KAMFT 2014 Election Ballot and Instructions

October 15, 2013

Dear KAMFT voting member:

Shown is the 2014 election ballot for Clinical, Pre-clinical, and Member categories of membership. Please take a few moments to vote for the candidates of your choice.

Please electronically submit your completed ballot not later than November 12, 2013. Ballots dated after November 12, 2013 are ineligible and cannot be counted.

All candidates must be in good standing of AAMFT. Election results will be announced on the KAMFT website (KAMFT.org) and in an upcoming KAMFT newsletter.

Upon validation of the election results, successful candidates will assume office the first business day after January 1, 2014. If candidates chose to provide additional information it is shown in the candidate profiles.

Thank you for your support of KAMFT.

KAMFT Elections Committee
President – Elect

Karen K. Miller

**Education:**
University of Louisville Kent School of Social Work – MSSW, Certificate in MFT
Portland State University – Post-Masters Certificate in Therapy with Adoptive and Foster Families
Bellarmine University – BA

**Professional Background:**
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Currently employed at The Bingham Clinic – Clinical Social Worker III

**How nominee’s talents will contribute to KAMFT:**

With my passion for the field of Marriage and Family Therapy, I am currently serving on the KAMFT Board as the Elections Committee Chair and I have contributed in the past by serving on the KAMFT Annual Conference Committee. Through my current work on the Board, I feel as if I have gained a greater knowledge of the Board’s workings and what is important to our general membership. I would use my passion to help build the profession of MFT’s in the State of Kentucky by continuing the work of our current President, Dr. Eli Karam, through promoting our profession in different venues, including print advertising and encouraging our membership to become more involved in KAMFT activities. This would include presenting at the annual conference and volunteering to write articles for print publications.

I would also work to continue the current KAMFT Board’s excellent work. The Board is very hard-working and I would encourage and support each member to help them complete their tasks.

I would like to help the outer areas of the State to become more involved in their association. As President-Elect, I will brainstorm with the representatives and membership in those areas to expand our offerings and services.

I would appreciate your vote to become your next President-Elect.
President – Elect

Judith R. Stubbs

Education: Educational Background of Nominee:
B.S. in Education-Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Indiana
M.Ed. in Education-University of Louisville
M.Div. & M.A.M.F.T.-Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Professional Background: Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist-Private Practice
Retired Teacher- JCPS Board Approved Supervisor, AAMFT Supervisor Candidate

How nominee’s talents will contribute to KAMFT:

It has been my pleasure to officially serve KAMFT as Treasurer and serve on the KY Divisional Annual Conference Planning Committee. Through the years, I’ve brought in new vendors/sponsors, especially PNC Business Banking opportunities for our clinicians. I’ve supported the evolvement of many areas in our Division, especially the use of technology, education and information for Pre-Clinical Fellows, social networking opportunities across the state for meet and greet dinners, and public awareness of KAMFT in a variety of forms of media. We now have a Gold Standard that I support and will work to maintain.

My experiences have given me opportunities for administrative, organizational, and relational work with the public in a variety of forms, within the full range of the life-cycle, in both non-clinical and clinical settings. I’ve worked in Private Practice for close to 15 years, am a Licensure Board Approved Supervisor, and currently an AAMFT Supervisor Candidate. It is an honor to serve many clients and Pre-Clinical Fellows, and watch their growth. Additionally, I have served as a co-therapist in a group setting for 14 years, where I completed my Associate’s level work, and continued on to provide therapeutic help with issues being presented. This group opportunity and my private practice form the basis for my experience. I also developed material to provide parenting help though monthly workshops at a middle school, and at a half-way house for women released from prison.

I have served the public in the realm of education as an elementary teacher for close to 30 years. In this system I worked with many parents; worked within the JCPS district as a presenter of curriculum to other teachers; as well as a director of science enrichment activities, for the gifted, during summer camps for several years, and several years as supervisor of student teachers from two Universities in Louisville. I have received two JCPS Outstanding Staff Awards. I was drawn to becoming a Marriage and Family Therapist as a result of seeing the effects of family issues on students in my classrooms; and upon retirement I pursued this path as a second career/ministry.
President – Elect

Judith R. Stubbs, continued

How nominee’s talents will contribute to KAMFT:
Conjointly within my education career, I have served many Presbyterian churches, and Louisville Theological Seminary in many forms of leadership. During my dual-degree education program, I have served yearly terms as a Hosparus Chaplain Intern, Chaplain Intern at the Women’s Prison, Chaplain Intern at Central State Mental Hospital; and Youth Leader of 30 children, Kindergarten age through High School. These experiences afforded me the education and experiences to work with developmental life cycle ranges and skills, and dysfunctional family life. Additionally, my preaching opportunities have been in churches and retirement centers. Currently, serving as Deacon at my church provides me with ministerial opportunities. I’ve served on many committees, both as the chair and as a member, within the church system for my denomination, further enhancing my relational skills, including committees with ecumenical and interfaith relationships.

KAMFT has strength and vitality in organizational relationships with clinicians and with our national association, AAMFT. As your Vice-President, I want to keep KAMFT the preeminent voice for Marriage and Family Therapy. I respectfully request your vote.
Regional Representative – Eastern Region

Cheryl Elam

Education: BA – Psychology, Hanover College 1978
MS – Family Studies, University of KY 1996

Professional Background: Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist since December, 2000;
- Clinical Supervisor for MFT-As and LPAs since February, 2007
- 17 years experience as a mental health therapist in multiple settings – outpatient, residential, school, in-home, jail, foster care, mobile crisis;
- 20 years experience as a computer programmer/analyst/data base administrator;
- Training experience (provided trainings for clinicians in MH, did parent trainings, certified foster parent trainer, and trained users in software applications);
- Leadership and Management experience both in the mental health field (Team Coordinator for the Institute for Family Centered Services), and the computer field (programming manager for Bloodstock Research Information Services);

Compliance/QI Specialist and MH Therapist: 7 ½ years total, Compliance/QI specialist for the past 5 years. Currently works 3 days per week as a Quality Improvement specialist and 2 days as a clinician in this community mental health outpatient clinic. Sit on the Quality Improvement Committee, the Clinical Workgroup (updating treatment plans to be SMART/Evidence Based and using the new DSM-V), past chair of the Treatment Plan Committee, sit on the Credentialing Committee, and the Meaningful Use Committee. Write management and compliance software for clinicians and administrators and act as liaison between the MIS department and the clinical staff.


Comprehensive Care, Winchester KY 40391 (859) 744-2578. 3 years doing school-based mental health therapy for children and teenagers.

The Institute for Family Centered Services, Lexington KY (Corporate office: 3210 Skipwith Road, Suite B, Henrico, VA,(804)-346-0051) – 2 ½ years of In-home intensive Family Therapy for families and children that were referred by Social Services and Department of Juvenile Justice. Functioned as the Team Coordinator.

Bloodstock Research and Statistical Bureau, 801 Corporate Drive, Lexington KY (859)223-4444. 13 years experience as software analyst and data base administrator. Managed 8 programmers, set up standardized software engineering practices and did training during my tenure there.

Thoroughbred Times Magazine, Lexington KY - 2 years as programmer/analyst.

Magna Graphic, Inc, Lexington KY - 2 years as programmer/analyst

Dotson- Wilson Consulting Firm, Lexington KY – 3 years as programmer/analyst

Bloodstock Research started in 1979 and then left and returned for a total of 13 years.

Evansville Data Processing - June 1978 – 1979
Regional Representative – Eastern Region

Cheryl Elam, continued

**How nominee’s talents will contribute to KAMFT:**

- Has the energy and passion to work toward promoting the field of Marriage and Family Therapy in Kentucky.
- Will be able to represent the region well due to being familiar with the area geographically. Ms. Elam has worked in many counties in the Eastern Region including Pathway's 10 counties which are Montgomery, Bath, Menifee, Greenup, Rowen, Morgan, Morgan, Carter, Elliot, and Lawrence, and has worked previously in Lincoln, Clark, Estill, Madison, Laurel, Whitley, Knox, and Perry counties.
- Will be able to represent the region well in use of computer technology as agencies and clinicians move toward their Medical Records being fully electronic and compliant with "Meaningful Use".
- Will be able to assist members with Quality Improvement and Quality Assurance of patient records, adherence to agency, state and federal regulations, the use of Evidence Based Practices and the movement toward new DSM-V diagnosis and treatment planning.
- As clinical supervisor for both MFTAs and LPCAs and member of Credentialing Committee, Ms. Elam will be able to assist with issues about licensure/credentialing regulations.
- Will be able to contribute knowledge from a wide breadth of experiences due to having worked in a multiple settings - outpatient, residential, school, in-home, jail, foster care, mobile crisis
It has been a pleasure to serve KAMFT for the past 4 years. As a LMFT, LCDW, LPCC, CDAC I will continue to work with other disciplines discussing the advantages of their becoming associate members of KAMFT. I believe our LMFTs have the necessary training that can enhance services to the VA, Courts, Dept Social Services, Regional Mental Health Centers, and courts may enhance the role of MFTs in providing assessments and services needed to help families heal.
Regional Representative – Eastern Region

Tracey Werner-Wilson

**Education:** 1995 - M.S.W (clinical program)
1990 – M. Div. (with emphasis in Pastoral Counseling)
1984 – BA. Early Childhood Education

**Professional Background:** Tracey has been in the field of marriage and family therapy for over 20 years. In 1990 she graduated with a Master of Divinity, focusing on Pastoral Counseling, and began her career as a Family Therapist in a private practice agency. She completed their two year Family Therapy Training Program that was led by AAMFT Approved Supervisors.

In 1993 she returned to graduate school for a Masters in Social Work. After graduating in 1995 she moved to Colorado and started a private practice working with children and their families using the modality of Experiential Play Therapy.

In 1998 she moved with her family to Ames, Iowa and worked as a Marriage and Family Therapist at the nonprofit agency, Lutheran Services in Iowa where she worked with children and families as a therapist and supervised therapists wanting to improve their skills in Experiential Play Therapy. During this time, Tracey trained under the founder of Experiential Play Therapy, Dr. Byron Norton, for 7 years.

In 2007, she moved to Kentucky and in 2009 took the position of Clinical Director for University of Kentucky’s Couple and Family Therapy Program. She is also the Director of UK’s Family Center, a mental health outpatient facility that houses the practicum site for the graduate students in UK’s Couple and Family Therapy Program, and teaches several courses in the program. Tracey is a board certified supervisor by the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Marriage and Family Therapist and a candidate for AAMFT Approved Supervisor.

Tracey has presented various workshops and trainings in the area of play therapy and ethics. Most recently she presented *To Friend or Not to Friend: Ethics and Dual Relationships in the Age of Electronics* at the 2013 KAMFT annual conference.

**How nominee’s talents will contribute to KAMFT:** Tracey brings to the board her years of experience as a licensed marriage and family therapist that taught her the importance of maintaining connections with professional colleagues, keeping therapy skills sharp, and staying current with the ethics and laws that govern an MFT’s practice (she teaches the ethics course in the COAMFTE accredited program). Her current position shows her the need for educating and training future MFTs and helping them realize the importance of a professional identity and staying connected to their professional organization, AAMFT.

Tracey is excited to be a member of the KAMFT board and use her knowledge and skill to contribute to their goals of helping marriage and family therapists develop cutting edge skills and maintain strong professional identities throughout the commonwealth of Kentucky. Tracey is interested in representing the eastern region of the organization by being a voice for the region’s marriage and family therapists to the KAMFT board.

She would promote:

- regional gatherings, for the purpose of networking and getting to know each other;
- online networking, to support each other when getting together isn’t physically possible;
- and create opportunities for MFT’s to voice their ideas, concerns, or needs and take them to the board for consideration and action.

Tracey believes it is important to have a strong professional organization that meets the needs of its members, and will work towards that goal as the Eastern Region Representative.
Elections Committee Member

Ann Holloway

**Education:**
B.A. from University of Kentucky, majoring in English Literature and Education
M.Ed. from University of Louisville, Marriage and Family Therapy Program
Rank I 30 hrs. Post Masters from Indiana Wesleyan
A.A. from Laney College, Oakland, Ca. in Fine Art and Interior Design

**Professional Background:**
32 Year Veteran Teacher currently teaching in JCPS at Bowen Elementary School,
25 year AAMFT Clinical Member in excellent standing,
KAMFT Board Member for three years as Central Regional Rep

KAMFT Program Development Committee for 15 years serving as Exhibitor Chair for 4 years and Social Events Co-Ordinator for KAMFT Celebrity Night at the Village Anchor.
Private Practice for 25 years and family therapist at St. Martha’s.
Ups and Downs depression support group facilitator at St. Michael Church, 3705 Stone Lakes Dr. Lou. 40299 for the past 4 years.

**How nominee’s talents will contribute to KAMFT:** Serving on various KAMFT Committees offers experience and will hopefully enhance our professional organization. I enjoy being involved and serving this particular professional group and would like to continue serving.