

Section 1925.4.

- A. 1. There is hereby created the "Oklahoma Licensed Marital and Family Therapist Advisory Board" whose duty shall be to advise in administering the provisions of the Marital and Family Therapist Licensure Act, except as otherwise provided by law.
2. The Advisory Board shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the State Commissioner of Health with the advice and consent of the State Board of Health. Five members shall be licensed marital and family therapists who shall each have been for at least five (5) years immediately preceding appointment actively engaged as marital and family therapists in rendering professional services in marital and family therapy, or in rendering services in marital and family therapy as members of the clergy, who are in good standing in their denominations, or in the education and training of master's, doctoral or post-doctoral students of marital and family therapy, or in marital and family therapy research, and shall have spent the majority of the time devoted to such activity during the two (2) years preceding appointment to the Advisory Board. Two members shall be lay persons who are not affiliated with any practice of marital and family therapy.
3. All appointees shall be residents of the State of Oklahoma. Except for the lay members, the Commissioner shall select the first appointees from a list of qualified candidates submitted by the executive committees of state marital and family therapists' associations. The other members of the first Advisory Board shall serve the following terms: One member for one (1) year, two members for two (2) years, two members for three (3) years and one member for four (4) years. Thereafter, at the expiration of the term of each member, the Commissioner shall appoint a successor for four (4) years. All appointees other than the lay members shall be selected from a list of qualified candidates submitted by the executive committees of all marital and family therapists associations in this state which represent a specialty recognized Family Therapist Licensure Act.
- B. Vacancies occurring on the Advisory Board shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the Commissioner with the advice and consent of the Board from a list of qualified candidates submitted within thirty (30) days after the candidates' names have been submitted if possible. Such appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after the candidates' names have been submitted if possible.
- C. Any Advisory Board member may be removed by the Commissioner, after written notice, for incapacity, incompetence, neglect of duty, misfeasance or malfeasance in office.
- D. Members of the Advisory Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed their actual and necessary travel expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- E. Advisory Board members shall be ineligible for reappointment for a period of three (3) years following completion of their terms.
- F. The Advisory Board shall meet within thirty (30) days after the appointment of its members by the Commissioner. Thereafter the Advisory Board shall hold at least four regular meetings each year. Meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Advisory Board may provide. The Advisory Board shall elect annually the following officers: a chair, a vice-chair, and a secretary. Four members of the Advisory Board shall constitute a quorum.