

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Ethics Committee Meeting
Department of State Health Services
Friday, July 12, 2013, at 2:30 PM
Exchange Building
8407 Wall Street, Room N-102
Austin, Texas 78754

Minutes

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Crystal Beard
Georgia Norman
Cindy Bourland
Elaine Snow
Gerard Bonner
Cheryl Gomez

Guests Present:

Peter Doyle	Vanessa Perkins
James Morris	Rodney Shepherd
Kurt Clarke	LaDon Mathys
Theophilus Natter	Jodie Elder
Viviana Coles	Kenda Dalrymple
Miriam Martinez	Darrel DeGraw

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 3:25 pm by Ms. Smothermon, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2013 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 #1062-13-0019 (NR) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close this complaint as non-jurisdictional. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint #1062-13-0024 (JL) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close this complaint as non-jurisdictional. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint #1062-13-0017 (EL) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close this complaint as non-jurisdictional. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint #1062-13-0032 (TN) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Clack to close this complaint as non-jurisdictional. 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 3. The date is July 12, 2013. The time is 3:45 pm. The Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists came out of Executive Session at 4:00 pm. No action taken. The date is July 12, 2013.

Complaint #1062-12-0025 (VC) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to close this complaint with advisement pending stipulations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint #1062-13-0003 (DD) was tabled and not discussed.

Complaint #1062-12-0022 (DD) was tabled and not discussed.

Complaint #1062-11-0009 (PD) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Womack to close this complaint with advisement pending stipulations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion relating to the impact of House Bill 300 (82nd Legislative Session, 2011, Regular Session) concerning the privacy of protected health information and the provision of administrative, civil and criminal penalties. Mr. Miller gave the report.

Agenda Item 5 was the update on the following pending complaints awaiting informal settlement or SOAH hearings:

1062-09-0034 JP

1062-10-0025 TN

No action was taken.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion regarding rule change recommendations to be sent to the Rules Committee for consideration. No action taken.

Agenda Item 7 was public comment. Ms. Elder commented.

Agenda Item 8 was to schedule the next committee meeting date(s). The next meeting date will be October 25-26, 2013.

Agenda Item 9 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.