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MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2014

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy met in regular session on July 7, 2014 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Melissa Mueller, CMT, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Melissa Mueller, CMT, Chairperson
Charlie Franklin, LMT, Vice-Chairperson (arrived at 9:45 a.m.)
Donald Bowman, MT
Tiffany Gennety, LMT
Terese Hunter, Public Member
Nicole Lennox, LMT
Beth Miazga, LMT (arrived at 9:45 a.m.)
Jill Murphy, Public Member
Teresa Rivard, Public Member

Members Absent:

Katie Kiter, Public Member

Staff Present:

Amy Schneider, Secretary, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section
Norene Lind, Manager, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section
Karen Carpenter, Analyst, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section

Others Present:

Kevin Snedden, FSMTB
Mary O'Reilly, FSMTB
Karen Armstrong, Beaumont & FSMTB
Kathy Skubik, Irene's Myomassology Institute
Eric Crytzer, Irene's Myomassology Institute
Su Bibik, IME
Janine McKay, Oakland Community College
Josh Robertson, AMTA
Nancy Levitt

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Bowman, seconded by Gennety, to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Gennety, seconded by Hunter, to approve the agenda with the following changes: Item 6A is amended to reflect Kevin Snedden, Director of Operations instead of Dr. Debra Persinger, Executive Director.

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

FSMTB Presentation by Kevin Snedden, Director of Operations and Mary O’Rielly, MBLEX Coordinator

A PowerPoint presentation was provided by Kevin Snedden, Director of Operations and Mary O’Rielly, MBLEX Coordinator, of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB). Mr. Snedden provided an overview of the various programs and services provided by the FSMTB. He also encouraged Board members to attend (FSMTB) Annual meeting scheduled October 2-4, 2014, in Tucson, Arizona. Mary O’Rielly gave an informative presentation about the Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEX). A brief question and answer session followed.

Department Update

Lind informed about the new allegation review procedures that will go into effect on July 1, 2014, requiring two Board members to review all allegations in addition to the Chairperson. Mueller asked Gennety and Miazga to assist with the allegation review.

Lind updated Board members about SB 597, a bill that would require all health professional licensees to complete training in recognizing the signs of Human Trafficking. This requirement would apply to both original and renewal licenses.

Lind explained that the draft rules may need additional revisions, and that the rules would be returned to the Rules Committee to discuss possible revisions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine McKay commented that Massage Therapy Test Exams should be a mandatory gatekeeping measure for qualifying for licensure. She also believes the rules should require substantive Continuing Education (CE) offerings and a course in ethics.

Nancy Levitt commented that accredited massage therapy schools should be able to offer Continuing Education (CE).

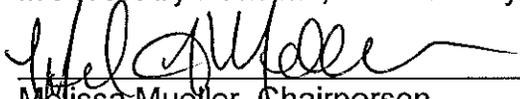
Eric Crytzer echoed Ms. Levitt's sentiments about allowing accredited massage therapy schools to provide CE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

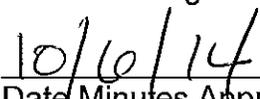
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 6, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

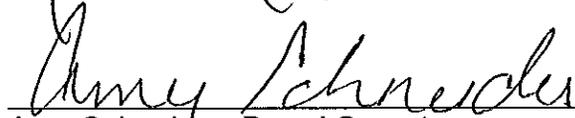
MOTION by Bowman, seconded by Gennety, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m.



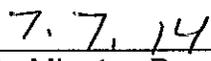
Melissa Mueller, Chairperson



Date Minutes Approved



Amy Schneider, Board Secretary



Date Minutes Prepared