All of the mental health professions "dispense strong medicine" . . . mental health interventions profoundly impact the individual or family at deep levels and in profound ways (for good or ill).

++ The State of Alaska exists to serve the people of Alaska and their needs and interests. (Some marriage and family therapists choose membership in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. And, whereas Clinical Membership in AAMFT . . . much like other clinical professionals being a part of NASW, AMA or APA . . . set high standards for those who qualify and choose such membership, voluntary "certification" is no substitute for regulation by the State of Alaska.)

++ The State of Alaska holds the only possibility of responsibly and effectively regulating all mental health professions and thereby effectively closing many existing gaps that allow persons who are untrained and unqualified to identify themselves . . . and at the same time enable those who are highly trained, competent, and ethical in their practice to be identified as well.

++ Faced with marital or family stress, Alaskan families are not in optimum position to evaluate the stated credentials of persons holding themselves out as marriage and family therapists. But under such stress, they need the help of well-qualified therapists who are identified as such by State regulation. Licensing will provide Alaskan consumers with information about qualifications of professionals in the field, and they can then make more informed decisions based on objective criteria administered by a public body.

**++ There is a special danger in the mental health field: Persons holding themselves out to the public in misleading ways about their qualifications.** It can be very lucrative to hang up a shingle or represent oneself as a "marriage and family therapist" regardless of training, clinical experience or supervision in the field. It has not been the intent of either the governor's office or the legislature to allow the Alaskan consumer to be exposed to unqualified, untrained and unsupervised treatment. It has rather been a result of limited awareness on the part of state officials regarding the profession of marriage and family therapy. But the result is the same.

**++ The Division of Medical Assistance of the Alaska State Department of Health and Social Services, under federal mandate, is establishing new regulations for Medicaid in June 1991.** Under the revised regulations, marriage and family therapists will be required to be licensed by the State of Alaska. The Division strongly supports licensing of marriage and family therapists as a means to ensure standards of care under Medicaid. Many marriage and family therapists presently provide therapy to Medicaid patients, maintaining AAMFT Clinical Membership and standards and carrying a high percentage of Medicaid caseloads for many years now. Such provider services will no longer be available to Alaskans. **The proposed licensing legislation, if passed during this First Session of the Seventeenth Legislature and signed by the Governor will ensure that these services continue uninterrupted.**

**++** Because the function or practice of doing marriage and family therapy is not prohibited as such under the proposed legislation . . . other mental health therapists would continue to be able to work with couples and with families under their own respective State-approved licensing and regulating Statutes.

**++** Under the proposed legislation, however, consumers would be able to clearly identify therapists who meet the qualifications to be a "Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist" (LMFT) or "Licensed Marriage and Family Counselor" (LMFC).

**++** A growing number of mental health professionals have received specialized training in marriage and family therapy. Some of those may choose to seek licensure as "LMFT" or "LMFC" under the proposed legislation. A growing number of students in training are anticipating their primary area of work will be in the field of marriage and family therapy and will be seeking licensure under this legislation.

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**++ Alaska has been in the vanguard of establishing social policy and maintaining progressive legislation in the field of alcohol treatment and general mental health care.**

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**++ Alaska must not be one of last States to establish clear-cut regulation of the profession of marriage and family therapy.**

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**++ Alaskan Medicaid patients must continue to be given the opportunity to choose marriage and family therapy as their choice of care.**

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**++ Alaskans must be allowed the opportunity to set public standards and regulate a clinical field that touches lives so profoundly.**

**++** Research as shown that marriage and family therapy is one of the most effective treatment approaches for many of the problems facing Alaska's families: family violence, substance abuse, delinquency and school problems, childhood and adolescent disorders, eating disorders, and marriage and families in trouble. (See: A Report of the Governor's Commission on Children and Youth, Our Greatest Natural Resource, Investing in the Future of Alaska's Children, January 1988).



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December 27, 1990

Senator Virginia Collins  
3111 C Street, Ste. 412  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Senator Collins:

I am writing to ask for your consideration of a bill to license marriage and family therapists which is to be introduced in the upcoming legislative session.

I support the intent of this bill which is to ensure that persons who offer their services to the public as marriage and family therapists have both the education, training, and experience to do so competently, and will do so ethically. At the present time, there is no assurance that this occurs in Alaska.

If you have questions concerning this bill, I would be happy to try and answer them.

Sincerely,

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February 5, 1991

Senator Drue Pearce  
 Alaska State Legislature  
 P.O. Box V (MC 3100)  
 Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Pearce:

I am writing in support of SB40. This provides a licensure process for Marriage and Family therapists. I believe that such a process, with its credential review and competency standards, would be beneficial to mental health consumers in this state, and I urge your support of this bill.

Sincerely,

*Karen Senzig, Psy.D.*

Karen Senzig, Psy.D.  
 Licensed Psychologist

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December 11, 1990

Senator Dru Pearce  
3111 C Street, Fifth Floor  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Senator Pearce:

We are very happy that you are sponsoring the Marriage and Family Therapy licensing bill. As you know, MFT is a distinct and separate mental health discipline and should be recognized as such. Licensing insures that adequately trained professionals are in the field. Consequently, we see licensure as a means to protect the public and to protect the integrity of all the mental health fields.

We are also well aware that lack of licensure is the only reason many insurance companies do not reimburse therapists for their services. We are seeing that particularly with Medicaid at this time. Consequently, we see licensing for trained mental health professionals as a need that the State needs to address. We strongly support the licensure of MFT's.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Aron S. Wolf, M.D.  
President, Langdon Psychiatric Corporation

ASW/cs

David R. Samson M.D.  
Board Certified Psychiatrist

November 21, 1990

Jim Nordlund  
% Representative Johnny Ellis  
3111 "C" Street, Suite 455  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Mr. Nordlund:

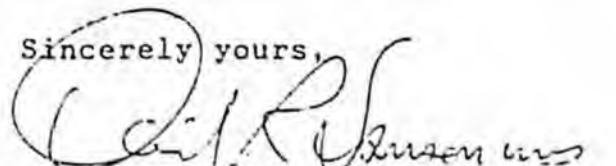
This letter is in support of licensing for marriage and family therapists. I wrote a similar letter on October 20, 1989 supporting it for last year's legislature.

As a psychiatrist, I believe that marriage and family therapists provide specific services that are needed in our communities. I believe it is essential that our state government assures the public that people who claim to be marriage and family therapists do indeed have the necessary advanced educational requirements and experiences to provide marriage and family services. This can best be arranged with specific licensing and re-licensing requirements.

I have worked with multiple therapists in and out of community mental health center settings and in private practice. This includes several trained marriage and family therapists. I have been very impressed with their continuing education efforts over the several years that I have been working with them and think they do an excellent job continuing their professional competence.

I urge that the state legislature pass legislation in the coming year to insure that licensing exists for marriage and family therapists. I wholeheartedly support this effort.

Sincerely yours,



David R. Samson, M.D., F.A.P.A.



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P.O. Box 1687  
Palmer, AK 99645  
907-745-4813

January 5, 1990

Dear Governor and Legislators,

I strongly support the state of Alaska establishing certification or licensing requirements at the state level for Family and Marriage Therapists.

As Associate Administrator of Health Services at Valley Hospital, I think the assurance licensure provides, that family and marriage therapists have been properly trained, is essential when referring patients and employees to their services.

It has been my observation that at the time a family or couple are referred for therapy, they are often in crisis, and extremely vulnerable to a therapists guidance and influence. An, improperly trained therapist represents a threat to these at risk individuals.

Passage of state legislation, insuring licensure of family and marriage therapists is urgently needed, and has my complete support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Blackgoat".

Christine Blackgoat,  
Associate Administrator  
of Health Service



# GREATER WASILLA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS there have been cases of abuse and mistreatment by people claiming to be qualified marriage and family therapists.
- WHEREAS there are currently no laws regulating the practice of marital and family therapy in the State of Alaska.
- WHEREAS the public should have the right to know that practitioners claiming to be marital and family therapists have met professional standards and are qualified to perform marital and family therapy.
- WHEREAS the State of Alaska has developed regulations and licensing requirements for other health care providers.
- BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce supports the concept of regulation and licensing of practitioners of marital and family therapy, the establishment of a board of marital and family therapy, and the qualifications for license to practice marital and family therapy as outlined in House Bill - 305.

Signed,  
Rocky Spear

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rocky Spear", is written over the typed name.

President,  
Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

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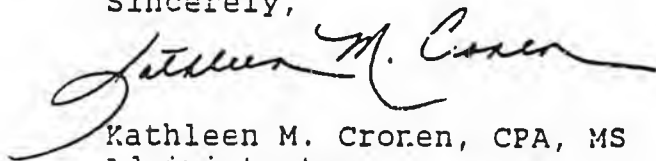
Dear Mercy:

I am writing in support of licensing for Marriage and Family Therapy by the State of Alaska. Alaska currently licenses and regulates psychiatry, psychiatric nursing, clinical psychology and psychological associate, and social work. Marriage and family therapy is recognized as a separate mental health discipline by the Federal government. Currently, 13 states license and regulate marriage and family therapists with an additional 22 states considering such legislation in 1989.

As a certified professional in the State of Alaska, I know that licensure and ongoing regulation is essential to maintaining both quality and integrity. I realize that some marriage and family therapists choose membership in the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. However, such voluntary membership is no substitution for regulation by the State. As the Administrator of Charter North Hospital, I am gravely concerned at the lack of regulations and requirements for licensure by individuals performing therapy.

Best of luck in this endeavor. Please feel free to contact me for further support on this matter.

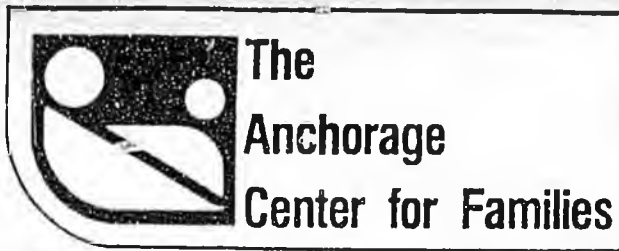
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April 5, 1989

Mercy Dennis  
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Dear Mercy:

I am writing to express my support of your efforts to put in place a licensing system for private practice marriage and family therapists. Recent data show that more and more mental health services are being provided by a wide variety of practitioners with very different backgrounds. As you know, at present in Alaska, there is no way for a consumer to judge the difference in quality of care that may be provided by these various practitioners. With a licensing system in place, based on accepted professional standards of certification and completion of extensive supervision requirements, Alaskan consumers will be better assured that they are purchasing quality mental health services.

Please let me know if I can assist you in this important effort.

Sincerely,

Peter Scales, Ph.D.  
Executive Director



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December 4, 1989

Dr. Robert Nelson, President-Elect  
Alaska Association for Marriage  
and Family Therapists  
4502 Cassin Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99507

Dear Dr. Nelson:

I am writing this letter in support of the certification and/or licensing at the Alaska state level for marriage and family therapists.

As an Alaska state licensed clinical social worker, I feel strongly that licensing of family and marriage therapists is necessary to insure that the public receives the best possible level of services. Licensure would go a long way toward assuring the public that each licensed marriage and family therapist has adequately completed the nationally standardized graduate-level educational requirements as well as several years of supervised training necessary to be competent to deliver these services.

I have worked closely with a number of marriage and family therapists, and have attended seminars and continuing education classes with them. I respect their level of expertise and believe that their services are needed in Alaska.

I strongly recommend passage of state legislation in the coming year to license marriage and family therapists. If I can be of further assistance in this regard, please contact me.

Sincerely,

*Cheryl F. Mitchell, M.S.W.*

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January 28, 1991

Ms. Maureen Christensen  
2836 N. Circle  
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

Dear Maureen:

Thank you for the copies of House Bill No. 81 and Senate Bill No. 40.

We at the Anchorage School District are very concerned that our employees, as well as all citizens, have proper protection in the area of health care services, and we are in full support of your efforts to obtain legislation concerning the proper protection in this area of health care.

We hope your efforts are successful, and we look forward to seeing the final legislation that is approved.

Sincerely,

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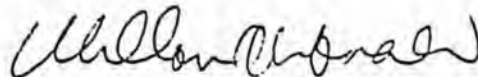
We urge the Alaska State Legislature to support licensing for masters level therapists as proposed by the Alaska Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.

We believe that licensing is one of the few tools available to assure a high level of protection for people who seek counseling from therapists in private practice.

Licensing can be used to:

1. Establish a minimum set of standards for therapists.
2. Verify that therapists have received adequate training, supervision and experience in their fields before they begin to practice.
3. Assure that therapists maintain the highest level of ethics and clinical practice.
4. Provide an avenue of removing therapists who fail to meet these standards.
5. Widen the range of help available to the public since many insurance companies require that mental health providers be state licensed before they will reimburse clients for fees.

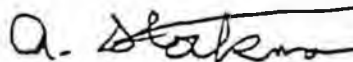
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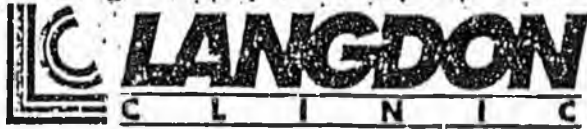
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December 11, 1990

Representative Max Gruenberg  
3111 C Street, Fourth Floor  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Representative Gruenberg:

We are very happy that you are sponsoring the Marriage and Family Therapy licensing bill. As you know, MFT is a distinct and separate mental health discipline and should be recognized as such. Licensing insures that adequately trained professionals are in the field. Consequently, we see licensure as a means to protect the public and to protect the integrity of all the mental health fields.

We are also well aware that lack of licensure is the only reason many insurance companies do not reimburse therapists for their services. We are seeing that particularly with Medicaid at this time. Consequently, we see licensing for trained mental health professionals as a need that the State needs to address. We strongly support the licensure of MFT's.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Greg McCarthy, M.D.

GM/cs

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TO: State Legislators  
FROM: MARVIN CLARK  
DATE: 1/10/91

I wish to stress the importance of this State ensuring that Marriage and Family Therapists can be licensed in Alaska. I am aware that Marriage and Family Therapists provide a service that is needed in our community, yet there is no assurance that people who say they are Marriage and Family Therapists indeed possess the training and experience necessary to perform those functions. It is important that the State enact licensing specifically to assure adequate training and experience be required for those who practice the profession of Marriage and Family Therapists.

Other mental health professionals have access to licensing in the State of Alaska; however, Marriage and Family Therapists have different background training and experience and provide an alternative mental health service, therefore, they also need licensing.

Please pass a licensing law for Marriage and Family Therapists during this 1991 session of the legislature. Thank you for your attention to this matter.





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March 2, 1989

The Honorable Steve Cowper  
State of Alaska  
Juneau AK 99802

Dear Governor Cowper:

Of the many fiscal issues facing state government at this time, the licensing of marriage and family therapists is an issue of significant importance for consumer protection.

Incompetent people practicing in the mental health professions are very dangerous, and I feel the state needs to provide the people of this state with the necessary protection to ensure their safety and well-being. State regulation is important in providing consumers with information about credentialed professionals.

Currently, 18 states have licensing laws that regulate the practice of marriage and family therapy. Twenty-two additional states are presently considering such legislation.

Clergy in our parishes are on the front-line for referring families for marriage and family therapy. They need to have information about quality referrals. They need to know that persons who advertise themselves as marriage and family therapists do, in fact, have the training, experience, and clinical supervision they claim. The State of Alaska is the only public agency that can provide such through licensing and regulation, as it does in the case of clinical social workers, psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, psychiatric nurses, etc.

I urge you to consider and enact legislation into law that will license and regulate the field of marriage and family therapy in order to protect the people of Alaska and to promote standards of excellence across the entire field of mental health providers in our state.

Yours in Christ,

*George C. Harris*

George C. Harris

\*Dictated by the bishop but signed in his absence.

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January 25, 1991

Senator Drue Pearce  
Room 510 Capitol  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Pearce,

I reside within your district and am writing in support of Senate Bill 40 which will license marriage and family therapists. It is vital that the people of Alaska be protected from often well-meaning but injurious therapists. With licensure, there are standards to safeguard the consumer. I ask your support on behalf of Marriage and Family therapists and those of us who work in mental health.

Sincerely,



Richard F. Lazur, Psy.D.  
Licensed Psychologist



Official Business

# Alaska State Legislature

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February 20, 1991

Pastor Larry Kroon  
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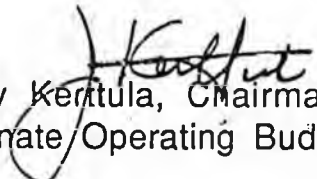
Dear Pastor Kroon:

Thank you for your letter regarding the importance of ensuring that Family and Marriage Therapists are given a professional status under Alaska law.

I believe that Senate Bill 40, Licensing of Marriage and Family Therapists, would accomplish what you are asking. Senate Bill 40 is currently in the Senate HESS Committee. I am forwarding a copy of your letter to Senator Sturgulewski for her information. Senate Bill 40 has further referrals to the Senate Judiciary Committee and to the Senate Finance Committee. I will keep your letter on file for my use in the Finance Committee.

Please feel free to contact me at any time I can provide information or assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Jay Kertula, Chairman  
Senate Operating Budget

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cc: Senator Sturgulewski

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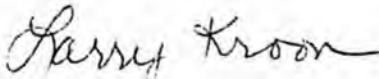
Senator Jay Kertulla  
P. O. Box V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Sir:

I have been a pastor in the Wasilla area for over 12 years. This is a community with a high demand - and need - for counselling services. We need all of the quality care givers we can get. That is why I urge you to: 1) Include Family and Marriage Therapists among the qualified mental health care givers in the state regulations, and 2) Set up whatever licensing mechanism such a step would require.

I frequently refer individuals to a Marriage and Family Therapist in our community. The services offered have been professional and effective. But, like most counselling services, the cost is high. Many of the people in our community must have financial assistance if they are to receive that quality of care. Some of the proposed changes in state mental health regulations would eliminate the financial assistance now available for Marriage and Family Therapy. I ask that you not let that happen.

Sincerely,



Larry Kroon, Pastor  
Wasilla Bible Church

LK/pjm

cc: Randy Jones

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March 1, 1991

*Arliss,*

I urge you to support licensing for master level marriage and family therapists. Licensing as proposed in H.B. 18 and S.E. 40 will provide protection for people who seek counseling from therapists in private practice. The bills establish standards for training, supervision and experience, and assure the highest level of ethics and clinical practices on the part of therapists.

Sincerely,

*Alicia*

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**Mercy Dennis, M.A.**

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MESSAGE: Please review this and if there  
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243-8174 today (home). We believe  
the curriculum equivalencies  
action is of utmost importance  
for Alaskan professionals.  
Thanks

FROM: Mercy Dennis

FAX-907-248-2602

Hess Committee

Fax # 465 3810

Ten years ago I was licensed as a Marriage Family Therapist in California. Requirements were an appropriate M.A. Degree, with internship supervision and successful completion of a licensing written exam.

The arguments then against M.A. licensure were as stale, short-sighted and self-serving as they are today.

California has benefited enormously by the services of these professionals.

~~Doesn't~~ Alaska's rural and urban social realities cry out for the services of M.A. trained Marriage & Family Therapists?

I have worked in Colorado (6 years) and Anchorage (1 year), and I see an ~~the~~ urgent need for their qualifications in both places. Even more so in remote areas!

Please Pass S.B. 40 Pronto!

John P. Crowley, Ph.D.

Licensed Clinical Psychologist

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# Marriage and Family Therapy: Helping Today's Families

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# What Is Marriage and Family Therapy?

Marriage and family therapy is the rapidly growing, family-oriented mental health discipline which helps thousands of individuals and families worldwide. Marriage and family therapists help people within the context of their families and the communities in which they live.

The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), the professional organization of more than 15,500 marriage and family therapists in the US, Canada, and abroad, has prepared this brochure for health care administrators, legislators, other policy makers, the media and the general public to answer the following questions and provide information about the profession.

- What is marriage and family therapy?
- How does it work?
- In what situations do people turn to marriage and family therapists?
- How effective is marriage and family therapy as a form of treatment and as a method of prevention?
- In what settings do marriage and family therapists work?
- Why has the field of marriage and family therapy grown so rapidly in the last decade?
- What can AAMFT do for you?



## What Is Marriage and Family Therapy?

Marriage and family therapists seek to help people within the context of their families, using family systems theories and intervention procedures. As clinicians, they play multiple roles in providing effective health and mental health care for a wide range of problems, from treating patients with psychiatric disorders, to teaching couples how to communicate better. Marriage and family therapists also teach, conduct research, and consult with other professionals.

Marriage and family therapy has become a distinct discipline with graduate and undergraduate programs granting degrees in marriage and family therapy. Historically, however, marriage and family therapists have come from a wide variety of educational backgrounds including psychology, psychiatry, social work, nursing, pastoral counseling, and education. This diversity has enriched the field by bringing different perspectives to the problems of individuals and families, while marriage and family therapists' strong belief in the importance and power of the family system as an instrument of change has brought unity to the discipline.

Although marriage and family therapists use a wide variety of treatment methods and procedures, they share the following views:

- An individual's problems or difficulties need to be understood in the context of the family -- both the nuclear family and the extended family. The second most important context is the community where the family lives.
- In general, the most effective and efficient way to help a person in need is to involve the other members of his/her family so that the family reinforces any program of change.
- To help an individual change, overcome a problem or learn to cope better, the family may need help to change its patterns.
- The family's patterns may influence the problem, are usually affected by it, and need to be part of the solution.

**"Family therapists are distinct as a group largely because of a common assumption: if the individual is to change, the context ... must change. The unit of treatment is no longer the person, even if only a single person is interviewed; it is the set of relationships in which the person is imbedded."**<sup>1</sup>



## When Do People Turn to Marriage and Family Therapists?

Family therapy is not just for those who are married or who would say they have a family problem. Single or married people, of all ages, and in all types of situations, seek help from marriage and family therapists. Some of the reasons that increasing numbers of people turn to marriage and family therapists are:

- Persistent problems with a child's behavior, school adjustment or performance.
- Sexual concerns.
- Feelings of loneliness, moodiness, depression, failure or anxiety.
- Difficulty in talking

with family members, friends or co-workers.

- Alcohol and/or drug abuse.
- Repeated financial difficulties.
- Drastic weight fluctuations or irregular eating patterns.
- Chronic work difficulties, frequent job changes, problems with co-workers.
- Unmanageable anger, hostility or violence.
- Persistent feelings of dissatisfaction with marriage or family life, episodes of infidelity.
- Persistent difficulty coping with stresses

arising from life crises: for instance, death, divorce, acute or chronic illness, or unemployment.

- Trouble adapting to life cycle changes such as children moving into adolescence, or adults retiring.
- Desire to improve one's marriage and family life.

## How Does Marriage and Family Therapy Work?

Marriage and family therapy usually requires only a limited number of therapy sessions. In a recent survey, AAMFT members reported that 70% of their clients complete their therapy in 25 sessions or less, while many finish in ten sessions or less.<sup>2</sup>

Family therapists focus on changing behavior and communication among people through active interventions. They may assign family

members particular tasks or "homework" to accomplish between sessions. In this way, the therapist helps to change patterns of interaction in a family that contribute to their difficulties.

Family therapists typically involve other members of the family in treatment, including parents, children, or grandparents, and might involve significant others in the community such as teachers, welfare workers,

clergy, and probation officers. Contrary to most people's expectations however, marriage and family therapists do not work only with whole family units; they frequently treat individuals by themselves, couples, and other family sub-units. Typically, only part of a marriage and family therapist's practice consists of treating entire families.

# The Many Roles of Marriage and Family Therapists

Marriage and family therapists work in a wide variety of settings including:

- independent practices and group practices,
- inpatient settings (hospitals),
- outpatient facilities (clinics), public and private agencies.

Sometimes they work in teams with other health care professionals, such as family physicians. Marriage and family therapists are also often involved in other professional activities besides direct treatment. They provide consultation to schools, employee health care assistance programs, health clinics, private and public social service agencies, and businesses. They also are involved in family research and public policy analysis from a family perspective.

## In Outpatient Settings and Independent Practice

The primary setting for the practice of marriage and family therapy is outpatient treatment of individuals and families. Marriage and family therapists treat a wide range of clients, including children unable to perform in school, couples in troubled marriages, people with

### In an independent practice setting:

- Paul (35) and Barbara (32) have been married for six years and have a 5 year-old named Mike. Both Paul and Barbara have full-time, well-paying jobs. Mike is well-adjusted and likes school. Paul has been travelling a lot recently for work and the couple's usually infrequent sexual contact has dwindled to almost nothing. Six months ago, Barbara discovered a letter to Paul from a woman who lived in a city he visits frequently on business. It contained sexual undertones. Two weeks ago, the couple had a bitter fight over Paul's desire to bring Mike along on a weekend business trip. Barbara refused to let Mike go and disclosed her knowledge of the letter, saying she was afraid to have Mike accompany him. She threatened to take Mike and leave. Paul said she was having delusions, suggested she find them a therapist, and went out-of-town by himself.

Treatment consisted first of discussing the couple's personal history and the development of their relationship. Based on those discussions, it became clear neither learned from their family of origin how to be intimate. They were also involving their son in their own struggles. Finally, through therapy, both spouses defined a new basis for their marriage and learned the skills and attitudes they needed. As a result, they became more trusting of one another, risked greater intimacy, and functioned much better as a married couple.

drug and alcohol problems, and other individuals with mental or nervous disorders.

Marriage and family therapy has been successful in treating, among other problems, alcoholism, anorexia and other eating disorders, psychosomatic asthma, overly aggressive children,

juvenile delinquency, and other problems.<sup>3</sup> When compared to other treatments, marriage and family therapy has consistently been more effective in improving family interaction patterns and individual patient behavior, especially for problems that involve

marital and/or family conflict.<sup>4</sup>

## In Inpatient Settings

Marriage and family therapists provide valuable patient care in hospitals and mental health institutions, as well as aid in the transition of hospitalized patients to home-based care provided by their families.

In the inpatient treatment of mental and emotional illnesses, such as schizophrenia and chronic affective disorders, family therapy procedures have produced improvement and lowered the risk of subsequent hospitalization.<sup>5</sup> Family therapy aftercare for schizophrenics released following their first or second admission has reduced their six-month rehospitalization rate from 30 percent to zero in some studies.<sup>6</sup>

Family therapy also provides alternatives to fulltime hospitalization by substituting a limited amount of home care which actively involves the family in treatment. The results are as good as, if not better than, traditional psychiatric hospitalization in both short-term and long-term follow-up. Costs are lowered as well. In a 1981 study of psychotic patients, researchers found that psychotic relapses were "nine times more likely to occur for patients receiving individual treatment than for those receiving a practical, problem oriented, negotia-

### In a hospital setting:

- Jennifer is a 14 year-old suffering from anorexia nervosa. She has lost 20 pounds in the last four months and her parents are exasperated. They have tried everything — threats, enticements, understanding, punishment — and nothing has worked. One day, Jennifer faints at school and her parents must hospitalize her. The physician refers them to a family therapist. Over the course of several sessions in the hospital, the family therapist helps the family to learn to interact differently around Jennifer's refusal to eat by encouraging them to change a damaging family pattern, in this case by empowering the daughter to take more control over other areas of her life, and supporting the parents who are facing a terrifying, life-threatening situation. The therapist gives the family homework assignments to support the family as a whole, but also to foster Jennifer's independence. For example, upon her return home Jennifer is given the responsibility for planning a family weekend vacation. Eventually, tensions are reduced. Jennifer's need to rebel against her parents by not eating becomes no longer necessary.

tion-centered family therapy."<sup>7</sup>

Based on these findings and other research, there is strong reason to believe that family-centered treatment is cost effective for other types of chronic illness. The current trends of short-term

hospitalization, with recuperation at home, and home treatment of the long-term chronically ill, have made marriage and family therapy an important component of comprehensive health care offerings among innovative institutions.



## **In Managed Care Programs**

Many health maintenance organizations, employee assistance programs and other corporate managed health care systems are finding that marriage and family therapy provides cost-effective treatment. Marriage and family therapists bring a holistic perspective to health care; they are concerned with the overall, long term well-being of individuals and their families.

For instance, research shows that marriage and family therapy is particularly successful in the treatment of alcoholism. Marriage and family therapy allows for a broader, systemic view of the presented problem and provides new opportunities to find solutions. Studies show that the use of medical services can decrease when appropriate mental health services are provided, including marriage and family therapy.<sup>8</sup>

In some cases, marriage and family therapy has demonstrated more long term effectiveness than other outpatient therapies.<sup>9</sup> One recent review of family therapy research examined long term effects and found that, in follow-up periods ranging from six weeks to three years, 58% of alternative therapy patients required further treatment, as compared to only 36% of those in family therapy.<sup>10</sup> When other measures of recidivism

are examined, such as hospitalization, family therapy also shows a higher success rate than alternative treatments.<sup>11</sup>

## **Family Therapists as Systems Consultants**

More and more, family therapists work as systems consultants, providing case consultation, program consultation and in-service staff training to a variety of human service professionals, administrators, and corporate managers in both public and private settings. These settings include health and mental health institutions, social services, courts, schools, the military, corporations, and community groups.

The goals of systems consultation may include: increasing awareness of how family factors influence work productivity, educational achievement, health; assisting managers and staff to make their institution more sensitive to organizational and family factors; knowing when and how to refer individuals and their families for further specialized assistance; helping the institution make its component parts work together effectively and efficiently; and assisting the institution in developing and maintaining relationships within the broader community.

## **Family Therapists as Researchers**

Family therapy had its beginnings in the clinical study of various aspects of the processes of families with a schizophrenic member.<sup>12</sup> Today, marriage and family therapists continue to conduct important research that is advancing our understanding of how families work and leading to more effective treatment of mental and emotional problems. Research is conducted in nearly every major college and university and is also supported by the federal government and private foundations.

Marriage and family therapists are interested in the enrichment of the lives of people and their families, as well as in their problems. Family therapy research continues on how normal, healthy families operate, including studies on family communication patterns, problem-solving styles, issues of autonomy and interdependence among family members, sexual functioning, and coping with life cycle events like birth, marriage and death.

## The Field of Marriage and Family Therapy Is Growing

Marriage and family therapy's prominence as a profession has increased dramatically in the past 25 years, particularly in the last decade. In 1960, the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) had only 237 members. Today there are more than 15,500 members throughout the United States and Canada; 8,500 of these members have joined since 1977.

AAMFT's Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the sole accrediting authority for marriage and family therapy education. The number of accredited marriage and family therapy graduate training programs grows every year. This growth is a result, in part, of renewed public awareness of the value of family life and concern about the increased stresses on families in a rapidly changing world.

All AAMFT members are subject to the *AAMFT Code of Ethical Principles for Marriage and Family Therapists* which clearly delineates accepted professional standards relating to responsibility to clients; confidentiality; professional competence and integrity;

responsibility to students, employees, and supervisees; responsibility to the profession; financial arrangements; and advertising. The association has an active disciplinary committee that holds members to high practice standards. The profession also draws strength from a growing conviction that marriage and family therapy leads to more cost-effective treatment.

Marriage and family therapy is recognized increasingly as a valuable, and distinct, mental health profession. Eighteen states now require licensing or certification of marriage and family therapists. Many more state legislatures are working on similar laws.

The AAMFT Research and Education Foundation promotes research in the field of marriage and family therapy and activities designed to promote general family well-being. The Family Impact Seminar, the policy unit of the Foundation, conducts policy-oriented research and sponsors non-partisan informational seminars for federal and state policy staff on topics such as teenage pregnancy, child care, and long-term care, seeking to provide them with a family-centered perspective in

policymaking.

The success of marriage and family therapy is evident by the number of consumers who are increasingly turning to marriage and family therapy for treatment. A growing number of third-party payors are providing coverage for marriage and family therapy. For example, the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS), the health insurance program for dependents of U.S. armed services personnel, has reimbursed marriage and family therapists for their treatment services since 1966.

Third-party payor reimbursement from health insurance companies, employee assistance programs (EAPs), and health maintenance organizations (HMOs) has risen dramatically in recent years. While this trend is encouraging, marriage and family therapists are working to gain further recognition from third party payors.

## What Can AAMFT Do For You?

The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and its members offer a number of services to legislators, policymakers, health care administrators, the media, and the public, including

- Lists of qualified marriage and family therapists: AAMFT provides referral lists by mail or phone for every state, province, and community in North America.
- Expert consultation on public policy regarding health and mental health issues, especially as they relate to the ability of families to afford adequate health care.
- Expert testimony as witnesses on topics such as alcohol and substance abuse, AIDS, and domestic violence from a family perspective.
- Model legislation for state licensure of marriage and family therapists.
- Advocacy: AAMFT represents the professional interests of marriage and family therapists in dealing with local, state and national governments,

health care organizations, and insurance companies in the United States and Canada. Joining together with like-minded organizations, through such groups as the Coalition of Family Organizations (COFO), AAMFT advocates for family-centered policy and mental health issues.

- Research on family problems and effective treatments: AAMFT is able to draw on the expertise of its members to refer you to the most up-to-date treatment methods and efficacy studies available.
- Seminars for policy staff addressing family impact issues in policy: AAMFT Research and Education Foundation's Family Impact Seminar provides regular forums in Washington and technical assistance to seminars in selected state capitals. Background briefing reports are available on seminar topics, such as unwed fathers, child care, and teen pregnancy.

- Publications related to family policy, including *A Strategy for Strengthening Families: Using Family Criteria in Policymaking and Program Evaluation and Questions and Answers About Family-Centered Policymaking.*
- Publications: *The Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, published by AAMFT, is a comprehensive resource for the latest trends and research in the field. *The Family Therapy News*, a bi-monthly newspaper, and a variety of informational brochures for the public are also available from AAMFT.



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# **ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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Clinical Member, American Association of Marriage  
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May 6, 1991

«fn» «ln»  
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Dear «fn»:

Thank you for notifying me of your support for Senate Bill 40, relating to licensing of marital and family therapists. I support this legislation, and signed 'do pass' when it was heard in the Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee, of which I am chair. I was also a yes vote when it came before the Senate for a floor vote.

Senate Bill 40 is currently in the House Judiciary Committee, and has not yet been scheduled for a hearing. I would encourage you to contact the members of the House Judiciary Committee to express your support for this legislation. Members of the committee are Representative Dave Donley, chair, and Representatives Max Gruenberg, Johnny Ellis, Pat Parnell, Mark Hanley, Terry Martin, and Mike Miller.

Again, thank you for voicing your support for Senate Bill 40. If you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely yours,

Arliss Sturgulewski  
Alaska State Senator

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

entered

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: CARLA KAMINSKI, MSW  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 2525 INGRA STREET  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99508  
PHONE: 276-1360  
BILL NO: SB 40  
SUBJECT: MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL FOR THE LICENSING OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST. THIS WILL HELP ALL OF ALASKA, BENEFIT CONSUMERS, AND HELP THE PROFESSION TO SET AND MAINTAIN ETHICAL STANDARDS. /CHR

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Mary —  
will need to  
respond. you can  
start putting names  
in machine.  
(bill will probably  
pass out of  
HOUSE)

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGUIEWSKI

NAME: EILEEN HALL  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 13124 STEPHENSON STREET  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99515  
PHONE: 279-5441  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: SB 40: I SUPPORT THE LICENSING OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS.  
THIS WOULD WEED OUT UNQUALIFIED PEOPLE FROM THIS AREA. /JSM

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: LINDA RINARD  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 2070 TUDOR HILLS DRIVE  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99507  
PHONE: 563-6950  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: SB 40: I SUPPORT PASSAGE OF HB 18 AND SB 40, DEALING WITH LICENSING  
OF MARRAIGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. /JSM

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: JIM VANDER VOORT  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 2131 TUDOR HILLS COURT  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99507  
PHONE: 561-1117  
BILL NO: SB 40  
SUBJECT: MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT SB 40 TO LICENSE MARRIAGE/FAMILY THERAPISTS. /BN

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

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ADDRESS: 2131 TUDOR HILLS COURT  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99507  
PHONE: 561-1117  
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SUBJECT: HB18 AND SB 40  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT. IT IS NECESSARY. /BN

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: TODD HEYWORTH  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 200 WEST 34TH, NO 45  
CITY: ANCHORAGE  
PHONE: 562-2514  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: SB 40: PLEASE SUPPORT THESE BILLS TO LICENSE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. /JSM  
ZIP: 99503

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: KATHERINE MASON

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 541 E. 22ND AVENUE, APT B

CITY: ANCHORAGE

ZIP: 99503

PHONE: 277-0234

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: LICENSING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST

MESSAGE: I SUPPORT HB 18 AND SB 40 BECAUSE BEING A SINGLE PARENT IN ALASKA AND ALSO BEING ON MEDICAID, A FAMILY THERAPIST MEETS MY NEEDS. MEDICAID IS CHANGING THE RULES IN JUNE. AN UNLICENSED THERAPIST MAY NO LONGER BE COVERED BY MEDICAID I ATTEND FAMILY THERAPY FOR ADDITIONAL PARENTING SKILLS. WITHOUT LICENSING AND THE CHANGE IN MEDICAID I WILL BE ONE OF THOSE WHO WILL BE LEFT OUT./CHR

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: RANDY WESTBROOK

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P O BOX 871402

CITY: WASILLA

ZIP: 99687

PHONE: 376-4200

BILL NO: SB 40

SUBJECT: MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT SB40 ESTABLISHING LICENSURE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: KARL FORSYTH  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 13020 LAGOON CIRCLE  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99515  
PHONE: 276-8742  
BILL NO: SB 40  
SUBJECT: MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT SB 40 WHICH LICENSES MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS.  
/JSM

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

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NAME: SUSAN NIMAN  
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ADDRESS: 1428 VALARIAN STREET  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99508  
PHONE: 276-6574  
BILL NO: SB 40  
SUBJECT: MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: I URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF SB 40. /CMR

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TIME: 12:36:21  
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: MEREDITH SANDLER  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 11100 SNOWLINE  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99516  
PHONE: 274-7555  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: SB 40: PLEASE SUPPORT THESE BILLS TO LICENSE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
THERAPISTS. /JSM

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: MARYILOU LAISNEZ

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 2052 EATRIDGE

CITY: ANCHORAGE

ZIP: 99501

PHONE: 276-1355

BILL NO: SB 40

SUBJECT: MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: I TOTALLY SUPPORT SB 40. THIS BILL IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO BE PASSED IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CREDIBILITY WITHIN THE STATE. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT. /JSM

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: JOAN BENDER

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 6761 REEDYKE

CITY: ANCHORAGE

ZIP: 99507

PHONE: 276-1504

BILL NO: HB 18

SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: SB 40: URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 18, FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LICENSING.

IT IS EXCEEDINGLY IMPORTANT AND VERY BENEFICIAL TO THE CITIZENS HERE.

/JSM

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: CECILIA CREAL  
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ADDRESS: 3740 WILLIAMS STREET  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99508  
PHONE: 563-4502  
BILL NO:  
SUBJECT: HB 18 AND SB 40/MARRIAGE/FAMILY THERAPIST  
MESSAGE: I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT HB 18 AND SB 40. /BN

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: MS. TRACIE M. HELLER

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 875455

CITY: WASILLA

ZIP: 99687

PHONE: 373-2622

BILL NO: HB 18

SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: I SUPPORT HB18 AND SB40. I WOULD LIKE MASTERS-LEVEL THERAPISTS TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO DO COUNSELLING UNDER MEDICAID. PRESENT AND PROPOSED MEDICAID REGULATIONS SEVERLY LIMIT MY CHOICE OF LOCALLY ACCESSIBLE MENTAL HEALTH THERAPISTS. PLEASE SUPPORT MEASURES WHICH ENCOURAGE MORE CHOICE IN SELECTION OF A PERSONAL THERAPISTS.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: MR. EDGAR L. & JODINE N. JOHNSON

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 876065

CITY: WASILLA

ZIP: 99687

PHONE: 376-3593

BILL NO: HB 18

SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: WE SUPPORT HB18 AND SB40. WE WOULD LIKE MASTERS-LEVEL THERAPIST'S TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO DO COUNSELLING UNDER MEDICAID. PRESENT AND PROPOSED MEDICAID REGULATION'S SEVERELY LIMIT OUR CHOICE OF LOCALLY ACCESSIBLE MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST'S. PLEASE SUPPORT MEASURES WHICH ENCOURAGE MORE CHOICE IN SELECTION OF A PERSONAL THERAPIST.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: MS. CATHY BIGGERSTAFF

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 6345 COLGATE DRIVE

CITY: ANCHORAGE

ZIP: 99504

PHONE: 333-9424

BILL NO: HB 18

SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: I SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF HB 18 AND SB 40. /CMR

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: NENDY L. HLAVKA-PHIL

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 961 DELWOOD ST. APT. #1

CITY: MASILLA

ZIP: 99687

PHONE: 376-5200

BILL NO: HB 18

SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: I TOO, SUPPORT HB18 AND SB40. I NEED OUR MASTER'S LEVEL THERAPIST  
ABLE HER CONTINUAL COUNSELLING FOR OUR FAMILY. UNDER MEDICAID PRESENT AND PI  
POSED MEDICAID REGULATION'S HAS SEVERELY LIMITED MY CHOICE OF LOCALLY ACCESS  
MENTAL HEALTH THERAPISTS. SUPPORT MEASURE'S WHICH ENCOURAGE MORE OF A CHOI  
SELECTION OF PERSONAL THERAPIST.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: LINDA MAHLER-BORER  
 TITLE:  
 ADDRESS: HC32, BOX 6700-B-13  
 CITY: WASILLA ZIP: 99687  
 PHONE: 376-4311  
 BILL NO: HB 10  
 SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: I SUPPORT HB18 AND SB40. I WOULD LIKE MASTER'S LEVEL THERAPISTS TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO DO COUNSELING UNDER MEDICAID. PRESENT AND PROPOSED MEDICAID REGULATION'S SEVERELY LIMIT MY CHOICE OF LOCALLY ACCESSABLE MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST'S. PLEASE SUPPORT MEASURES WHICH ENCOURAGE MORE CHOICE IN SELECTION OF A PERSONAL THERAPIST.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: MECHELE MESSINGER

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 520797

CITY: BIG LAKE

PHONE: 892-6862

ZIP: 99652

BILL NO: HB 16

SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: I SUPPORT HB19 AND SB40. I WOULD LIKE MASTER'S LEVEL THERAPIST'S TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO DO COUNSELING UNDER MEDICAID. PRESENT AND PROPOSED MEDICAID REGULATION'S SEVERELY LIMIT MY CHOICE OF LOCALLY ACCESSIBLE MENTAL HEALTH THERAPISTS'. PLEASE SUPPORT MEASURES WHICH ENCOURAGE MORE CHOICE IN SELECTION OF A PERSONAL THERAPIST.

POMID: 14103536

DATE: 91/02/08

TIME: 10:35:36

LIONAME: MAT-SU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULENSKI

NAME: MARCELLA ROBERTSON  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 3737 SWENSON AVE.  
CITY: FAIRBANKS ZIP: 99709  
PHONE: 479-8245  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: THIS ALSO PERTAINS TO SB 40. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THESE BILLS.

POMID: 07092820  
DATE: 91/02/06  
TIME: 09:28:20  
LIONAME: FAIRBANKS LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: BARBARA LEARMONTH

TITLE:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 34834

CITY: JUNEAU

ZIP: 99803

PHONE: 789-3335

BILL NO: SB 40

SUBJECT: LICENSING OF MARRIAGE/FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT THE PASSING OF SB40 FOR THE LICENSING OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS.

POMID: 00115715

DATE: 91/03/12

TIME: 11:57:15

LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: DEBRA VANOVER  
TITLE: MFCC  
ADDRESS: 9184-1 JAMES BLVD.  
CITY: JUNEAU, AK ZIP: 99801  
PHONE: N/R-  
BILL NO: SB 40  
SUBJECT: MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT AND PASS THE BILL LICENSING  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS.

FORMID: 00081433  
DATE: 91/03/12  
TIME: 08:14:33  
LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: REGINA MACDONALD  
TITLE: M.S.W.  
ADDRESS: 3406 GLACIER HWY  
CITY: JUNEAU, AK  
PHONE: 463-3008  
BILL NO: SB 40  
SUBJECT: LICENSING OF MARRIAGE & FAMILY COUNSELLORS  
MESSAGE: I AM IN FAVOR OF THE LICENSING OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELLORS.

ZIP: 99801

POHID: 00092909  
DATE: 91/03/12  
TIME: 09:29:09  
LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

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DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: REV. FRANCIS MULLER

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 1316 PEGER ROAD

CITY: FAIRBANKS

ZIP: 99709

PHONE: 474-0753

BILL NO:

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 18, OR SB 40 LICENSING HARRIAG AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. I BELIEVE THIS LEGISLATION WILL SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL ALASKANS. WHILE ENABLING THE STATE OF ALASKA TO BETTER MONITOR THE PUBLIC INTERESTS OF THIS AREA. THANK YOU. EOH/CLS

POMID: 07144630

DATE: 91/04/19

TIME: 14:46:30

LIONAME: FAIRBANKS LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: DEBRA DOENGES  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 5189 APT C KOYUK  
CITY: EIELSON AFB  
PHONE: 372-3315  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: AS WELL AS SB 40. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 18 OR SB 40 LINCENSING  
MARRIAGE FAMILY THERAPISTS. I FEEL THIS WILL BE A BENIFIT TO ALL ALASKANS.  
THANK YOU. EOM/CLS

ZIP: 99702

POMID: 07133224  
DATE: 91/04/19  
TIME: 13:32:24  
LTONAME: FAIRBANKS LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: ALFRED BECK  
TITLE: REVEREND  
ADDRESS: 2500 SUNSET DR  
CITY: JUNEAU, AK  
PHONE: 789-7568  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT LICENSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. I BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE RESIDENTS OF ALASKA. THANK YOU.

ZIP: 99801

POMID: 60131740  
DATE: 91/04/19  
TIME: 13:17:40  
LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: CLAIRE STEFFENF  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: PO BOX 101847  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99510  
PHONE: 562-5846  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: SB 40: PLEASE DEFEAT THESE BILLS. I DO NOT SUPPORT RESTRICTING  
ACCESS TO THERAPISTS. I THINK THESE BILLS WILL DO THAT AND ARE UNNECESSARY  
ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION. /JSM

POMID: 03115835  
DATE: 91/04/19  
TIME: 11:58:35  
LIONAME: ANCHORAGE LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: DAN LABROSSE

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 609 WAGNER LANE

CITY: FAIRBANKS

ZIP: 99712

PHONE: 488-6980

BILL NO: HB 18

SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: HB 18 / SB 40: AS A PROFESSIONAL SERVING THE NEEDS OF MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS IN THE STATE OF ALASKA, I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 18 OR SB 40 REGARDING LICENSING OF FAMILY AND MARRIAGE THERAPISTS. I BELIEVE THIS WILL SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE. EOM/MJO

POMID: 07092032

DATE: 91/04/19

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: THAD WOODARD, M.D.

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 1200 AIRPORT HEIGHTS DRIVE, SUITE 140

CITY: ANCHORAGE

ZIP: 99508

PHONE: 264-1800

BILL NO: HB 18

SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF HB 18 AND SB 40 REGARDING LICENSING OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. MY PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE WITH FAMILY THERAPISTS LEAVES ME TO BELIEVE THAT LICENSING OF THESE THERAPISTS WILL CLEARLY BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL ALASKANS. /CHR

POMID: 03113215

DATE: 91/04/19

TIME: 11:32:15

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: MS. TERESA PETERS  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: HC 34 2264-C  
CITY: WASILLA ZIP: 99687  
PHONE: 892-7108  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: & SB 40. I BELIEVE THIS WOULD SERVE THE BEST INTEREST OF RESIDENTS OF ALASKA.

POMID: 14090635  
DATE: 91/04/19  
TIME: 09:06:35  
LIONAME: MAT-SU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: JEANETTE BACHMANN

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 9636 ETOLIN CIRCLE

CITY: EAGLE RIVER

ZIP: 99577

PHONE: 696-3556

BILL NO:

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 18 OR SB 40, LICENSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. I BELIEVE THIS WILL SERVE THE BEST INTEREST OF THE RESIDENTS OF ALASKA. THANK YOU. /CMR

POMID: 03084310

DATE: 91/04/19

TIME: 08:43:10

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: FREDA ROGERS  
TITLE: CMA  
ADDRESS: 9001 LONG RUN DRIVE  
CITY: JUNEAU, AK  
PHONE: H/R-  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 18 OR SB 40, LICENSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST. I BELIEVE THIS WILL BEST SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE RESIDENTS OF ALASKA. THANK YOU.

ZIP: 99801

POHID: 00090556  
DATE: 91/04/19  
TIME: 09:05:56  
LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: CHARLOTTE HARRINGTON

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 13031 LAGOON CIRCLE

CITY: ANCHORAGE

ZIP: 99515

PHONE: 266-9243

BILL NO: SB 40

SUBJECT: MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT SB 40, A BILL TO LICENSE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. /JSM

POMID: 03165657

DATE: 91/03/22

TIME: 16:56:57

LIONAME: ANCHORAGE LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: JAN SCHORG-FORSYTH  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 3901 OLD SEWARD, #A  
CITY: ANCHORAGE  
PHONE: 561-7898  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT HB 18 AND SB 40 BILLS TO LICENSE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS./CHR  
ZIP: 99503

POMID: 03152335  
DATE: 91/03/22  
TIME: 15:23:35  
LIONAME: ANCHORAGE LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: JAN BERNZOTT

TITLE:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 775088

CITY: EAGLE RIVER

ZIP: 99577

PHONE: 694-0545

BILL NO: SB 40

SUBJECT: MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT SB 40. /JSM

POMID: 03133722

DATE: 91/03/22

TIME: 13:37:22

LIONAME: ANCHORAGE LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: SUSAN JAUJOU  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 7240 DORCHESTER STREET  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99502  
PHONE: 243-0819  
BILL NO:  
SUBJECT: HB 18 AND SB 40/MARRIAGE/FAMILY THERAPIST  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT HB 18 AND SB 40, A BILL TO LICENSE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
THERAPIST. /BN

POHID: 03113244  
DATE: 91/03/22  
TIME: 11:32:44  
LIONAME: ANCHORAGE LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: MS. ANN ROBISON  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 875086  
CITY: WASILLA ZIP: 99687  
PHONE: 376-6157  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: & SB 40. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS BILL.

POMID: 14144629  
DATE: 91/04/22  
TIME: 14:46:29  
LIONAME: MAT-SU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: DR. RICHARD E. STUDER

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P O BOX 3605

CITY: PALMER

ZIP: 99645

PHONE: 746-2226

BILL NO: HB 18

SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: SB40. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT THESE TWO BILLS. I FEEL THIS IS IN THE BEST INTEREST FOR INCREASED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENTS.

POMID: 14161206

DATE: 91/04/22

TIME: 16:12:06

LIONAME: MAT-SU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: ANN DAVIS  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 4000 LAUREL, SUITE 200  
CITY: ANCHORAGE  
PHONE: 561-0033  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: SB 40: I BELIEVE THESE BILL WILL SERVE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE RESIDENTS OF ALASKA, LICENSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. /BN  
ZIP: 99508

POMID: 03113821  
DATE: 91/04/22  
TIME: 11:38:21  
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: WARREN MORRISON

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P.O.BOX 240054

CITY: ANCHORAGE

ZIP: 99524

PHONE: 373-3127

BILL NO: HB 18

SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: SB 40: URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 18 OR SB 40, LICENSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST. THIS WILL SERVE THE BEST INTEREST OF ALASKAN RESIDENTS.

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POMID: 03100928

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: APRIL PRUITT  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 1026 D STREET  
CITY: JUNEAU, AK  
PHONE: N/R-  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 18 OR SB 40, LICENSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. I BELIEVE THIS WILL SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE RESIDENTS OF ALASKA.

ZIP: 99801

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DATE: 91/04/22  
TIME: 10:25:18  
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: BEVERLY WASHINGTON  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 9540 MORNINGSIDE LOOP  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99515  
PHONE: 349-8122  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 18 AND SB 40 LICENSING OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. I BELIEVE THIS WILL SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE RESIDENTS OF ALASKA. /CHR

POMID: 03090937  
DATE: 91/04/22  
TIME: 09:09:37  
LIONAME: ANCHORAGE LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: DR. DENIS CORRAL  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 11901 BUSINESS BLVD., #201  
CITY: EAGLE RIVER ZIP: 99577  
PHONE: 694-6640  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 18 OR SB 40 LICENSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. I BELIEVE THIS WILL SERVE THE BEST INTEREST OF THE RESIDENTS OF ALASKA. /CMR

POMID: 03113609  
DATE: 91/04/24  
TIME: 11:36:09  
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: DR. WILLIAM ROGERS

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 800 E. DIMOND BLVD, SUITE 3-130

CITY: ANCHORAGE

ZIP: 99515

PHONE: 344-7330

BILL NO:

SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: I WANT TO SUPPORT HB 18 AND SB 40 CONCERNING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. I THINK WE NEED MORE STRICTURE LICENSING OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS AT LEAST THE THE POINT OF CONFIRMING LICENSURE. /CHR

POMID: 03102021

DATE: 91/04/24

TIME: 10:28:21

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: STEVE TUCKER, M.D., F.A.C.P.  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 2841 DEBARR ROAD, SUITE 50  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99508  
PHONE: 276-2811  
BILL NO: SB 40  
SUBJECT: MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: I URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF SB 40. I BELIEVE IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF  
ALL ALASKANS. /CMR

POMID: 03125915  
DATE: 91/04/24  
TIME: 12:59:15  
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: RACHEL KACSUR  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 1500 JENIFER DR.  
CITY: FAIRBANKS  
PHONE: 455-6177

ZIP: 99709

BILL NO:  
SUBJECT: HB19 SB40  
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT THESE BILLS LICENSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS.  
I STRONGLY BELIEVE THIS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ALASKA RESIDENTS. EOM/MW

POMID: 07133816  
DATE: 91/04/25  
TIME: 13:38:16  
LIONAME: FAIRBANKS LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: MERIJEANNE A. MOORE, D.O.  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 240 EAST TUDOR RD, STE 240  
CITY: ANCHORAGE  
PHONE: 561-1892  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: SE 40: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THESE TWO BILLS FOR LICENSING  
THERAPISTS. /JSM

ZIP: 99503

POMID: 03113049  
DATE: 91/04/25  
TIME: 11:30:49  
LICNAME: ANCHORAGE LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: SHERI GRAY  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 1112 W 9TH  
CITY: JUNEAU  
PHONE: 463-2532

ZIP: 99801

BILL NO:  
SUBJECT:

MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 18 OR SB 40 LICENSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. I BELIEVE THIS WILL SERVE THE BEST INTEREST OF THE RESIDENTS OF ALSSKA. THANK YOU.

POMID: 00110821  
DATE: 91/04/25  
TIME: 11:08:21  
LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: ANNIE FULT, DIRECTOR  
TITLE: NAANGUAQ CENTER  
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 296  
CITY: DILLINGHAM, AK  
PHONE: 842-2228  
ZIP: 99576  
BILL NO:  
SUBJECT: MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY  
MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 18 OR SB 40 LICENSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. I BELIEVE THIS WILL SERVE THE BEST INTEREST OF THE RESIDENTS OF ALASKA.

POMID: 06091957  
DATE: 91/04/25  
TIME: 09:19:57  
LIONAME: DILLINGHAM LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

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SB 40*

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: LEE CAGE  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 17325 TOAKOANA  
CITY: EAGLE RIVER ZIP: 99577  
PHONE: 696-1212  
BILL NO:  
SUBJECT: HB18-SB40-FAMILY THERAPY  
MESSAGE: I RECOMMEND YOUR SUPPORT FOR THESE TWO BILLS.

POMID: 03075542  
DATE: 91/05/01  
TIME: 07:55:42  
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: SALLY SCHLIESMANN, PHD  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 2600 DENALI, SUITE 701  
CITY: ANCHORAGE  
PHONE: 278-1200  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: SB 40: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 18 AND SB 40, LICENSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. THE PASSAGE OF THESE BILLS WILL ALLOW FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN CHOOSING A THERAPIST. /BH  
ZIP: 99503

POHID: 03095855  
DATE: 91/05/01  
TIME: 09:58:55  
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: RONALD D. MARTINSON, PASTOR  
TITLE: CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ADDRESS: 1420 CORDOVA ST.  
CITY: ANCHORAGE  
PHONE: 277-1622

ZIP: 99501

BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: SB 40: I URGE SUPPORT OF THESE TWO BILLS ON THE LICENSING OF  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. I BELIEVE IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE  
RESIDENTS OF ALASKA TO HAVE SUCH A LICENSING PROCEDURE. /JSH

POMID: 03151541  
DATE: 91/05/01  
TIME: 15:15:41  
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: PAT OBRIST  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 557 FAIRBANKS ST.  
CITY: FAIRBANKS ZIP: 99709  
PHONE: 479-2447  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 18 OR SB 40, LICENSING MARRIAGE & FAMILY  
THERAPIST. I BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL SERVE THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL ALASKANS.  
THANK YOU. EOM-FZ

POMID: 07140706  
DATE: 91/04/29  
TIME: 14:07:06  
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: DEBBIE VANOVER

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 9184-1 JAMES BLVD.

CITY: JUNEAU, AK

ZIP: 99001

PHONE: N/R-

BILL NO: SB 40

SUBJECT: MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: PLEASE SCHEDULE IMMEDIATELY SB 40 FOR A HEARING. PASSING OF THIS BILL  
WILL INFLUENCE OUR COMMUNITY POSITIVELY.

POMID: 00082634

DATE: 91/04/30

TIME: 08:26:34

LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: WARREN ANDERSON

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 4200 LAKE OTIS PKWY, STE 304

CITY: ANCHORAGE

ZIP: 99508

PHONE: 563-4600

BILL NO: HB 18

SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: SB 40: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 18 OR SB 40 LICENSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. I BELTEVE THIS WILL SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE RESIDENTS OF ALASKA. THANK YOU. /JSM

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POMID: 03160813

DATE: 91/05/07

TIME: 16:08:13

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: ROBERT SUTHERLIN, D.D.S.  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 2901 WILL ROGERS PLACE  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99517  
PHONE: 345-1212  
BILL NO: SB 40  
SUBJECT: MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: HB 18: SUPPORT HB 18 OR SB 40, LICENSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
THERAPISTS. I BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF RESIDENTS OF  
ALASKA. THANK YOU. /JSM

POMID: 03160047  
DATE: 91/05/06  
TIME: 16:00:47  
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: ROBERT M. LIBBEY  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 14901 WILDIEN DRIVE  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99516  
PHONE: 345-3083  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: I URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR HB 18 OR SB 40 LICENSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST. I BELIEVE THAT THIS REGULATION IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA. THANK YOU. /CMR

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: DAVID FISON  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 6800 O'MALLEY ROAD  
CITY: ANCHORAGE  
PHONE: 346-2975  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: I URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF HB 18 OR SB 40. I BELIEVE THIS WILL SERVE THE BEST INTEREST FOR THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA. /CMR

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: LINDA SHARP, DIRECTOR  
TITLE: A LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME  
ADDRESS: 2060 ESQUIRE  
CITY: ANC  
PHONE: 278-6951

ZIP: 99517

BILL NO:  
SUBJECT: HB18/SB40-FAMILY COUNSELORS  
MESSAGE: I HOPE YOU WILL SUPPORT HB 18 AND SB 40 AS WELL AS OTHER BILLS THAT  
SUPPORT FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN. YOUR IDEAS AND OPINIONS ARE OF INTEREST  
TO ME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. /LD

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DATE: 91/04/18  
TIME: 15:35:14  
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: MARILYN TSOLOMITIS  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 2831-2B BAXTER ROAD  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99504  
PHONE: 333-3301  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: SB 40: I SUPPORT THE LICENSING OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS.  
/JSM

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DATE: 91/04/18  
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWIKI

NAME: LINDA MORRISON

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P.O.BOX 240054

CITY: ANCHORAGE

ZIP: 99524

PHONE: 373-3127

BILL NO: SB 40

SUBJECT: MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: I URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF LICENSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. THIS  
WILL PROTECT THE CONSUMER. THANK YOU. /CHR

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: DR. MARI KOCH  
TITLE:  
ADDRESS: 4045 LAKE OTIS PARKWAY, SUITE 205  
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99508  
PHONE: 562-2070  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 18 OR SB 40 LICENSING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS. AS A FAMILY PRACTICE PHYSICIAN, I FEEL THIS WOULD IMPROVE THE INTEGRITY OF THE PROFESSION WHILE SERVING THE BEST INTEREST OF THE RESIDENTS OF ALASKA. THANK YOU. /CMR

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DATE: 91/04/18  
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

NAME: REV. FREDERICK P. LAMPE  
TITLE: CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ADDRESS: 1420 CORDOVA ST.

CITY: ANC  
PHONE: 277-1622

ZIP: 99501

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: HB 18-5D40-FAMILY THERAPISTS

MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT TO THE ABOVE BILLS AND BELIEVE THEY WILL SERVE  
IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE RESIDENTS OF ALASKA. /LD

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI

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CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99502  
PHONE: 243-2146  
BILL NO: HB 18  
SUBJECT: MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPISTS  
MESSAGE: SB 40: I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 18 OR SB 40, LICENSING MARRIAGE AND  
FAMILY THERAPISTS. /JSM

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