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Subject: Licensing Report

LICENSING POPULATION

A total of 1,694 initial licenses were issued in the first quarter of FY 2021/2022. As of October 5, 2021, the Board has 126,877 licensees which is less than a 3% gain since the fourth quarter of FY 2020/2021. This figure includes all licenses that have been issued and that are current and/or eligible to renew.

LICENSE POPULATION (As of 10/05/2021)				
License	Active	Current Inactive	Delinquent	Total Population
AMFT	12,465	NA	2,430	14,895
ASW	13,842	NA	3,037	16,879
APCC	3,991	NA	1,801	5,792
LMFT	43,294	3,822	3,377	50,493
LCSW	29,636	2,203	2,008	33,847
LEP	1,505	297	334	2,136
LPCC	2,613	143	79	2,835
TOTAL	107,346	6,465	13,066	126,877

Licensing Program Applications Received

While there was a large increase in the AMFT and APCC registration applications, licensing application volumes decreased by 19% in the first quarter of FY 2021/2022. Similar to last quarter, the increase in registrant applications during this quarter coincides with the graduation season.

Application Received	4th QTR FY 20/21 Volumes	1st QTR FY 21/22 Volumes	Difference
AMFT Registration	857	1,207	+41%
AMFT Registration Subsequent Number	170	182	+7%
LMFT Examination	556	463	-17%
ASW Registration	1,303	1,190	-9%
ASW Registration Subsequent Number	143	193	+35%
LCSW Examination	571	619	+8%
LEP Examination	26	38	+46%
APCC Registration	367	499	+36%
APCC Registration Subsequent Number	17	25	+47%
LPCC Examination	111	134	+21%
Total Applications	4,121	3,343	-19%

Licensing Program Processing Times

Application processing times increased during the first quarter of FY 2021/2022. Staff continue to work on the LMFT Examination application backlog and at the time of this report the processing timeframe has been reduced to 134 days and staff are evaluating applications LMFT Examination applications received in August.

Application	4th QTR FY 20/21 Processing Days	1st QTR FY 21/22 Processing Days	Difference
AMFT Registration	43	50	+7
LMFT Examination	153	194	+41
ASW Registration	36	61	+25
LCSW Examination	59	71	+12
LEP Examination	36	40	+4
APCC Registration	59	58	-1
LPCC Examination	37	35	-2

Renewal Activity

Overall, renewal activity increased by 15% in the first quarter of FY 2021/2022.

Renewals	4th QTR FY 20/21	1st QTR FY 21/22	Difference
AMFT	2,408	3,074	+27%
LMFT	5,233	5,455	+4%
ASW	3,132	4,138	+32%
LCSW	3,417	3,626	+6%
LEP	207	223	+8%
APCC	735	962	+31%
LPCC	248	325	+31%
TOTAL Renewals	15,380	17,803	+15%

Administrative Applications

Overall, administrative application volumes decreased by 11% in the first quarter of FY 2021/2022.

Application	4th QTR FY 20/21 Volumes	1st QTR FY 21/22 Volumes	Difference
Name Change	294	442	50%
Address Change	3,528	4,022	12%
Duplicate License	971	1,002	3%
License Certification	736	814	10%
TOTAL Admin Applications	5,592	6,280	11%

COVID-19 RESPONSE

Waivers

On March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California because of the impacts of COVID-19. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order, during the State of Emergency, the Director of the California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) may waive any statutory or regulatory professional licensing requirements pertaining to individuals licensed pursuant to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, including requirements related to the education, training, and experience necessary to obtain licensure as a Licensed Marriage Family Therapist (LMFT), Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC), and Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW).

With California's economy reopening, students returning to the classroom and overall improved conditions in the state, the Board has been informed by the DCA that its remaining active law waivers that were put in place due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency will be ending on October 31, 2021.

Stakeholders have expressed concern regarding the expiration of the waiver for face-to-face training and supervision requirements for LMFT, LCSW and LPCC associates. This waiver allows all associates to gain their required weekly direct supervision contact via two-way, real-time videoconferencing. Once the waiver is expired, only those associates working in an exempt setting will be allowed to gain their weekly supervision through videoconferencing.

To address this concern, Board staff has drafted language that would amend the current law to allow associates to gain weekly supervision regardless of the setting (exempt or non-exempt), with an initial in-person meeting required. This draft language has been reviewed and discussed in the Telehealth Committee and the Policy and Advocacy Committee. The Board will consider this proposal today. If the Board decides to pursue legislation to make the proposed law changes, the proposed changes will not be in place before the expiration of the waiver. However, board staff will be seeking the earliest implementation date possible.