

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Licensing Standards Committee
Friday, October 14, 2011 at 2:00 pm
Department of State Health Services
8407 Wall Street, Room N-102
Austin, TX 78754

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Michael Puhl, Public Member
Sandra DeSobe, Professional Member
Beverly Womack, Professional Member
Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Carol Miller
David Richards
Georgia Norman

Guests Present:

Chad Touchette
Jodie Elder
Mike Bishop
Delee D'Arcy
Shana Parsons
Babette Frith
Fravdosifi
Garrett

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 2:06 pm by Ms. Womack, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes of the July 2011 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion regarding addressing concerns related to LMFT-Associates' completion of "at least 750 hours consist of direct clinical services to couples or families."

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding request to modify forms, policies, or rules related to board approval of minimum requirements for supervision and supervised experience of an LMFT-A towards LMFT licensure, as they relate to the Supervisory Agreement Form and the location of practice.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion regarding acceptance of licensure applications from individuals who do not hold a qualifying degree but who are students in PhD programs and who have completed all required coursework toward the degree except the dissertation.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion regarding minimum academic requirements for licensure as related to Title 22, Texas Administrative Code §801.112-801.115, pertaining to current acceptance of degrees titled "Marriage and Family Therapy," and "Marital and Family Therapy" as well as other COAMFTE accredited programs, with consideration of possible inclusion of "Marriage Couples and Family Counseling" and other substantially equivalent iterations of that program title as determined by the board from CACREP accredited programs.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion regarding the application for licensure or examination of the following:

The application/request of Chad Touchette was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. DeSobe to accept with stipulations. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application/request Shana Parsons of was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl to accept the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application/request of Babette Frith was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl to approve the application for examination with stipulations. The motion was seconded and discussed. The motion passed.

The application/request of Shandan Ferdousi was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl to deny the request. The motion was seconded and discussed. The motion passed.

The application/request of Marta Garrett was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. DeSobe to approve. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application/request of Wendy Copeland was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl to deny the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application/request of Heather Dunn was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl to deny the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application/request of Jaime Goff was discussed. Ms. Smothermon was recused. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl to allow a 6 month extension. The motion was seconded and passed.

The application/request of Karen Walker was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 8 was public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 9 was to schedule the next committee meeting date(s). The next meeting date will be January 15, 2012.

Agenda Item 10 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.