

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN FAMILY THERAPY NETWORK

## From the Board

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### COVID 19

Hello to all of you in the Rocky Mountain Family Therapy Network.

I am writing to you from my makeshift office at home, a situation many of you may also find familiar in these strange times. I can honestly say that it was not moments like this that I anticipated encountering when I undertook my personal professional journey and not as the first Chair of this new network either. What I did always know and continue to be grateful for is the connections I have with MFT's all over the world. Those three letters have always meant a lot to me, but right now they are a true reminder of a community in which I am never alone. Over the coming few weeks, I encourage you to both enjoy the time with those immediately near you, but also to take advantage of this network. Check in with others by email, phone, and social media. We are all facing similar challenges and together we are better than we are apart.

In the coming days look for some communications about some online meetups we will offer to share and collaborate. I appreciate every single one of you for your contributions and participation and I look forward to our shared future.

John F.  
Stinebaugh LMFT  
Chair  
Rocky Mountain  
Family Therapy Network

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## MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS!

**My Name is Chery Beauprez.**

**I am a graduate of Northcentral University in Phoenix where I earned my master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy, with a specialization in Medical Family Therapy. I am the Secretary for the Rocky Mountain Family Network and I have been a member of**

**AAMFT since 2016. I am a member of the National Association for Rural Mental Health, a member of the Wray Community 20/20 Foundation Behavioral Task Force as well as a member of Delta Kappa Honor Society.**

**I was born and raised in Northeast Colorado and have a passion for providing mental health services for those living in a "frontier" area. Providing services to those in rural or frontier areas who have little to no access to behavioral health services was the driving force behind me becoming a therapist. I am married to my high school sweet heart and we have 7 children and 9 grandchildren.**

**I work for Centennial Mental Health as a Marriage and Family therapist, providing services for individuals who live in my small 10,000-person county.**

**I believe EVERYONE deserves access to behavioral health services, no matter where they live. I also believe all Marriage and Family Therapists, no matter where they practice, should have**

**a voice in shaping this profession. I am very proud to serve as your secretary and am passionate about advancing this profession.**



## **Election**

**This year sees another round of elections for our network. We will be seeking nominations and have an election for both the Chair and Chair Elect positions. The Chair position would normally have been filled in by the chair elect from the original transition board. However, based on your feedback at our annual meeting we wanted to have an election for those positions rather than appoint them. Our current chair elect Ronnie Vasquez has stepped in to fill the vacancy in that position so it will be up for election as well. I encourage each of you reading this to think of one person that you would want to nominate to these roles so that we can gain many candidates to share their ideas, collaborate and participate in guiding the future of our network. These roles will serve to guide us from the launching phase into a longer-term phase so nominate someone and help determine the future of our network!**

*Although the world is full of suffering, it is  
also full of overcoming it.  
-Helen Keller-*

## **THE FIRST ANNUAL RMFTN MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Re-cap of the Rocky Mountain Family Therapy Network's Annual Meeting, November 2, 2019:**

**Linnea Tobias,  
MS, MBA, LMFT Treasurer, RMFTN**

**The first annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Family Therapy Network was a successful gathering of dedicated learners on an early Saturday morning last November. We had 30 people attend. We discussed the Network's priorities and Barbara Allen Ford, Co-Chair of Colorado TEAM presented on the local TEAM efforts to advocate for our profession. We then had a presentation by attorney Jeremy Shufflebarger on "Preventing Liability and Staying Safe in the Practice" of marriage and family therapy.**

**We are still asking for help with Work groups, especially an Election Committee and Events, such as the Annual Meeting.**

**We had a glitch with our electronic attendance certificates, so if you still need a copy please contact us through our web site, [RockyMountainFamilyTherapy.network](http://RockyMountainFamilyTherapy.network).**

**The leaders at Rocky Mountain Family Therapy Network are grateful to Regis University for allowing us to convene in their classroom areas. A big thanks also goes out to Mr. Shufflebarger for his very helpful information and to Barbara Ford for doing a great deal of planning in getting the meeting organized.**

**Our next meeting is already scheduled! It will be November 7, 2020. More details to come!**