



**Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, July 12, 2014 9:30AM**  
**Exchange Building, Room N102**  
**8407 Wall Street**  
**Austin, TX 78754**

**Minutes**

**Board Member Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Crystal Beard  
Georgia Norman  
Elaine Snow  
Cindy Bourland  
Carol Miller

**Guests Present:**

Jodie Elder  
Kurt Clarke  
Theophillus Natter

**Agenda Item 1** was to call the meeting to order at 9:35 am by Mr. Puhl, chair.

**Agenda Item 2** was the approval of the minutes of the April 5, 2014 Board meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Ms. Womack gave the Professional Development Committee report. The committee discussed the quarterly summary from the Marriage and Family Therapy Jurisprudence Examination vendor, recommendations for rule changes related to 22 Texas Administrative Code ("TAC") §801.264. Types of Acceptable Continuing Education and the 40-hour clinical supervision continuing education course requirement for board-approved Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Supervisors. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Bruhn gave the Licensing Standards Committee report. The committee discussed about Marriage and Family Therapy licensees who conduct or receive telepractice and/or telesupervision and the 40-hour clinical supervision continuing education course requirement for board-approved Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Supervisors. 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 7 cases, of which 6 cases were closed and 1 case was proposed for disciplinary action. The committee also discussed Marriage and Family Therapist licensees who conduct or receive telepractice and/or telesupervision. A motion was made by Dr. Rosenbaum to approve the report. The motion as seconded and passed.

Dr. Stokes gave the Rules Committee report. The committee discussed changes to 22 Texas Administrative Code §801.264. Types of Acceptable Continuing Education, the maximum time a new applicant may wait to apply for licensure after passing the national marriage and family therapy exam and Marriage and Family Therapy licensees who conduct or receive telepractice and/or telesupervision. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Agenda Item 4** was the discussion regarding 22 Texas Administrative Code §801.264. Types of Acceptable Continuing Education. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn to approve the amendments. The motion as seconded and passed.

**Agenda Item 5** 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 6** 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. Beard gave \ the report.

**Agenda Item 7** 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. Ms. Bourland gave the report.

**Agenda Item 8** was the discussion regarding the Orders for final action for the following individuals:

A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to approve the order for #1062-11-0052 Francis Hymel. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to approve the order for # 1062-10-0025 Theophilus Natter. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Agenda Item 9** was the update by attorney on Texas Medical Association v. Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists lawsuit. Ms. Snow gave the report.

**Agenda Item 10** was the discussion regarding future priorities and activities of the board.

**Agenda Item 11** was public comment. Two people addressed the board.

**Agenda Item 12** was to schedule the next meeting. The next meeting date will be September 26-27, 2014.

**Agenda Item 13** was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.