

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Ethics Committee Meeting
Friday, January 11, 2013, 12:30 pm
Texas Department of State Health Services, Exchange Building
8407 Wall Street, Room N-102
Austin, TX 78754

Board Members Present:

Rick Bruhn, Professional Member
Joe Ann Clack, Public Member
Michael Miller, Public Member
Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Crystal Beard
Stewart Myrick
David Richards
Cindy Bourland
Champ Kerr
Damon Parker
Alex Ortiz
Gerard Bonner
Bob Walker

Guests Present:

Rick Thompson	Dan Lype
Kenda Dalrymple	Melissa Standish
Thao Phan	Shirley Wolbrink
Lillian Solis-Smith	Phil Durst
Ben Boaz	Tammy Hall
Mary Pat Carlson	Jodie Elder
Pam Bermender	Colin Newberry

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 1:31 pm by Ms. Clack, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes of the October 2012 meeting. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion and possible action on the following pending complaints:

1062-13-0001 RT – Mr. Miller made a motion to close the complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

1062-11-0047 LSS – Ms. Smothermon made a motion to close the complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

1062-11-0060 MS – Dr. Bruhn made a motion to close the complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

1062-11-0061 SW – Mr. Miller made a motion to close the complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

1062-11-0033 TP – Mr. Miller made a motion to close the complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

1062-11-0038 & 1062-11-0055 BB – The committee went into executive session at 3:18 pm. The committee went into open session at 3:42 pm. Mr. Miller made a motion to propose a probated suspension for two years, require that the licensee engage in monthly counseling for at least one year, with additional therapy as recommended by a therapist, require bi-monthly supervision of the licensee with quarterly reports by a board-approved LMFT, and require that the licensee complete the board's jurisprudence exam. The motion was seconded and passed.

The committee recessed at 3:46 pm. The committee reconvened at 3:52 pm.

1062-11-0024 MPC – Mr. Miller made a motion to close the complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

1062-12-0001 GHS – Mr. Miller made a motion to propose revocation of the license. The motion was seconded and passed.

1062-11-0036 DIL – Ms. Smothermon made a motion to issue a letter of concern if the licensee completes three continuing education hours related to recordkeeping, six continuing education hours related to feminist family therapy, and the board's jurisprudence exam within one year; otherwise, a formal reprimand will be proposed. The motion was seconded and passed.

1062-11-0027 LM – Ms. Smothermon made a motion to close the complaint as non-jurisdictional. The motion was seconded and passed.

1062-11-0052 FH – Dr. Bruhn made a motion to propose a probated suspension for two years and require completion of three continuing education hours related to ethics, three continuing education hours related to professional representation, three continuing education hours related to brain-based learning, three continuing education hours related to effects of trauma on brain functioning, six continuing education hours related to therapy for trauma, and the board's jurisprudence exam. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

1062-09-0034 JP – Mr. Richards gave the report.

1062-10-0025 TN – Mr. Richards gave the report.

Agenda Item 5 was public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 6 was to schedule the next committee meeting date(s). The next meeting date will be April 5, 2013.

Agenda Item 7 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.