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MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2013

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 October 7, 2013 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 3, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Mike Ryan, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Mike Ryan, Chairperson, Professional Member
Bilky Joda-Miller, Vice Chairperson, Professional Member
Donald Bowman, Professional Member
Tiffany Gennety, Professional Member
Terese Hunter, Public Member
Melissa Mueller, CMT
Jill Murphy, Public Member
Teresa Rivard, Public Member
Hal Rudnianin, Professional Member
Amanda West, Public Member

Members Absent:

Rosalie Behen, Professional Member

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Karen Armstrong, Beaumont & FSMTB
Nancy Levitt, Lakewood School of Therapeutic Massage
Kathy Skubik, Irene's Myomassology Institute
Joseph Plant, Midwest Strategy Group
Dusty Fancher, MTA-Midwest Strategy Group
S. Bibik, IME

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Joda-Miller, seconded by Hunter, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2013 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Murphy, seconded by Hunter, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

FSMTB Annual Meeting Update

Joda-Miller attended the (FSMTB) Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards meeting, held in New Orleans, Louisiana on September 27-29, 2012. Meeting topics included discussion of the model act, continuing education, the MBLEX exam, delegate reports, and elections.

Ryan noted that Mueller will attend the (FSMTB) Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards annual meeting scheduled for October 10-12, 2013.

HPRC Appointment

Lind provided the Board with a brief overview of the HPRC program. Ryan informed that Millie Rae Webster, L.M.T., has volunteered to represent the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy on the HPRC.

MOTION by Joda-Miller, seconded by Gennety, to appoint Millie Rae Webster, L.M.T. as the Board of Massage Therapy representative of the HPRC. Her term will expire on December 31, 2015.

MOTION PREVAILED

CE Rules

Carpenter introduced herself as the new Policy Analyst assigned to assist 12 of 24 boards.

Carpenter provided Board members with information pertaining to the proposed draft of the September 24, 2013 "Massage Therapy-General Rules" and provided a verbal overview of same.

MOTION by Mueller, seconded by Gennety, to accept the proposed draft of the Massage Therapy General Rules with the following change: delete "or former client" from portion(s) of R 338.723.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed:

Yeas:	Bowman, Gennety, Hunter, Mueller, Murphy, Rudnianin, West, Ryan
Abstain:	Joda-Miller, Rivard

MOTION PREVAILED

Allegations and Investigations Process Review

Brown introduced herself as the Analyst of the Enforcement Section. Brown and Lind described the allegation, investigation, and disciplinary process. Lind distributed a copy of the "Allegations-Investigation-Enforcement" flowchart.

Lind referred to and explained the use of the "Regulatory Considerations – Case Types and Actions (9/2012)" form located in the board member folders. The "green sheet" is an overview of the disciplinary process and provides a range of sanctions for each type of case that comes before the Board.

Department Update

Lind informed the Board as of October 1, 2013, there are a total of 1,392 licensed Massage Therapists in Michigan.

Lind informed that the Michigan Public Health Code is being reviewed by a committee appointed by the Michigan Department of Community Health, and chaired by Lawrence Burns, a Grand Rapids attorney, to determine what revisions are needed. The committee will provide its recommendations to the DCH by late January, 2014. Lind has shared the Board member's contact information with the Department of Community Health, so that their names will be added to the distribution list.

Joda-Miller asked when the Board will begin to see accounting documents associated with the costs of disciplinary cases. She understands these costs will assist the Board when

assessing fines. Lind stated the Bureau is still gathering the accounting information and will keep the Board posted.

Rudnianin stated his term will end on December 31, 2013 and thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve. Ryan thanked Rudnianin for his service on the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dusty Fancher, MTA-Midwest Strategy Group, asked for additional information regarding the disciplinary process and flowchart.

Karen Armstrong, commented that the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) has funding to send one Board member to their annual meeting. The FSMTB also has funds for new Board member training.

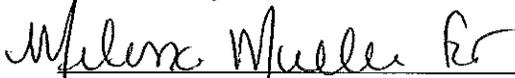
Ryan commented that he enjoyed vetting potential questions during the MBLEX test development process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

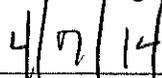
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 6, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Bowman, seconded by Rivard, to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m.



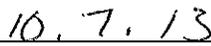
Mike Ryan, Chairperson



Date Minutes Approved



Amy Schneider, Board Secretary



Date Minutes Prepared