

**Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists**

***Board Meeting***

**Friday, July 9, 2010 at 2:30 pm  
Department of State Health Services  
8407 Wall Street, Suite N-102  
Austin, TX 78754**

**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:**

Tim Brown, Public Member  
Michael Puhl, Public Member  
Michael Miller, Public Member  
Kaye Nelson, Professional Member  
Beverly Womack, Professional Member  
Edna Reyes-Wilson, Professional Member  
Sandra DeSobe, Professional Member  
Joe Ann Clack, Public Member  
Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member

**Staff Present:**

Carol Miller  
Dan Meador  
Georgia Norman  
Cindy Bourland  
Alice Bradford  
Becky Evers

**Guests Present:**

Rick Bruhn

**Agenda Item 1** was to call the meeting to order at 3:04 pm by Ms. DeSobe, chair.

**Agenda Item 2** was to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2010 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Ms. Clack gave the Ethics Committee report. The committee reviewed 6 cases. Mr. Meador addressed case concerning Janet Andrews and a settlement request. A motion was made by Dr. Nelson to reject the settlement request. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Nelson gave the Licensing Standards Committee report. The committee reviewed 1 case that was tabled for additional information. A motion was made by Ms. Clack to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Wilson gave the Professional Development Committee report. The committee discussed continuing education provider audits and the board's jurisprudence examination. A motion was made by Ms. Clack to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Puhl gave the Rules Committee report. The committee discussed the proposed rule amendments submitted to be published in the Texas Register, to the board's rules in 22 Texas Administrative Code, Part 35, Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of Marriage and Family Therapists, to include amendments relating to Requirements for LMFT-A and LMFT Licensure; Board-Approved Supervisor Status Designation;

Supervised Clinical Experience Requirements; Criminal History Evaluation Letters; Fees related to Criminal History Evaluation Letter, Application for Board Approved Supervisor Status, and Renewal for Board Approved Supervisor Status; Licensure Renewal; Late Renewal; acts by a license holder which may result in Disciplinary Action; procedures related to closure of certain complaints; and other regulation issues. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Agenda Item** was the discussion regarding the Default Order for Erika Bordelon. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to accept the order. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists 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 July 9, 2010. The time is 3:33 pm. The Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists came out of Executive Session at 3:40 pm. No action taken. The date is July 9, 2010.

**Agenda Item 5** was the update by attorney on TMA v. TSBEMFT lawsuit. No action taken.

**Agenda Item 6** was the discussion related to proposed rule amendments submitted to be published in the Texas Register, to the board's rules in 22 Texas Administrative Code, Part 35, Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of Marriage and Family Therapists, to include amendments relating to Requirements for LMFT-A and LMFT Licensure; Board-Approved Supervisor Status Designation; Supervised Clinical Experience Requirements; Criminal History Evaluation Letters; Fees related to Criminal History Evaluation Letter, Application for Board Approved Supervisor Status, and Renewal for Board Approved Supervisor Status; Licensure Renewal; Late Renewal; acts by a license holder which may result in Disciplinary Action; procedures related to closure of certain complaints; and other regulation issues. No action taken.

**Agenda Item 7** was the discussion related to AMFTRB/PES examination. A motion was made by Ms. Clack to propose recommendations. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Agenda Item 8** was the report from the Board Chair and update concerning current challenges and accomplishments; interaction with stakeholders, state officials, and staff; committee appointments and functions; workload of board members; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the board. Ms. DeSobe gave the report.

**Agenda Item 9** 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. Miller gave the report.

**Agenda Item 10** 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.

**Agenda Item 11** was to schedule the next meeting(s). The next meeting date will be October 1-2, 2010.

**Agenda Item 12** was public comment. Dr. Bruhn addressed the board.

**Agenda Item 13** was adjournment. The next meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.