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November 8, 2024

Dr. Anthony Pennant
Marriage and Family Therapy Program
Antioch University Seattle (MA)

Dear Dr. Pennant:

The Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE), at its October 21-22, 2024 meeting, reviewed the Response to Stipulations submitted by the Marriage and Family Therapy (MA) program at Antioch University Seattle.

The Commission voted to continue the following Stipulations:

Key Element I-C

The Commission's review of the program materials is below:

STANDARD I: OUTCOME-BASED EDUCATION FRAMEWORK AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT

Key Element I-C: Plan for Assessing Environmental Supports

Environmental supports are institutional and program resources that contribute to successful student achievement, program quality and an inclusive and diverse learning environment. The program has a plan for maintaining effective environmental supports through a process of review that includes collection of feedback from identified communities of interest, program review, focused corrective action/advocacy where needed, and input to and from institutional leaders.

The plan for reviewing environmental supports includes the following areas:

- *How the program promotes an inclusive and diverse learning environment.*
- *How the program follows published policies for receiving, reviewing, and responding to complaints and grievances, and student concerns.¹*
- *How the program monitors other environmental supports including:*
 - *fiscal and physical resources*
 - *technological resources*
 - *instructional and clinical resources*
 - *academic resources and student support services*

- *How the program complies with institutional policies and procedures concerning the use or technology, including policies on disaster planning and recovery of information, and responses to illegal or inappropriate uses of technology systems and resources.*
- *How the program ensures the reliability of technology systems, the integrity and security of data, and safeguards student and client information in accordance with applicable regulations and guidelines.*

Please note: Results of this review process are reported and discussed in Key Element IV-C

Commission's Response:

The program does not meet the requirements of this Key Element. The Stipulation is continued. The program provided evidence that distance education students are directed to contact the Director of Clinical Training for assistance in obtaining an Internship. The program provided evidence to indicate the process by which distance education students should solicit help in securing an Internship. The program needs to provide a description of how the environmental resources provided to distance education students and on-campus students are equivalent to meet student achievement.

NOTE: Consistent with the COAMFTE Corrective Action Policy (COAMFTE Accreditation Manual: Policies and Procedures, pp. 20-21), COAMFTE accredited programs carrying stipulations will have a maximum of two years from the date of stipulation to come into compliance with the standards. Year One will include Imposing of Stipulations; Year Two will include Probation and hosting a Focused Site Visit. Programs that fail to rectify such compliance issues will be subject to revocation of accreditation status at the beginning of Year Three.

Please note that the program is now in its Year 2 – Place on Probation. Consistent with the Corrective Action Policy, programs must submit a compliance report addressing deficiencies by the noted deadline and host a focused scheduled by COAMFTE at the expense to the program.

The focused site visit will be a virtual site visit. In preparation for the program's interim site visit in the Spring of 2025, please complete the [Site Visit Information Form](#) within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of this action letter. A Site Visit in the Spring 2025 cycle will ensure that the program's Response to Stipulations, Site Visit Report and Program's Response to Site Visit Report are reviewed at the Fall 2025 COAMFTE meeting.

Program's Response to Stipulations Instructions:

1. Program's response should address all Key Elements that have Stipulations and include definition of all referenced Key Elements.
2. Program's response should not refer to previously submitted documents (Eligibility Criteria, Self-Study, appendices, etc.).
 - a. *Programs may provide additional information as supporting evidence of the program's response.*

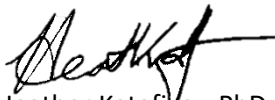
3. Program's Response to Stipulations and any supporting documentation must be in one document, in a PDF format with bookmarks linked to the individual components. The bookmarks MUST follow the order of the individual components. The PDF document must not exceed 30 MB in size.
4. Program's Response to Stipulations must be submitted on or before the due date to coa@aamft.org.

The following document must be submitted in the required format by the noted deadline:

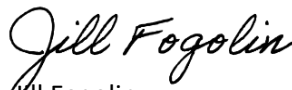
Document	Submission Deadline
Response to Stipulations	January 31, 2025
Annual Report	July 31, 2025

Please feel free to contact the Accreditation Office by e-mail at coa@aamft.org or by phone at (703) 253-0448 if you have further questions or if you would like any additional information.

Sincerely,



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