

**Marriage and Family Therapist Section 7/19/2022
Additional Materials
Item F. Board Chair Meeting and Options to Address
Department Resources 1) Review of Letter to Legislature
Regarding Agency Resources**

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DRAFT LETTER FROM MFT SECTION FOR REVIEW: General Fund

To whom it may concern:

The Marriage and Family Therapy Section would like to inquire about the need for using our General Fund as a way to supplement funding for hiring new staff. We are aware, and very concerned, regarding the extensive wait times and severe delays for processing paperwork and applications that has led to significant impacts on the mental health services in our state. A solution for this issue needs to be determined, yet we want to ensure the solution to this problem is not on the backs of our Wisconsin's MFT license holders.

Mental Health has been deemed a priority in Wisconsin, particularly due to the mental health impacts of COVID-19 in our state. We wonder how this priority will be reflected in the state budget, thus alleviating the need to use our General Fund in the future. Also, we would like to understand how the General Fund is currently used since we were unaware this was an option for funding until now. Finally, how will using the General Fund in this way impact our MFT license holders and new applicants? We do not want to continue to vote on how to allocate our budget without fully understanding how our budget is used and what the impact will be on our budget, license holders and future applicants.

Thank you,

Wisconsin MFT Section