



**Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists**  
*Professional Development Committee*  
**Friday, January 13, 2012, at 1:30 pm or**  
**Upon Adjournment of the Ethics Committee**  
**Department of State Health Services**  
**8407 Wall Street, Room N-102**  
**Austin, TX 78754**

**Agenda**  
**(Womack, Clack, Miller, Bruhn)**

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Approve minutes of the October 2011 meeting.
3. Public Comment.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding continuing education provider audits.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding the board's jurisprudence examination.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding research and formulation of proposed rule language related to interactive continuing education, which is face-to-face or live webinar, as opposed to distance, non-interactive, independent study, or self-study continuing education.
7. Schedule next committee meeting date(s).
8. Adjourn meeting.

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**Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists**  
*Rules Committee*  
**Department of State Health Services**  
**Friday, January 13, 2012, at 2:00 pm or**  
**Upon Adjournment of the Professional Development Committee**  
**8407 Wall Street, Room N-102**  
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**Agenda**  
(DeSobe, Puhl, Francis, Stokes)

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Approve minutes of the October 2011 meeting.
3. Public Comment.
4. Discussion and possible action related to proposed amendments to the board's rules in 22 Texas Administrative Code, Part 35, Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of Marriage and Family Therapists, for publication in the Texas Register.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding possible future rule changes.
6. Schedule next committee meeting date(s).
7. Adjourn meeting.

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**Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists**  
*Licensing Standards Committee*  
**Friday, January 13, 2012, at 2:30 pm or**  
**Upon Adjournment of the Rules Committee**  
**Department of State Health Services**  
**8407 Wall Street, Room N-102**  
**Austin, TX 78754**

**Agenda**  
**(Smothermon, Womack, Francis, Stokes)**

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Approve minutes of the October 2011 meeting.
3. Public Comment.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding the application for licensure or examination of:  
Tara Coker Devine  
Jeffrey Emery  
Stephanie Legako  
Dan Ratliff  
Doris Whiddon
5. Discussion and possible action regarding Capella University's request related to a proposal to satisfy 22 TAC §801.114 for certain students.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding creation of a board policy related to requirements for Fitness for Practice evaluations.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding creation of a board policy related to restrictions on serving as a board-approved supervisor as a result of a formal disciplinary action or board-ordered monitoring.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding staff request to potentially limit appeals cases brought for review by the committee under certain circumstances.
9. Schedule next committee meeting date(s).
10. Adjourn meeting.

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**Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists**  
***Board Meeting***  
**Saturday, January 14, 2012, at 8:30 am**  
**Department of State Health Services**  
**8407 Wall Street, Room N-102**  
**Austin, TX 78754**

**Agenda**

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Approval of minutes of the October 2011 meeting.
3. Public Comment.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding reports from board committees:
  - A. Ethics Committee
    - Number of Cases reviewed
    - Cases Closed
    - Disciplinary Action Recommended
    - Cases awaiting hearings or settlement conferences
    - Discussion and possible action regarding creation of a board policy related to requirements for Fitness for Practice evaluations.
    - Discussion and possible action regarding creation of a board policy related to restrictions on serving as a board-approved supervisor as a result of a formal disciplinary action or board-ordered monitoring.
  - B. Professional Development Committee
    - Discussion and possible action regarding continuing education provider audits.
    - Discussion and possible action regarding the board's jurisprudence examination.
    - Discussion and possible action regarding research and formulation of proposed rule language related to interactive continuing education, which is face-to-face or live webinar, as opposed to distance, non-interactive, independent study, or self-study continuing education.
  - C. Rules Committee
    - Discussion and possible action related to proposed amendments to the board's rules in 22 Texas Administrative Code, Part 35, Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of Marriage and Family Therapists, for publication in the Texas Register.
    - Discussion and possible action regarding possible future rule changes.
  - D. Licensing Standards Committee
    - Numbers of cases reviewed
    - Number of Approvals
    - Number of Denials
    - Number of cases returned for more information
    - Discussion and possible action regarding Capella University's request related to a proposal to satisfy 22 TAC §801.114 for certain students.
    - Discussion and possible action regarding creation of a board policy related to requirements for Fitness for Practice evaluations.
    - Discussion and possible action regarding creation of a board policy related to restrictions on serving as a board-approved supervisor as a result of a formal disciplinary action or board-ordered monitoring.
    - Discussion and possible action regarding staff request to potentially limit appeals cases brought for review by the committee under certain circumstances.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the Order for Final Action for:
  - Denise Meredith
  - Jonathon Paugh
6. Update by attorney on TMA v. TSBEMFT lawsuit.
7. Update regarding adjudicated court case policy for Ethics Complaint consideration.
8. Report on correspondence with AMFTRB.
9. Discussion and possible action related to proposed amendments to the board's rules in 22 Texas Administrative Code, Part 35, Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of Marriage and Family Therapists, for publication in the Texas Register.
10. Discussion and possible action regarding request from Texas Association for Marriage and Family Therapy for TSBEMFT to create Exploratory Task Force to comprehensively research all aspects of the LMFT license and recommend improvements to the licensure criteria, the process and the need to enhance the accessibility and competitiveness of the license to produce objective data that address educational and professional expectations.
11. Discussion and possible action regarding Texas Association for Marriage and Family Therapy's 2012 Annual Conference in Plano March 8-10, 2012.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Discussion and possible action regarding future priorities and activities of the board.
16. Schedule the next meeting(s).
17. Adjournment.

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