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MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 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 October 6, 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 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Melissa Mueller, CMT, Chairperson
Charlie Franklin, LMT, Vice-Chairperson
Donald Bowman, MT
Tiffany Gennety, LMT
Jill Murphy, Public Member
JT Stout, Public Member

Members Absent:

Terese Hunter, Public Member
Katie Kiter, Public Member
Nicole Lennox, LMT
Beth Miazga, LMT
Teresa Rivard, Public Member

Staff Present:

Amy Schneider, Secretary, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section
Norene Lind, Manager, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section
Elaine Barr, Analyst, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section
Susan Affholter, Pain Management and Palliative Care Coordinator

Others Present:

Millie Webster, LMT
Kathy Skubik, Irene's Myomassology Institute
Eric Crytzer, Irene's Myomassology Institute
Su Bibik, IME
Janine McKay, Oakland Community College

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Rachel Yates, Oakland Community College
Dusty Fancher, AMTA
Nancy Levitt, Lakewood School
Kathleen Jacob, Executive Massage
Eileen Patterson
Betty Bledsoe

INTRODUCTIONS

Mueller asked the Board and staff to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Stout, seconded by Gennety, to approve the Agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

Administrative Rules

MOTION by Bowman, seconded by Gennety, to approve the amended draft Administrative Rules with corrections including revised examination, CE automatic approval, and licensing implementation information. A public hearing will be held after several preliminary steps in the rulemaking process are complete.

A voice vote was held. The vote was unanimous, with one Board member abstaining, J.T. Stout.

MOTION PREVAILED

NEW BUSINESS

Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management (ACPSM)

Affholter shared a Michigan Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management (ACPSM) 2013 CE/CME Recommendation via PowerPoint presentation with the Board and distributed a paper copy of the CE/CME recommendation, as well as the regulatory requirements per MCL 333.16204 and MCL 333.16204a. This 2013 recommendation updates the ACPSM's 2002 recommendation. She pointed out that the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy "shall take into consideration the recommendation for that health care profession by the . . . advisory committee created in section 16204a."

Affholter also made available the new MAPS poster, the ACPSM's pain tool kit for health professionals, and other pain related information.

Health Professional Recovery Program (HPRP) Report

Millie Webster, LMT, representing the Board on the Health Professional Recovery Program, provided an overview of the HPRP.

Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) – Annual Meeting Recap

Mueller read Miazga's report on the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) – Annual Meeting, held in Tucson, Arizona on October 2-4, 2014. Topics of interest included the status of national examinations, the FSMTB Model Practice Act, FSMTB CE, falsified transcripts, and human trafficking.

Department Update

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. The bill will eventually affect the administrative rules of 22 boards.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine McKay, representing Oakland Community College, reported her misgivings about applicants who drop out of massage training programs and obtain licensure by simply taking the MBLEx. She suggested student ID numbers be placed on applications as a way of connecting student training records to licensing applications.

Kathleen Jacob, a national CE provider, expressed concern about people who become licensed and do not know how to do massage therapy the right way. She stated the importance of post-licensure continuing education for all practicing massage therapists.

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

Kathy Skubik echoed Ms. McKay's concerns about students dropping out of massage training programs and obtaining licensure by taking the MBLEx. She liked the idea of issuing student ID numbers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 5, 2015 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 10:15 a.m.



Melissa Mueller, Chairperson



Date Minutes Approved



Amy Schneider, Board Secretary



Date Minutes Prepared