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Subject: Licensing Report

Licenses Population

A total of 3,749 new registration/licenses were issued in the first quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2023/2024. As of October 20, 2023, the Board has 139,810 registrants/licensees which is an approximate 1% gain since the fourth quarter of FY 2022/2023 and a 6% gain over last year's first quarter population totals. This figure includes all licenses that have been issued and that are current and/or eligible to renew.

NEW REGISTRATIONS & LICENSES ISSUED					
Licenses Issued	1 st QTR FY 23/24 Volumes	2 nd QTR FY 23/24 Volumes	3 rd QTR FY 23/24 Volumes	4 th QTR FY 23/24 Volumes	TOTAL FOR FY 23/24
AMFT Registration	763				763
ASW Registration	1,131				1,131
APCC Registration	355				355
LMFT Upgrade	558				558
LMFT Initial	16				16
LCSW Upgrade	610				610
LCSW Initial	145				145
LEP Initial	48				48
LPCC Upgrade	154				154
LPCC Initial	73				73
Total	3,749				3,749

LICENSE POPULATION (As of 10/20/2023)				
License	Active	Current Inactive	Delinquent	Total Population
AMFT	13,822	NA	1,970	15,792
ASW	15,619	NA	3,137	18,756
APCC	4,655	NA	2,103	6,758
LMFT	46,707	3,712	3,588	53,362
LCSW	33,624	2,243	2,154	38,021
LEP	1,621	287	345	2,253
LPCC	3,929	165	127	4,221
TOTAL	119,979	6,407	13,424	139,810

Licensing Program Applications Received

Overall, the Board received approximately 1% less applications than were received in the fourth quarter of FY 2022/2023.

Application Received	4th QTR FY 22/23 Volumes	1st QTR FY 23/24 Volumes	2nd QTR FY 23/24 Volumes	3rd QTR FY 23/24 Volumes	4th QTR FY 23/24 Volumes	+/- Last QTR
AMFT Registration	1,194	1,558				+30%
AMFT Sub Registration	154	181				+18%
LMFT Exam	812	677				-17%
LMFT Out of State	17	8				-53%
ASW Registration	1,499	1,280				-15%
ASW Sub Registration	157	264				+68%
LCSW Exam	794	617				-22%
LCSW Out of State	116	125				+8%
LEP Exam	94	45				-52%
APCC Registration	523	613				+17%
APCC Sub Registration	26	15				-42%
LPCC Examination	211	150				-29%
LPCC Out of State	83	75				-10%
Total Apps	5,680	5,608				+1%

Licensing Program Processing Times

During the last quarter the Board recognized greater than normal processing times. This increase in processing times can be attributed to many factors including application volumes and staffing resources.

Application Processing Times	4th QTR FY 22/23	1st QTR FY 23/24	2nd QTR FY 23/24	3rd QTR FY23/24	Difference From 4th QTR FY 22/23 to 1st QTR FY 22/24
AMFT Registration	30	62			+32 Days
LMFT Examination	87	108			+21 Days
ASW Registration	26	50			+24 Days
LCSW Examination	84	97			+13 Days
LEP Examination	31	40			+9 Days
APCC Registration	33	28			-5 Days
LPCC Examination	32	57			+25 Days

The Board has seen an increase in applications volumes for every application type when compared to application volume during the last calendar year. While the Board applications volumes trends have historically increased over the years, this increase is more substantial. Board management is evaluating staffing resources and process improvements to increase productivity and reduce future delays. Board staff are currently pursuing the following process improvements: establishing an online registration application, cross training evaluators, and refining a spreadsheet tool that will assist evaluators in assessing the supervised hours of applicants.

	2022 (Jan- Sept)	2023 (Jan- Sept)	% INCREASE/DECREASE
AMFT REGISTRATION	3610	3985	+10%
ASW REGISTRATION	3747	3952	+5%
APCC REGISTRATION	1389	1492	+8%
LMFT EXAMINATION	1845	2121	+15%
LCSW EXAMINATION	1924	2032	+6%
LPCC EXAMINATION	437	509	+16%
LEP EXAMINATION	133	170	+28%
LMFT OUT OF STATE	16	45	+181%
LCSW OUT OF STATE	241	386	+60%
LPCC OUT OF STATE	112	225	+101%

Renewal Activity

Renewals	4th QTR FY 22/23 Volumes	1st QTR FY 23/24 Volumes	2nd QTR FY 23/24 Volumes	3rd QTR FY23/24 Volumes	Difference From 4th QTR FY 22/23 to 1st QTR FY 23/24
AMFT	2,332	3,079			+24%
LMFT	5,623	5,601			0%
ASW	2,624	4,382			+40%
LCSW	3,889	4,017			+3%
LEP	214	222			+4%
APCC	779	1,085			+28%
LPCC	343	433			+21%
TOTAL Renewals	15,804	18,819			+16%

Administrative Applications

Administrative Application Volumes	4th QTR FY 22/23 Volumes	1st QTR FY 23/24 Volumes	2nd QTR FY 23/24 Volumes	3rd QTR FY23/24 Volumes	Difference From 4th QTR FY 22/23 to 1st QTR FY 23/24
Name Change	391	428			+9%%
Address Change	3,366	3,667			+8%
Duplicate License	794	881			+10%
License Certification	705	962			+27%
TOTAL Admin Applications	5,256	5,938			+11%