

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists

Board Meeting

Saturday, October 2, 2010 at 9:00 pm

Department of State Health Services

8407 Wall Street, Suite N-102

Austin, TX 78754

Minutes

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Edna Reyes-Wilson, Professional Member
Tim Brown, Public Member

Staff Present:

Carol Miller
Dan Meador
Georgia Norman

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 2 was the approval of the minutes of the July 2010 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to approve the minute. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Ms. Clack gave the Ethics Committee report. The committee reviewed 21 cases of which 14 were closed, 2 cases were tabled for additional information and 5 disciplinary actions were recommended. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Nelson gave the Licensing Standards Committee report. The committee reviewed 4 cases, of which 3 were denied and 1 case was tabled for additional information. A motion was made to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Mr. Puhl gave the Rules Committee report. The committee discussed 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 amendments to the Parent rules. The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made by Ms. Clack to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding the Default Order for Jimmie Adams. This was not discussed.

Agenda Item 5 was the update by attorney on TMA v. TSBEMFT lawsuit.

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 October 2, 2010. The time is 10:28 am. The Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists came out of Executive Session at 10:37 am. No action taken. The date is October 2, 2010.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion regarding public comments concerning the proposed amendments and new section of Title 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of marriage and family therapists, as published in the July 9, 2010 issue of the Texas Register. The proposed rules include amending 801.18, 801.142, 801.143, 801.234, 801.235, and 801.291, and 801.296, as well as proposing new section 801.19. A motion was made by Ms. Clack accept the proposed rules as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion regarding the final adoption of the amendments and new section of Title 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of marriage and family therapists.

Agenda Item 8 was the report from Michael Puhl regarding the meetings of the Council on Licensure, Enforcement, and Regulation (CLEAR) and the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards (AMFTRB).

Agenda Item 9 was the discussion with Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards' (AMFTRB) Executive Director, Lois Paff Bergen, Ph.D., LMFT.

Agenda Item 10 was the discussion related to AMFTRB/PES examination.

Agenda Item 11 was the discussion regarding the Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists participation in the Texas Counseling Association 2010 Professional Growth Conference from November 10-13, 2010 in Austin at the Austin Convention Center. Dr. Nelson and Ms. Womack will be attending.

Agenda Item 12 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 13 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 14 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 15 was the discussion regarding future priorities and activities of the board.

Agenda Item 16 was to schedule the next meeting(s). The next meeting will be January 15-15, 2011.

Agenda Item 17 was public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 18 was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm