

# Health Professions Council

## Minutes for the March 5, 2012 Regular Meeting

<b>Call to Order</b>	<p>A meeting of the Health Professions Council (HPC) was held on March 5, 2012 in Conference Room 2-225 of the William P. Hobby Building, Austin, Texas. Ms. Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Present at the meeting were the following representatives:</p> <p><b>Katherine Thomas</b>, Executive Director Texas Board of Nursing <b>Gay Dodson</b>, Executive Director Texas State Board of Pharmacy <b>John Maline</b>, Executive Director Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners <b>Sheri Meek</b>, Executive Director Texas State Board of Dental Examiners <b>Yvette Yarbrough</b>, Executive Director Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners <b>Sherry Lee</b>, Executive Director Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists <b>Hemant Makan</b>, Executive Director Texas State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners <b>Martha Gussoni</b>, Executive Assistant Texas Funeral Services Commission <b>Chris Kloeris</b>, Executive Director Texas Optometry Board <b>Nicole Oria</b>, Executive Director Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners <b>Cindy Bourland</b>, Department of State Health Services <b>Becky Dean</b>, Office of the Governor</p> <p>Also present: <b>John Monk</b>, Administrative Officer and <b>Patricia Ortiz</b>, Administrative Assistant</p>
<b>Roll Call and Introductions</b>	<p>Mr. Monk called roll. Ms. Dodson announced that a quorum was present. Ms. Dodson reordered the agenda to discuss announcements at the end of the meeting.</p>
<b>Approval of Minutes for March 2012 Regular Meeting</b>	<p>Minutes of the December 12, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Oria, moved to approve the minutes of the meetings. Ms. Bourland seconded the motion. By unanimous voice vote the minutes were approved.</p>

<p><b>Technology Report</b></p> <p><b>Information Technology Support Staff (ITSS)</b></p> <p><b>Regulatory Database Project</b></p>	<p>Mr. Monk provided the ITSS participating agencies with an updated project list.</p> <p>Mr. Monk reviewed the progress of the Regulatory Database Project. The agencies are in the process of evaluating outstanding issues Mr. Monk informed the Council that he will provide additional updates to the participating agencies as applicable.</p>
<p><b>Budget and Planning Committee</b></p> <p><b>Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2012</b></p>	<p>Mr. Monk reported on the HPC budget through the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of Fiscal Year 2012. He provided expenditure reports. There were no questions.</p>
<p><b>Annual Report Workgroup</b></p>	<p>Ms. Dodson discussed the Council's Annual Report. She informed the Council that member agencies did not have a standard format for reporting information. Mr. Makan agreed that the agencies all report on a variety of categories, and in some instances the agencies share definitions. He informed the Council that in many instances agencies have different definitions for their categories. He provided short examples and the reasons for them. Ms. Bourland reported that the Department of State Health Services have multiple reports due and that each one is configured to respond appropriately. Mr. Makan indicated that an index would provide additional background and support for each agency's reported information. Ms. Dodson requested a volunteer workgroup be created to review the possibility of such an index.</p>

<b>Roundtable</b>	<p>Ms. Thomas informed the Council of changes made to the board room. The changes included additional audio/visual equipment, new flooring, and the removal of surplus furniture by the Council. Ms. Meek reported a concern regarding the security of board members during meetings and was grateful for the room changes.</p> <p>Ms. Thomas requested a report on the utilization of the Council's Human Resource Pilot Project. Mr. Monk agreed to provide statistics on the use of the program at the next Council meeting.</p>
<b>Comments from the audience</b>	<p>There were no comments from the audience.</p>
<b>Next meeting</b>	<p>The next meeting of the Council will be June 18, 2012 in Hobby 2-225.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Dodson.</p>