

Greetings

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~ Jan McMeekin ~

Hello SCAMFT members and friends. I hope your summer includes plans for some fun, family time and a restored life balance necessary for doing marital and family therapy. Just coming

from our June SCAMFT Conference, on *The Heart and Soul of Change*, presented by Scott Miller, I am committed to putting into practice "what works" to create a culture of feedback; to integrate alliance and outcome feedback into clinical care; and to learn to "fail successfully". The latter seems for many to be the most difficult, but learning from the client what isn't working, reduces dropout rates and helps the therapist know when the direction of therapy needs to change. More importantly, when integrating client feedback into therapy we can successfully measure positive change or when the client is moving in the opposite direction. There may be a need to refer the client to someone else, based on our therapeutic alliance and whether the therapy is working for the client. Matching relationships needs are an important part of an MFT's work, so for many MFT's this will feel natural. If you missed the conference, I recommend that you get Scott Miller's book, *The Heart and Soul of Change, What Works in Therapy*.

The conference attracted a diversified participant base. Scott Miller is a psychologist, and we had present psychologists, social workers, licensed professional counselors and marriage and family therapists. The mix led to interesting dialogue and it felt good to experience our commonalities in caring for our clients. We will continue to recruit other behavior care providers to our conferences and ask for your help to invite folks you know. We are trying to build our affiliate membership and provide quality

conferences that meet the needs of our SCAMFT membership. Remember to mark your calendars to attend the Fall Conference, in Columbia, SC, November 12-13, 2010. Laura Dodson, MSW, PhD, a Jungian analyst, will be our presenter. Dr. Dodson will present on "Disappointed Couples-With Whom I Have the Pleasure of this Relationship." More information on the conference is available online.

Another request: I would like to ask each of you to become active in advocating for MFT's in our ongoing legislative issues, including Medicare and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Todd Hanson, our Legislative Chair will be scheduling summer visits with our SC legislators while they are home July 4-10, and August 9 through September 13, 2010. If anyone is interested in participating, please email Todd at tdhanson@posttrauma.com, or contact Marie Queen, SCAMFT Executive Director, at (803)540-7501.

SCAMFT members, don't forget to go online to AAMFT, put in your membership number and look at all of the resources available to you. One of my favorites is the AAMFT newsletter, and in June it featured Todd Tracy, AAMFT's Director of Public Affairs, interviewed by DC's local Fox news channel, about the Gore Separation. The newsletter also has articles on marital and family studies that would be helpful resources in your clinical practices.

My parting words are that I want you to remember that you are a valuable member of SCAMFT and the board is always open to your questions, concerns, or ideas. Our board contact numbers are on the SCAMFT website. There are a couple of spots opening up on the SCAMFT Board of Directors at the end of 2010. Enclosed with this newsletter is a ballot, and your vote is much appreciated. Additionally, if you are interested in participating on one of the board committees: Child & Advocacy, Ethics, History/Awards, Legislative, Marketing, Membership, Multicultural, Newsletter/Continuing Education, or Supervision, we welcome your participation. Lastly, I hope that you have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at the Fall SCAMFT Conference. ♦

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Licensure Board to Eliminate Discrepancy in Testing Schedule for LPCs and LMFTs

SCAMFT's Legislative Chair Todd Hanson has contacted Kate Cox, Administrator of the South Carolina Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists, to discuss the discrepancy in testing dates for LPCs and LMFTs and how that has led interns to choose one route over the other purely based on ability to start post-graduate supervision earlier.

Hanson will address the licensure board about this important issue at their September 28th meeting. Board meetings are open to the public. It is scheduled at 9:00 am in Columbia at the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

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Dear Karen,

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding efforts to provide family therapy services and H.R. 1710. I appreciate your taking the time to write and your March 19th visit to Capitol Hill.

I understand your concerns and welcome your interest in this matter. I commend the South Carolina Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (SCAMFT) for their dedicated efforts to provide professional mental health services to families and individuals in need. As you indicate in your letter, improving access to mental health counseling services is essential for the healthy maturation of our students and for the future success of South Carolinians.

I am pleased to be a cosponsor of H.R. 1710, which would include family therapists on the list of professionals recognized to provide public school mental health services under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. This legislation was introduced by Representative Mark Souder (IN-3) on March 25, 2009. Since that time, H.R. 1710 has been referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education for further consideration.

Thank you again for your continued service to our community. Please be assured I will keep your thoughts in mind should legislation related to this issue come before me in the 111th Congress.

It is an honor to represent the people of the Second Congressional District of South Carolina, and I value your input.

If I may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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SCAMFT Contributes to Children's Trust Fund

by Lorilei Swanson, PhD, LMFT, LPC
Chair, Child and Family Advocacy Committee

As the Child and Family Advocacy Committee Chair, I will be working closely with Todd Hanson, the Legislative Chair, to monitor progress on legislation to include marriage and family therapists as mental health providers for children in public schools. This is an important advocacy issue supported by AAMFT and the SCAMFT board. For more information on this issue, please see the Policy and Legislation section on the AAMFT member Web site or contact me at lswanson@oconee.k12.sc.us.

I want to thank everyone who purchased jewelry at the June 2010 conference in Charleston. Fifteen percent of the proceeds from this sale went to the Children's Trust of South Carolina. This program is based in Columbia, South Carolina, and supports a variety of initiatives across the state with a mission to keep children safe and build protective factors in families.

Sallie Campbell Receives Social Work Pioneer Award

The College of Social Work at the University of South Carolina awarded Sallie Campbell the social work Pioneer Award.

Sallie Campbell graduated from the College of Social Work in 1980 with an MSW. Over the past 30 years, she has helped shape social work credentialing criteria and policies on both the state and national levels. Among her many achievements and accomplishments, she has served as president of the National Association of Social Workers, South Carolina Chapter, and the South Carolina American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (SCAMFT) and as a Board Member of AAMFT on the national level.

A Diplomate in Clinical Social Work, licensed independent social worker, and licensed marriage and family therapist counseling children and families at the Medical University of South Carolina's Institute of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, she is also a teacher - a clinical assistant professor for MUSC and an adjunct instructor for the College of Social Work at USC. "Sallie Campbell is a 'trailblazer' in social work credentialing and an expert in the field of ethics," Dr. Dennis Poole, Dean of the College of Social Work, said. "We are very proud of her as an alumna of the USC College of Social Work, both as a leader in our profession and a practitioner second to none. Most importantly, she has the 'heart' of a social worker, which she 'inherited' from her caring, compassionate mother, Sarah Norwood Campbell."

The Pioneer Award is given by the faculty of the College of Social Work at the University of South Carolina for outstanding work on the state and national levels that reflects the values and professionalism of Social Work Practice at its highest level.

"I was honored to receive the Pioneer Award from the College of Social Work and chose to dedicate it to the first social worker I ever knew, my mother, Sarah Norwood Campbell," Campbell said. "I am proud to be a

SCAMFT Business Meeting

June 5, 2010 • Charleston, South Carolina

SCAMFT President Jan McMeekin called the June 5, 2010 Business Meeting to order at 12:30 pm. More than 60 SCAMFT members attended.

Jan recognized SCAMFT Past Presidents, first-time conference attendees, out-of-state attendees, exhibitors and all students. Then, she introduced SCAMFT Board Members and asked them to identify their responsibilities.

SCAMFT Secretary Nancy Welch reviewed the minutes from the November 2009 SCAMFT Business Meeting. A motion was made, seconded and all voted to accept as presented. Treasurer Wayne Hyatt reviewed the current financial report showing \$45,000 in total assets. Report was accepted as information.

Jan McMeekin highlighted accomplishments during this year, which included the following:

- One-day board retreat in February where annual goals were identified
- Two SCAMFT board meetings had been held to date
- One regional workshop has been held to date
- One newsletter has been published.
- SCAMFT has a Facebook page as well as Twitter page.
- SCAMFT participated in Lowcountry Behavioral Health Exhibit
- Jan McMeekin and President-elect Karen Cooper-Haber attended the AAMFT Meetings in Washington, DC, earlier this spring and met with South Carolina legislators.
- SCAMFT membership survey was emailed to members earlier this year.

Karen Cooper-Haber addressed the members and shared her experience of meeting Representative Joe Wilson who has agreed to sign on to H.R. 1710, which would include family therapists on the list of professionals recognized to provide public school mental health services under the Elementary & Secondary Education Act.

Karen also announced "The Master Therapists" are coming to South Carolina. Laura Dodson, MSW, PhD, will be in Columbia, Saturday, November 13th for the SCAMFT Fall Conference. Maurizio Andolfi will be in Charleston June 3-5, 2011 for the SCAMFT Spoleto Conference.

Adjourn: 1:15 pm

social worker. My career has been truly rewarding and I can't think of anything I'd rather do." *Pictured below, Sallie Campbell (left) with her Pioneer Award.*



**Save the Date:
November 12-13, 2010
for Jungian Analyst**

Laura Dodson

SCAMFT's Fall Conference features **Jungian Analyst Laura Dodson, MSW, PHD,**
who will present on

Disappointed Couples--With Whom I am Having the Pleasure of this Relationship

from 1-5 p.m. on Friday, November 12 and from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 13, in Columbia at the Clarion Hotel.

About Dodson's Presentation



So many of us human beings marry a projection, a family member of our core family, or a hope for an unmet need that is unrealistic for a healthy relationship. It is not so much an issue **that** this happens as that it is out of awareness, and as such creates strong inhibitor to growth of positive aspects of the relationship. This workshop will focus on relationship as a potential holding vessel in which each individual can unfold themselves, and contain and enable that process in each other. We will work with Satir concepts of family reconstruction through role play, simulating cases, and perhaps work with an actual family in front of the group, a case of one of the participants that will be followed through in office work by that therapist. Lecture, discussion role play and simulations will also be used in the workshop. Come with your thoughts, puzzles and experiences and we will have some fun as we learn

together.

About Laura Dodson

Laura Dodson, MSW, PHD, Jungian Analyst, has been in practice almost half a century. She has published as editor of two books, author of one and coauthor of a second. Laura has several articles on action skills in working with couples and families. She practices in Denver, CO and consults all over the U.S. and in former Soviet Countries. Currently, her main interest is the application of systems theory to conflict in communities, cultures and between ethnic and religious groups, work she will be conducting in Thailand in August and September this year. Dodson is active with the Institute for International Connections for Personal and Cultural Growth.

Additional Presenter

Dr. Joshua Gold will present the AAMFT Refresher Course on Sunday, November 14, from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

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Supervision Issues and Concern

by Sallie Campbell, LISW-CP/AP, LMFT/S, DCSW
Supervision Committee Chair

SCAMFT held a networking session over lunch on Supervision and several supervisors were concerned with how the Board of Examiners for LPCs, LMFTs and PES required the supervisors to sign supervision plans with potential supervisees prior to the supervisees sitting for the licensing exam. Often the supervisees do not return to that supervisor for their supervision. Many felt it would make more sense to have the supervisees sit for the exam and then contract with a supervisor for their supervision. Another alternative would be to change the timing of the exam so that supervisees take it during their time in supervision.

SCAMFT presented a Peer Supervision session during the Spring Conference in June, 2010. A Charleston Supervisor's Group led this presentation. The speakers included **Sallie Campbell**, LISW-CP/AP, LMFT/S, DCSW; **Jane A. Evers**, M.A., LLPC/S; **A.C. Holler**, D.Min, LMFT; **Robert M. Knight**, D.Min., LMFT/S, LPC/S; **Rick Lawhon**, M.Ed., LPC, LPC/S, NCCACI; and **Lindy Quesenbery**, M.A., M.Ed., LMFT, LPC. The peer group presented three cases they had struggled with over the last several years and opened discussion for the audience to supervise them. This process of group interaction was well received and many requested this be done again in the future. By sharing struggles, the Charleston peer group offered an atmosphere of emotional safety. The clinical and ethical issues processed involved high conflict divorce, supervision of supervision regarding documentation requirements, and issues related to privacy and confidentiality between parents and older adolescents.

Another issue processed was the Board of Examiner language regarding the LPC/S and LMFT/S licenses. Board language states "For Supervisors initially licensed prior to July 1, 1998 (statute changed to the Practice Act), a current S.C. Professional Counselor license or S.C. Marriage & Family Therapy license IS NOT REQUIRED for the continuation of supervisory activities under a current supervisor's license, however, the Supervisor may not also engage in the practice of professional counseling or marriage and family therapy unless a current,

active unrestricted full license as a Professional Counselor or Marriage & Family Therapist license is first obtained. Supervisors were encouraged not to let their scope of practice licenses lapse in favor of the supervision license, as they are not interchangeable. One's scope of practice for clinical work is tied to the LMFT and LPC license.

After the session, one supervisor shared that she had learned how important it is to have her own liability insurance. The cost of liability insurance is modest when it comes to malpractice suits.

Future Supervision Conferences

Future supervision conferences have been planned through the Fall of 2011. Dr. Joshua Gold from the University of South Carolina faculty will present a 5-hour Supervision course at our Fall Conference in November, 2010. This conference will meet the AAMFT requirement for AAMFT Approved Supervisors. Russell Haber, Ph.D., has organized a group of SCAMFT members who are traveling to Rome, Italy, in December to study with Maurizio Andolfi, M.D., Director of the Family Therapy Institute in Rome. Dr. Andolfi will be returning to South Carolina as our presenter at the Spring 2011 SCAMFT conference in Charleston, where he will also participate in our supervision group on Sunday, June 5th. In the fall of 2011, we will again organize a peer supervision session to facilitate further discussion regarding supervisory issues in South Carolina.

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