

Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners
Rules Committee
Friday, March 9, 2012, at 1:30 pm
Exchange Building, Room N-102
8407 Wall Street
Austin, Texas 78754

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Tim Brown, Professional Member
Nary Spears, Professional Member
Mark Talbot, Public Member
Denise Pratt, Public Member

Staff Present:

Carol Miller
Lisa Nieman
Georgia Norman

Guests Present:

Vicki Hansen
Maxine Thomlinson

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 1:35 pm by Mr. Talbot, chair.

Agenda Item 2 was to approve the minutes from the December 2011 Rules Committee meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Brown to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion regarding proposed amendments to Title 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 781, to be published as proposed rules in the Texas Register, concerning the licensure and regulation of social workers related to §781.201(a)(1) and §781.312(a); deletion of §781.514(6); clarification related to limits on the frequency with which an applicant may be issued a temporary license; clarification of minimum requirements related to supervision and supervised experience; inclusion of language for “Conditional Letters of Agreement” and other informal methods of resolving certain complaints; modifications related to licensing of military spouses; §781.401(b)(2) related to qualifications for LMSW-AP specialty recognition; correction of typographical errors in the fee schedule; clarification of minimum requirements for licensure or specialty recognition related to supervision; modification that a licensee who submits a Clinical Supervision Plan, a Non-Clinical Supervision Plan, and a Board-Ordered Supervision Plan to the board; clarification of the number of times an applicant may attempt to pass the appropriate board-approved licensure examination before having to receive formal authorization from the appropriate committee of the board to re-examine (limits per lifetime, not per application); modification related to administrative closure of certain non-jurisdictional complaints by the executive director in consultation with the attorney; corrections of other typographical and grammatical errors as necessary; clarification regarding 781.304(b); and modification of exemptions from record keeping requirements for licensees practicing in certain settings.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion regarding proposed amendments to Title 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 781, to be published as proposed rules in the Texas Register, concerning the licensure and regulation of social workers related to modification 22 TAC §781.204(b) and §781.210(a); §781.401(b)(2); §781.506; §781.204(h); §781.102(37) and (38); clarification of calculation of the terms of supervised experience and supervision for licensure or specialty recognition expiring; addition to standards of practice; clarification of CE certificates and complaints process regarding requesting client records. A motion was made by Mr. Brown to accept the modifications. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion regarding recommendation of a rule package to the full board for consideration for publication in the Texas Register. Discussed under item 4.

Agenda Item 6 was to set the next committee meeting date(s). The next meeting date will be June 7-9, 2012.

Agenda Item 7 was public comment. Ms. Hansen addressed the board.

Agenda Item 8 was to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.