

**Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists**  
*Ethics Committee Meeting*  
**Department of State Health Services**  
**Friday, October 25, 2013, at 2:00 PM**  
**Exchange Building**  
**8407 Wall Street, Room N-102**  
**Austin, Texas 78754**

**Minutes**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

Crystal Beard  
Georgia Norman  
Elaine Snow

**Guests Present:**

Ron Hixson	Swathi Muppa	Vanessa Perkins
Kenda Dalrymple	Devon Craft	Nourin Maredia
Rita Pickering	Lailah Nabhan	Mary Miller
Marilou Weir	Tiffany Fay	Rodney Shepherd
David Cantu	Ali Houshmand	Jodie Elder
John Berumen Jr	Christina Seale	Laura Logan
Mike Donato	Tamie Henry	
Harris Leonard	Shawn Talbot	

**Agenda Item 1** was to call the meeting to order at 2:00 pm by Ms. Smothermon, chair.

**Agenda Item 2** was to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2013 Ethics Committee meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

Complaint # 1062-12-0020 (RH) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl to close this complaint with a conditional letter of agreement with stipulations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-12-0011 (RP) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-12-0040 (MW) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-13-0009 (MW) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-13-0021 (DC) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl to close this complaint as non-jurisdictional. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-12-0047 (JB) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-13-0003 (DD) was discussed. A motion was made by

Complaint # 1062-12-0022 (DD) was discussed. A motion was made by

Complaint # 1062-13-0012 (GC) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-13-0018 (GC) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Miller to close this complaint as no violation. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-13-0038 (NY) was discussed. A motion was made by Mr. Puhl to propose a 1 year probated suspension. The motion was seconded and passed.

Complaint # 1062-13-0016 PM was discussed. A motion was made by

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 3. The date is October 26, 2013. The time is 4:00 pm. The Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists came out of Executive Session at 4:13 pm. No action taken. The date is October 26, 2013.

**Agenda Item 4** was the update, discussion and possible action on pending complaints awaiting informal settlement or SOAH hearings:

1062-09-0034 JP  
1062-10-0025 TN

No action taken.

**Agenda Item 5** was public comment. Two people addressed the board.

**Agenda Item 6** was to schedule the next committee meeting date(s). The next meeting date will be January 10-11, 2014.

**Agenda Item 7** was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.