



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH  
LANSING

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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY NOVEMBER 15, 2010 MEETING

### 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 November 15, 2010, at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Karen Armstrong, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Karen Armstrong, Chairperson  
Michael Ryan, Vice-Chairperson  
Mary Ericson (arrived at 9:45 a.m.)  
Tiffany Hartung, Public Member  
Dennis Hilton-Scheffler  
Bilky Joda-Miller  
Jodi Kubizna  
Thomas Mackowiak, Public Member  
Harold Rudnianin  
Amanda West, Public Member

**Members Absent:**

Timothy Bograkos, Public Member

**Staff Present:**

Laurie VanBeelen, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Amy Allen, Policy Administration Manager, Health Regulatory Division  
Desmond Mitchell, Analyst, Health Regulatory Division (left at 10:54 a.m.)

**Others Present:**

Deb Zager - AMTA  
Bruce Froelich  
Tina Sarkey - LCC  
Bonnie Gildea - SolSpring  
Nancy Levitt - Lakewood

Kate Selvy - SolSpring  
Sam Boumis  
Ulyana Maystrenko - LCC  
Sara Martens - AA Institute of Massage Therapy  
Melanie Gibbs - AA Institute of Massage Therapy

## ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

*MOTION* by Joda-Miller, seconded by Hilton-Scheffler, to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2010 meeting as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

*MOTION* by Kubizna, seconded by Ryan, to approve the agenda with the following correction:

The December 7, 2010 meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***OLD BUSINESS***

### **Administrative Rules**

Armstrong directed the Board to the October 27, 2010 draft and highlighted the specific changes made. Extensive discussion was held regarding the definition of "supervised student clinic," the appropriate ratio of students to supervising massage therapists, and the maintenance of client records.

Mitchell reminded the Board to advise him of any additional corrections which need to be made as soon as they are discovered. He further advised the he is working towards completing the regulatory impact statement and additional forms which need to be submitted with the draft rules. Allen explained the steps which will now be taken prior to the public hearing, which she anticipates will be scheduled for late spring, 2011.

Allen indicated that after the initial rules set has been filed with the Secretary of State, the next rules set will focus on the topic of continuing education. Mitchell stated that a rules subcommittee will need to be created and that the subcommittee will prepare a recommended draft for the Board's review.

Discussion regarding the process by which individuals will become licensed was held between the Board and Department staff.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Department Update**

With regard to the grandfathering issue, Allen indicated that HB 6552 was just recently introduced. She stated that the Department will continue to track this bill. Allen stated that if this bill is not passed prior to the end of this legislative session, the bill will need to be reintroduced in the next session.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tina Sarkey, an on-line instructor at Lansing Community College, indicated that she has received comments of concern regarding distance learning. She expressed her concern that no hours within the 500 required are available in an on-line format. She stated there is a trend moving towards on-line education and provided information to Board members for their review.

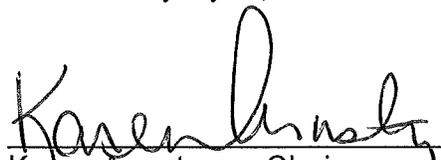
Bruce Froelich thanked the Board for their work. He indicated that with regard to the information being disseminated to individuals who need to obtain licensure, he stated that various associations across the state, as well as the Michigan Municipal League, have been made aware of the forthcoming licensure requirement.

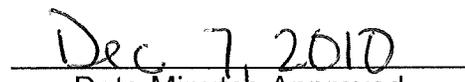
## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

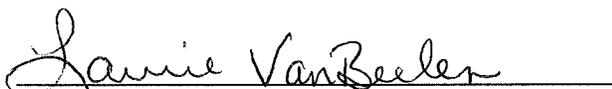
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

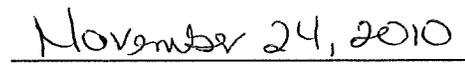
## **ADJOURNMENT**

*MOTION* by Ryan, seconded by Hilton-Scheffler, to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

  
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Karen Armstrong, Chairperson

  
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Date Minutes Approved

  
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Laurie VanBeelen, Board Secretary

  
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Date Minutes Prepared