



Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Board Meeting
Texas Department of State Health Services
Saturday, April 5, 2014 9:00AM
Sam Houston State University
The Woodlands Center
3380 College Park Drive, Conference Room #425 (4th Floor)
The Woodlands, TX 77384

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Keith Rosenbaum, Professional Member
Rick Bruhn, Professional Member
Michael Puhl, Public Member
Sean Stokes, Professional Member
Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member
Michael Miller, Public Member
Beverly Womack, Professional Member
George Francis, Public Member

Staff Present:

Crystal Beard
Elaine Snow
Georgia Norman
Carol Miller

Guests Present:

Jodie Elder
Dana Hahn
Leonard Bohanan
Stephanie Gobel
James Morris

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 9:00 am by Mr. Puhl, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the approval of the minutes of the January 11, 2014 Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Mr. Francis gave the Professional Development Committee meeting report. The committee discussed marriage and family therapy continuing education provider audits conducted, the quarterly summary from the Jurisprudence Examination vendor and 22 Texas Administrative Code §801.264 Types of Acceptable Continuing Education. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Bruhn gave the Licensing Standards Committee report. The committee reviewed 3 cases of which 2 were approved and 1 case was denied. The committee also discussed capping the amount of time an applicant waits to apply for licensure after passing the national marriage and family therapy exam, licensees who conduct or receive telepractice and/or telesupervision, either inside or outside the State of Texas, the 24 month minimum licensure requirement for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associates who were previously licensed in other jurisdictions and the minimum licensure requirements for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists

seeking board-approved supervisor status who were previously licensed in other jurisdictions. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Smothermon gave the Ethics Committee report. The committee reviewed 6 cases of which 4 cases were closed and 2 cases were recommended for disciplinary. The committee also discussed Marriage and Family Therapist licensees who conduct or receive telepractice and/or telesupervision, either inside or outside the State of Texas. A motion was made by Dr. Rosenbaum to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Stokes gave the Rules Committee report. The committee discussed recommendations for rule changes related to 22 Texas Administrative Code (“TAC”) §801.44, §801.112, §801.113 and §801.114. The committee also discussed Marriage and Family Therapy licensees who conduct or receive telepractice and/or telesupervision, either inside or outside the State of Texas. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion 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. A motion was made by Mr. Francis to approve the report. The motion was 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 on the Texas Association for Marriage and Family Therapy’s 2014 annual conference.

Agenda Item 7 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.

Agenda Item 8 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 9 was the update by attorney on Texas Medical Association v. Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists lawsuit.

Agenda Item 10 was the discussion regarding future priorities and activities of the board. There was none.

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

Agenda Item 12 was to schedule the next meeting. The next meeting will be July 11-12, 2014.

Agenda Item 13 was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:11 am.