



Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Board Meeting
Texas Department of State Health Services
Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 9 AM
Exchange Building, Room N102
8407 Wall Street
Austin, TX 78754

Minutes

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Crystal Beard
Elaine Snow
Georgia Norman
Cindy Bourland
Carol Miller

Guests Present:

Jodie Elder

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 9:05 am by Mr. Puhl, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the approval of the minutes of the October 26, 2013 Board meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Stokes to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Dr. Stokes gave the Professional Development Committee report. The committee discussed the quarterly summary from the Jurisprudence Examination vendor and professional organizations' efforts to assist LMFTs and LMFT Associates with insurance and reimbursement issues. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Bruhn gave the Licensing Standards Committee report. The committee reviewed 1 case and approved with stipulations. 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 2 cases, of which both cases were closed. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn 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") §801.2, Definitions, §801.42, Professional Therapeutic Services, §801.44, Relationships with Clients, §801.52, Display of License Certificate, §801.53, Advertising and Announcements, §801.112, General, §801.113, Academic Requirements, §801.114, Academic Course Content, §801.204, Licensing of Military Spouses and §801.264, Types of Acceptable Continuing Education. A motion was made by Dr. Bruhn 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 Dr. Bruhn to approve. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion related to the proposed Board Policy –Division of Responsibilities. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to approve the amendments. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 6 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.

Agenda Item 7 was the report on the Texas Counseling Association's Professional Growth Conference. Mr. Puhl gave the report.

Agenda Item 8 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 9 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 10 was the discussion regarding the meeting location for the April 4-5, 2014 board and committee meetings.

Agenda Item 11 was the discussion regarding future priorities and activities of the board. There was none.

Agenda Item 12 was public comment. Ms. Elder addressed the board.

Agenda Item 13 was to schedule the next meeting. The next meeting will be April 4-5, 2014.

Agenda Item 14 was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.