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MEMORANDUM

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TO	Board Members
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SUBJECT	Licensing Update

Population Report

BBS continues to expand year after year, with more than 2,000 new registrants and 5,400 new licensees for an overall 4.89% increase.

Registrant/Licensed Population*	4th Quarter FY 24/25	4th Quarter FY 25/26	Percent Change
Associate Marriage and Family Therapists	17,884	19,014	6.32%
Associate Social Workers	20,541	20,830	1.41%
Associate Professional Clinical Counselors	7,946	8,645	8.80%
Registrant Totals	46,371	48,489	4.57%
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists	57,595	59,385	3.11%
Licensed Clinical Social Workers	42,282	44,815	5.99%
Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors	5,875	6,885	17.19%
Licensed Education Psychologist	2,372	2,476	4.38%
Licensed Totals	108,124	113,561	5.03%
Total Population	154,495	162,050	4.89%
<i>*Numbers reflect those registration/license that can be renewed (Current, Delinquent, Current Inactive)</i>			
Supervisor Population*	4th Quarter FY 24/25	4th Quarter FY 25/26	Percent Change

Marriage and Family Therapist Supervisors	7,828	8,982	14.74%
Clinical Social Worker Supervisors	6,709	7,942	18.38%
Professional Clinical Counselor Supervisors	565	743	31.50%
Educational Psychologist Supervisors	23	32	39.13%
Total Supervisor Population	15,125	17,699	17.02%
<i>*Numbers of licensees that have completed a Supervisor Self-Assessment Report</i>			

Registration Unit Report

Descriptive charts are provided in Attachment A-Registrant Charts.

Registration Applications Received

The registration unit received less applications overall this FY over the same time last FY. We believe this is due to the fee reduction announced earlier in the year. We do expect more applications to be received after 7/1/26.

		4th Quarter FY 24/25	4th Quarter FY 25/26	Percent Difference
Registration applications RECEIVED (initial + subsequent)	AMFT	1260	1187	-5.79%
	ASW	1766	1723	-2.43%
	APCC	628	616	-1.91%
	Total	3654	3526	-3.50%

Total Registrant Applications Processed

The number of applications processed this last quarter is down due to the assistance needed for BreEZe system change testing that recently took place.

		4th Quarter FY 24/25	4th Quarter FY 25/26	Percent Difference
Registration applications PROCESSED (initial + subsequent)	AMFT	904	838	-7.30%
	ASW	1076	1072	-0.37%
	APCC	443	407	-8.13%
	Total	2423	2317	-4.37%

Registration Processing Times

Below is the average number of calendar days it takes to process a complete registration application. Our processing times have increased this FY over last slightly. This may be due to needing support for testing BrEZe updates.

		4 th Quarter FY 24/25	4 th Quarter FY 25/26	# of days difference
Avg number of calendar days to process apps with no deficiencies	AMFT	12	15	3
	ASW	12	10	-2
	APCC	17	25	8
Avg number of calendar days		14	17	3

Registration Emails Received

Overall, the Registration unit has fielded a little more than 6.5% less emails this FY over last. This reduction has allowed staff to dedicate more time to processing applications and supporting testing efforts related to BreEZe system updates.

		4 th Quarter FY 24/25	4 th Quarter FY 25/26	Percent Difference
Emails received Registration	AMFT	1608	1279	-20.46%
	ASW	3563	2950	-17.20%
	APCC	1831	1821	-0.55%
	INITIAL	762	626	-17.85%
	TRANSCRIPTS	6163	6258	1.54%
	SCHOOLS	91	128	40.66%
	Total	14018	13062	-6.82%

Licensing Unit Report

Descriptive charts are provided in Attachment B – Licensing Charts

Licensing Applications Received

The Licensing unit did see a decrease in overall applications received. This may be related to the fee reduction which took effect 7/1/26 as applicants may have been delaying submitting applications to take advantage of the reduced fees. A detailed breakdown of the various applications is provided in the descriptive charts in Attachment B.

		4th Quarter FY 24/25	4th Quarter FY 25/26	Percent Difference
Total Licensing Unit Apps Received (both in-state/out-of-state)	LMFT	1002	915	
	LCSW	1048	897	
	LEP	76	67	
	LPCC	405	372	
	Total	2531	2251	

Total Licensing Applications Processed

The Licensing unit has done a tremendous job during this last quarter processing applications as noted below with an increase of 27.13% more applications processed this FY over last. There is a continued effort to cross-train our evaluators to allow for more consistent processing across all license types.

		4th Quarter FY 24/25	4th Quarter FY 25/26	Percent Difference
Total Licensing Unit Apps Processed (both in- state/out-of-state)	LMFT	798	1108	
	LCSW	698	887	
	LPCC	68	51	
	LEP	242	250	
	Total	1806	2296	

Licensing Processing Times

Licensing processing times for complete applications have increased this FY quarter over last. This is in part due to staffing resources. The greatest increase has been with the LMFT and LCSW licensing applications. To address the increase the Board has been cross-training LPCC unit staff to assist in the reviewing of those applications. This has assisted in mitigating greater increases in processing times.

		4th Quarter FY 24/25	4th Quarter FY 25/26	# of days difference
Avg number of calendar days to process apps with no deficiencies * both in- state/out-of-state	LMFT	68	89	21
	LCSW	58	75	17
	LEP	18	13	-5
	LPCC	7	14	7
	Avg number of calendar days	38	48	10

Licensing Emails Received

The Licensing unit did see a decrease in the number of emails received. Which could be due to updates to the publications we provide on our website, as well as our continued outreach initiative.

Licensing Emails Received		4 th Quarter FY 24/25	4 th Quarter FY 25/26	Percent Difference
	LMFT	1604	1559	-2.81%
	LCSW	3155	2475	-21.55%
	LPCC	1553	1239	-20.22%
	LEP	107	118	10.28%
	Military	78	50	-35.90%
	LicCert	106	123	16.04%
	Total	6603	5564	-15.74%

Year over Year growth

Registration

A total of 12,608 registration applications were received during FY 25/26. Based on the last 3 fiscal years, our registration applications have increased on average 5.14% per year.

- FY 25/26 – 12,608
- FY 24/25 – 12,665
- FY 23/24 – 11,826
- FY 22/23 – 10,873

Licensing

A total of 9,108 licensing applications were received during FY 25/26. Based on the last 3 fiscal years, the number of incoming licensing applications has increased on average 8.6% per year.

- FY 25/26 – 9,108
- FY 24/25 – 8,828
- FY 23/24 – 7,460
- FY 22/23 – 7,153

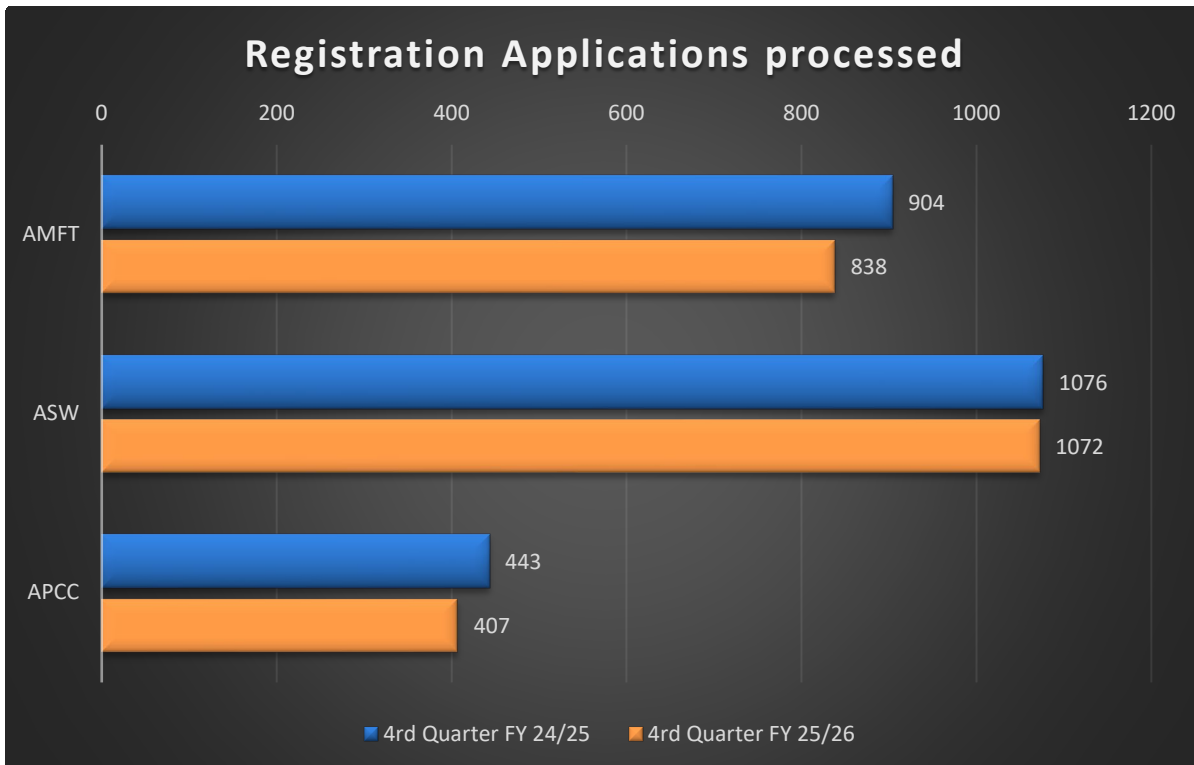
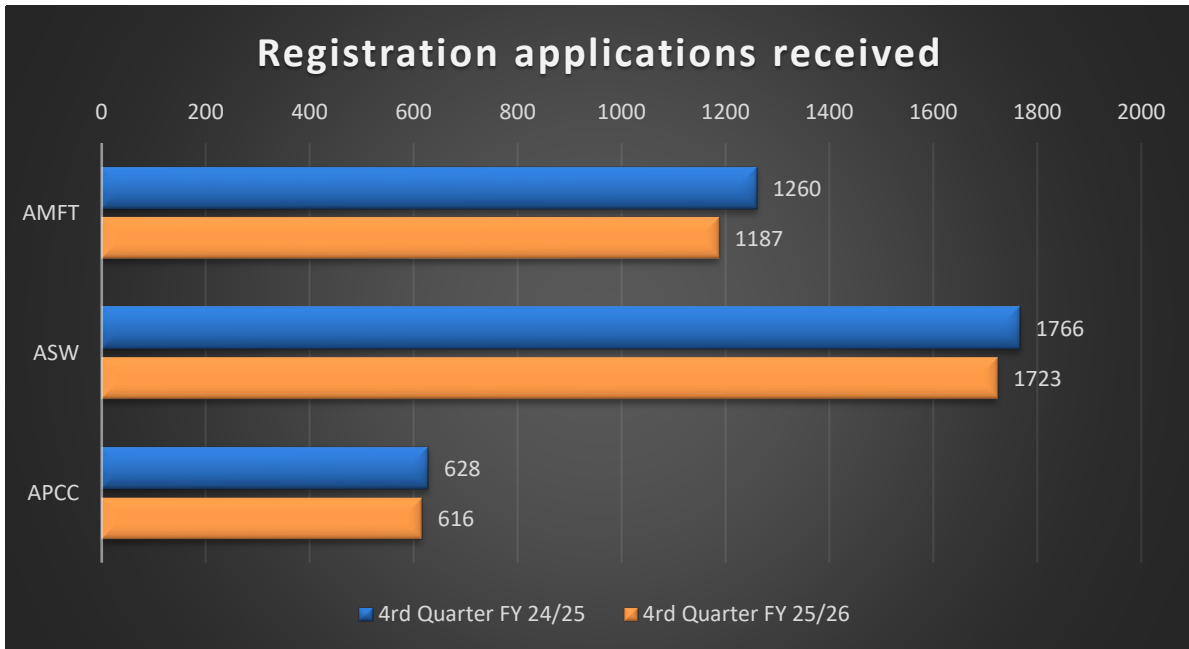
Attachments

Attachment A: Registration Charts

Attachment B: Licensing Charts

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Attachment A
Registration Charts for 4th Quarter FY 24/25 over 4th Quarter FY 25/26



Attachment B
Licensing Charts for 4th Quarter FY 24/25 over 4th Quarter FY 25/26

