

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Licensing Standards Committee Meeting
Friday, April 17, 2015, 9:30 AM
Texas Department of State Health Services, Brown-Heatly Building
4900 North Lamar, Room 1430
Austin, TX 78751

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Rick Bruhn, Professional Member
Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member
George Francis, Public Member
Michael Miller, Public Member

Staff Present:

Cheryl Gomez
Georgia Norman
Amanda Stallings
Molly Fudell

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 10:42 am by Dr. Bruhn, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2015 Licensing Standards Committee meeting. A motion as made by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion regarding the following applications for licensure or examination:

The request of Mary Bittle was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to accept the hours. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Terah Gibson was discussed. A motion was mad by Ms. Smothermon to approve for examination. The motion was seconded and passed.

The request of Julia Hoffman was discussed. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to require additional coursework before examination. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding revisions to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists' Licensed Supervised Experience Verification Form (Form V).

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion regarding personal information of licensees listed on the licensee rosters.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion regarding reporting experience requirements for dually licensed MFT Associates and LPC interns.

Agenda Item 7 was public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 8 was announcements and comments not requiring committee action, such as statements regarding conferences and other recent or upcoming events. Clarification on §801.203.

Agenda Item 9 was to schedule the next committee meeting date(s). The next meeting date will be July 10-11, 2015.

Agenda Item 10 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:48 am.

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Rules Committee Meeting
Friday, April 17, 2015, 11:00 AM
Texas Department of State Health Services, Brown-Heatly Building
4900 North Lamar, Room 1430
Austin, TX 78751

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Sean Stokes, Professional Member
Keith Rosenbaum, Professional Member
Michael Puhl, Public Member
Rick Bruhn, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Cheryl Gomez
Georgia Norman
Amanda Stallings
Molly Fudell

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 12:14 pm by Dr. Stokes, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2015 Rules Committee meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion regarding potential changes to 22 TAC Chapter 801, §801.44. relationships with clients. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl to table this discussion. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding potential changes to 22 TAC §801.143. supervisor requirements. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to add language regarding jurisprudence examination. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion regarding potential changes to 22 TAC §801.263. requirements for continuing education. No action taken.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion regarding the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists licensees who conduct or receive tele-practice and/or tele-supervision. Tabled until the next meeting.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion regarding personal information of licensees listed on the licensee rosters.

Agenda Item 8 was public comment. Two people addressed the committee.

Agenda Item 9 was announcements and comments not requiring committee action, such as statements

regarding conferences and other recent or upcoming events. AMFTRB conference.

Agenda Item 10 was to schedule the next committee meeting date. The next meeting date will be July 10-11, 2015.

Agenda Item 11 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Ethics Committee Meeting
Friday, April 17, 2015 1:30 PM
Texas Department of State Health Services, Brown-Heatly Building
4900 North Lamar, Room 1430
Austin, TX 78751

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Beverly Womack, Professional Member
Joe Ann Clack, Public Member
Michael Miller, Public Member
Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Cheryl Gomez
Georgia Norman
Amanda Stallings

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 2:04 pm by Ms. Smothermon, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2015 Ethics Committee meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Complaint # 1062-13-0030 was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close this complaint with a letter of advisement. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-13-0022 was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-15-0011 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Womack to close this complaint with conditional letter of agreement. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-14-0014 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Clack to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-13-0025 was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Womack to propose a 1 year probated suspension with stipulations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-13-0041 was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding complaints closed administratively as non-jurisdictional.

The Texas State Examiners of Marriage & Family Therapists Ethics Committee having convened on this date and with a quorum present, will now go into Executive Session in accordance with Government Code Chapter 551 (Open Meetings Act) of the State of Texas, for the purposes of consulting with the board attorney concerning the matter of agenda item 5. The date is April 17, 2015. The time is 4:34 pm. The Texas State Examiners of Marriage & Family Therapists Ethics Committee came out of Executive Session at 4:50 pm. No action taken. The date is April 17, 2015.

Agenda Item 5 was the update and discussion on the following pending complaints awaiting informal settlement or State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH):

Complaint # 1062-09-0034 (JP) was not discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller to request that SOAH revoke probation for non-compliance on Complaint # 1062-10-0025 (TN). The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 6 was public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 7 was announcements and comments not requiring committee action, such as statements regarding conferences and other recent or upcoming events.

Agenda Item 8 was to schedule the next committee meeting date(s). The next meeting date will be July 10, 2015.

Agenda Item 9 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Professional Development Committee Meeting
Saturday, April 18, 2015, 9:00AM
Texas Department of State Health Services, Exchange Building
8407 Wall Street, Room N-102
Austin, TX 78754

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

George Francis, Public Member
Beverly Womack, Professional Member
Sean Stokes, Professional Member
Keith Rosenbaum, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Cheryl Gomez
Georgia Norman
Amanda Stallings
Molly Fudell

Guests Present:

Jodie Elder

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 9:05 am by Mr. Francis, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2015 Professional Development Committee meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Rosenbaum to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion regarding reviewing the quarterly summary from the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists' Jurisprudence Examination vendor. A motion was made by Mr. Rosenbaum to approve. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 5 was announcements and comments not requiring committee action, such as statements regarding conferences and other recent or upcoming events.

Agenda Item 6 was to schedule the next committee meeting date. The next meeting date will be July 11, 2015 at 9:00 am.

Agenda Item 7 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 am.

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Board Meeting
Saturday, April 18, 2015, 9:30 AM
Texas Department of State Health Services, Exchange Building
8407 Wall Street, Room N-102
Austin, TX 78754

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Michael Puhl, Public Member
Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member
Rick Bruhn, Professional Member
Sean Stokes, Professional Member
Michael Miller, Public Member
George Francis, Public Member
Joe Ann Clack, Public Member
Beverly Womack, Professional Member
Keith Rosenbaum, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Cheryl Gomez
Georgia Norman
Elaine Snow
Molly Fudell

Guests Present:

Jodie Elder

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 9:30 am by Mr. Puhl, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the approval of the minutes of the January 10, 2015 Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion regarding reports from the following board committees:

Dr. Bruhn gave the Licensing Standards Committee report. The committee reviewed 3 cases, of which 2 cases were approved and 1 case was tabled for additional information. The committee also discussed revisions to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists' Licensed Supervised Experience Verification Form (Form V) and personal information of licensees listed on the licensee rosters. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Smothermon gave the Ethics Committee report. The committee reviewed 6 cases, of which 5 cases were closed and 1 case was proposed for disciplinary action. The committee also discussed 2 cases of

which are awaiting State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) hearings or resolution or informal settlement conferences, of which 1 case was recommended to SOAH for non-compliance. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Stokes gave the Rules Committee report. The committee discussed potential changes to 22 TAC Chapter 801, §801.44. Relationships with Clients, §801.143. Supervisor Requirements and §801.263. Requirements for Continuing Education. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Francis gave the Professional Development Committee report. The committee discussed the quarterly summary from the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists' Jurisprudence Examination vendor. A motion was made by Ms. Clack to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was Executive Session: Consultation with Board attorney pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.071 regarding Texas Medical Association v. Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion regarding Texas Medical Association v. Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists. No action taken.

Agenda Item 6 was the report from the Board Chair and update concerning: current challenges and accomplishments; lawsuits; interaction with stakeholders, state officials, and staff; committee appointments and functions; workload of board members; conferences; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the board. Mr. Puhl gave the report.

Agenda Item 7 was the report from the Executive Director and update concerning: program operations; customer service accomplishments, inquiries, and challenges; current and/or historical licensee statistics; media, legislative, and stakeholder contacts and concerns; workload processing; special projects assigned to executive director; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the licensure program. Ms. Gomez gave the report.

Agenda Item 8 was the Management report and update from the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit manager, including: unit organization and staffing; program costs and revenue; current operational initiatives; customer service accomplishments and challenges; workload processing and statistical information; status of rulemaking within the unit; legislative and media contacts and tracking; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the unit. There was no report.

Agenda Item 9 was the discussion regarding future priorities and activities of the board.

Agenda Item 10 was public comment. Two people addressed the board.

Agenda Item 11 was to set upcoming meeting dates and locations. The next meeting date will be July 10-11, 2015 and October 3-4, 2015 in Belton.

Agenda Item 12 was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.