

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Ethics Committee Meeting
Department of State Health Services
Friday, July 15, 2011 at 9:00 am
8407 Wall Street, Suite N-102
Austin, TX

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Michael Miller, Public Member
Rick Bruhn, Professional Member
Joe Ann Clack, Public Member
Sandra DeSobe, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Carol Miller
Dan Meador
Georgia Norman
Gerard Bonner
Crystal Beard

Guests Present:

Terry Mitchell	Jodie Elder	Jessica Bullock
James Edwards	M. Diane Way	LaToya Lofton
Terry Belt	Anna Edwards	Francis DeLeon
Glad Curlee	Jane Warneke	Babette Frith
Gregory Paczak	Michael Warneke	Jessica Bennett
Larry Harrison	Sue Walsh	Anne Ehehart
Amani Rawa	James Morris	Tina Ehehart
John Garlock	Farren Smith	

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 9:00 am by Ms. Clack, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes of the April 2011 meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion on the following pending complaints:

Complaint # 1062110007 (BE) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. DeSobe to propose a 2 year probated suspension with stipulations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062100029 (MW) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. DeSobe to close this complaint with a letter of advisement pending completion of additional stipulations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint #1062100014 (GC) was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to close this complaint with a letter of advisement pending completion of additional stipulations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062100044 (JG) was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062110006 (HM) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. DeSobe to issue a cease and desist. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062110031 (RC) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close this complaint as non-jurisdictional. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062110035 (SF) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. DeSobe to close this complaint as non-jurisdictional. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062110045 (MB) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. DeSobe to refer this complaint to the attorney generals office for injunction. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the update and discussion on the following pending complaints awaiting informal settlement or SOAH hearings:

- 1062080011 PD
- 1062100004 JP
- 1062100005 JP
- 1062090034 JP

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion regarding LPC board complaint policy and form regarding certain adjudicated court cases. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to forward this item to the October 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion regarding forensic rules. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to forward this item to the October 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion regarding rule changes related to Conditional Letters of Agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to forward this item to the October 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 8 was the discussion regarding rule changes related to definition of client to include the family system and/or former clients, as well as requirements to maintain professional boundaries and avoid dual relationships with those clients with whom the therapeutic relationship has been terminated. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to forward this item to the October 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 9 was the discussion regarding rule changes related to separation of conduct related to professional boundaries and conduct related to dual relationships. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to forward this item to the October 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 10 was the discussion regarding rule changes related to Guidelines for Professional Therapeutic Services and Code of Ethics, especially as compared to LPC and Social Work. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to forward this item to the October 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 11 was the discussion regarding rule changes related to four year rule review. Ms. Miller gave the discussion.

Agenda Item 12 was to schedule the next committee meeting date(s). The next meeting date will be October 14-15, 2011.

Agenda Item 13 was public comment. No public comment.

Agenda Item 14 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.