

Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists

Board Meeting

**Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 8:30 am
Department of State Health Services
8407 Wall Street, Suite N-102
Austin, TX 78754**

Minutes

Board Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Carol Miller
Georgia Norman
Dan Meador
Cindy Bourland

Guests Present:

Rick Bruhn
Jodie Elder
Kenda Dalrymple
James Morris

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 8:35 am by Ms. Womack, vice-chair.

Agenda Item 2 was the approval of the minutes of the January 2011 meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Ms. Clack gave the Ethics Committee report. The committee reviewed 15 cases, of which 11 cases were closed, 1 case was tabled and 3 cases were proposed for disciplinary action. The committee also discussed four year rule review. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Nelson gave the Licensing Standards Committee report. The committee discussed 1 case and 1 case was withdrawn and not discussed. The committee also discussed about the four year rule review. A motion was made by Ms. Clack 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, the board's jurisprudence examination, the informational mail-out and the four year rule review. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Puhl gave the Rules Committee report. The committee discussed the public comments on the proposed amendments to Title 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of marriage and family therapists, related to Parenting Facilitation and Parenting Coordination, as published in the February 4, 2011 issue of the *Texas Register* and the final adoption of amendments to Title 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of marriage and family therapists. The committee also discussed the four year rule review.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding the Order for Final Action for:

The Order for Denise Meredith was discussed. A motion was made to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Order for Cynthia Boyd was discussed. A motion was made to accept. The motion was seconded and passed,

The Order for Claudia Brewer was discussed. A motion was made to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Order for Jason Fischer was discussed. A motion was made to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Order for Walter Swinhoe was discussed. A motion was made to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Order for Theophilus Natter was discussed. A motion was made to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Order for Janet Andrews was discussed. A motion was made to accept. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the update by attorney on TMA v. TSBEMFT lawsuit. No action taken.

Agenda Item 6 was the update related to AMFTRB/PES examination contract amendments and extension, as well as implementation of an additional examination window in 2011 as well as online application. Ms. Miller gave the update.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion regarding public comments on the proposed amendments to Title 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of marriage and family therapists, related to Parenting Facilitation and Parenting Coordination, as published in the February 4, 2011 issue of the *Texas Register*.

Agenda Item 8 was the discussion regarding final adoption of amendments to Title 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of marriage and family therapists, related to Parenting Facilitation and Parenting Coordination. A motion was made by Ms. Clack to adopt. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 9 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. Womack gave the report.

Agenda Item 10 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 11 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 12 was the discussion regarding future priorities and activities of the board. There was none.

Agenda Item 13 was to schedule the next meeting(s). The next meeting will be July 15-16, 2011.

Agenda Item 14 was public comment. Dr. Bruhn addressed the board.

Agenda Item 15 was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.