

^Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Rules Committee
Department of State Health Services
Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 11:00 am
8407 Wall Street, Room N-102
Austin, TX 78754

Agenda
(Puhl, DeSobe, Francis, Clack)

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Approve minutes of the July 2011 meeting.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding required rule changes from legislation passed during the 82st Regular Session of the Texas Legislature which may affect the regulation of marriage and family therapists, the board, or the Department of State Health Services Professional Licensing and Certification Unit, including facilitating the licensure of military spouses.
4. Discussion and possible action related to recommendations for the full board for amendments to the board's rules as a part of the four year rule review of 22 Texas Administrative Code, Part 35, Chapter 801, concerning the licensure and regulation of Marriage and Family Therapists.
5. Discussion and possible action related to approval of 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.
6. Public Comment.
7. Schedule next committee meeting date(s).
8. Adjourn meeting.

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Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Ethics Committee Meeting
Department of State Health Services
Friday, October 14, 2011 at 10:00 am
8407 Wall Street, Room N-102
Austin, TX

Agenda
(Clack, Miller, Smothermon, Bruhn)

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Approve minutes of the July 2011 meeting.
3. Discussion and possible action on pending complaints:

1062-10-0043 BH	1062-11-0028 DW
1062-10-0048 CS	1062-11-0042 RG
1062-11-0004 TW	1062-11-0044 MV
1062-11-0011 SL	1062-11-0056 KW
1062-11-0013 KB	
1062-11-0021 PP	
1062-11-0022 PP	
1062-11-0023 CW	
4. Update, discussion and possible action on pending complaints awaiting informal settlement or SOAH hearings:

1062080011 PD
1062100004 JP
1062100005 JP
1062090034 JP
1062100025TN
5. Discussion and possible action regarding Beverly Engel, LMFT, Complaint #1062-11-0007.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding the authorization of continuing education credit in ethics by the board for the time licensees who are not parties to a case spend attending Ethics Committee meetings.
7. Schedule next committee meeting date(s).
8. Public Comment.
9. Adjourn meeting.

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Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Licensing Standards Committee
Friday, October 14, 2011
at 2:00 pm or upon adjournment of Ethics Committee
Department of State Health Services
8407 Wall Street, Room N-102
Austin, TX 78754

Agenda
(Smothermon, Puhl, Womack, DeSobe)

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Approve minutes of the July 2011 meeting.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding addressing concerns related to LMFT-Associates' completion of "at least 750 hours consist of direct clinical services to couples or families."
4. Discussion and possible action regarding request to modify forms, policies, or rules related to board approval of minimum requirements for supervision and supervised experience of an LMFT-A towards LMFT licensure, as they relate to the Supervisory Agreement Form and the location of practice .
5. Discussion and possible action regarding acceptance of licensure applications from individuals who do not hold a qualifying degree but who are students in PhD programs and who have completed all required coursework toward the degree except the dissertation.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding minimum academic requirements for licensure as related to Title 22, Texas Administrative Code §801.112-801.115, pertaining to current acceptance of degrees titled "Marriage and Family Therapy," and "Marital and Family Therapy" as well as other COAMFTE accredited programs, with consideration of possible inclusion of "Marriage Couples and Family Counseling" and other substantially equivalent iterations of that program title as determined by the board from CACREP accredited programs.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding the application for licensure or examination of:
 - Wendy Copeland
 - Heather Dunn
 - Shandan Ferdousi
 - Babette Frith
 - Marta Garrett
 - Jaime Goff
 - Shana Parsons
 - Chad Touchette
 - Karen Walker
8. Public Comment.
9. Schedule next committee meeting date(s).
10. Adjourn meeting.

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Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Professional Development Committee
Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 8:30 am
Department of State Health Services
8407 Wall Street, Room N-102
Austin, TX 78754

Agenda
(Womack, Miller, Bruhn, Francis)

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Approve minutes of the July 2011 meeting.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding continuing education provider audits.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding the board's jurisprudence examination.
5. Discussion and possible action regarding informational mail-out.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding the authorization of continuing education credit in ethics by the board for the time licensees who are not parties to a case spend attending Ethics Committee meetings.
7. Public Comment.
8. Schedule next committee meeting date(s).
9. Adjourn meeting.

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Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists
Board Meeting
Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 9:30 am
Department of State Health Services
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Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Approval of minutes of the July 2011 meeting.
3. Discussion and possible action regarding reports from board committees:
 - A. Rules Committee
 - Discussion and possible action regarding required rule changes from legislation passed during the 82nd Regular Session of the Texas Legislature which may affect the regulation of marriage and family therapists, the board, or the Department of State Health Services Professional Licensing and Certification Unit, including facilitating the licensure of military spouses.
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 - Discussion and possible action related to approval of 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.
 - B. Ethics Committee
 - Number of Cases reviewed
 - Cases Closed
 - Disciplinary Action Recommended
 - Cases awaiting hearings or settlement conferences
 - Discussion and possible action regarding Beverly Engel, LMFT, Complaint #1062-11-0007.
 - Discussion and possible action regarding the authorization of continuing education credit in ethics by the board for the time licensees who are not parties to a case spend attending Ethics Committee meetings.
 - C. Licensing Standards Committee
 - Numbers of cases reviewed
 - Number of Approvals
 - Number of Denials
 - Number of cases returned for more information
 - Discussion and possible action regarding addressing concerns related to LMFT-Associates' completion of "at least 750 hours consist of direct clinical services to couples or families."
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- D. Professional Development Committee
- Discussion and possible action regarding continuing education provider audits.
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 - Discussion and possible action regarding informational mail-out.
 - Discussion and possible action regarding the authorization of continuing education credit in ethics by the board for the time licensees who are not parties to a case spend attending Ethics Committee meetings.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding the Order for Final Action for:
 - Denise Meredith
 5. Update by attorney on TMA v. TSBEMFT lawsuit.
 6. Report from Representative of Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists on AMFTRB Annual Meeting September 2011.
 7. Update related to AMFTRB/PES examination contract negotiations.
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 11. 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.
 12. 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.
 13. 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.

14. Discussion and possible action regarding future priorities and activities of the board.
15. Schedule the next meeting(s).
16. Public Comment.
17. Adjournment.

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