



**Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists**  
*Ethics Committee Meeting*  
**Department of State Health Services**  
**Friday, April 4, 2014 9:00AM**  
**Sam Houston State University**  
**The Woodlands Center**  
**3380 College Park Drive, Banquet Room #430 (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)**  
**The Woodlands, TX 77384**

**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:**

Jennifer Smothermon, Professional Member  
Michael Miller, Public Member  
Beverly Womack, Professional Member

**Staff Present:**

Crystal Beard  
Elaine Snow  
Georgia Norman  
Carol Miller  
Gerard Bonner  
Jerry Gonzalez  
Oscar Draughn  
Alex Ortiz

**Guests Present:**

Tom Hartsell	Janet Poe
Thao Phan	Jodie Elder
Michael Flynn	Charles West
James Morris	Lea Fauster
Peter Bradley	Jasmin Galarza
Chuck West	Iliana Gomez
Christina Story	Leondard Bohanan
Kate Walker	Dana Hahn

**Agenda Item 1** was to call the meeting to order at 9:05 am by Ms. Smothermon, chair.

**Agenda Item 2** was to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2014 Ethics Committee meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to approve. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Agenda Item 3** was the discussion on the following pending complaints:

Complaint # 1062-12-0006 (AR) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-12-0003 (TP) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-12-0031 (RSB) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Womack to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-12-0050 (SH) was tabled and not discussed.

Complaint # 1062-13-0002 (DIL) and #1062-12-0038 (DIL) was discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Smothermon to propose a 2 year probated suspension with stipulations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-12-0007 (TJ) was discussed. A motion was made to close this complaint as the license has expired. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Agenda Item 4** was the discussion regarding Marriage and Family Therapist licensees who conduct or receive telepractice and/or telesupervision, either inside or outside the State of Texas.

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 April 4, 2014. The time is 10:58 am. The Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists came out of Executive Session at 11:10 am. No action taken. The date is April 4, 2014.

**Agenda Item 5** was the update on the following pending complaints awaiting informal settlement or SOAH hearings:

1062-09-0034 JP

1062-10-0025 TN

**Agenda Item 6** was public comment. Ms. Elder addressed the board.

**Agenda Item 7** was to schedule the next committee meeting date(s). The next meeting date will be July 11-12, 2014 in Austin.

**Agenda Item 8** was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.