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MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2015

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 January 5, 2015 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 (arrived at 9:03 a.m.)
Donald Bowman, MT
Tiffany Gennety, LMT
Terese Hunter, Public Member
Katie Kiter, Public Member
Beth Miazga, LMT (arrived at 9:03 a.m.)
Jill Murphy, Public Member
Teresa Rivard, Public Member
J.T. Stout, Public Member MT (arrived at 9:06 a.m.)

Members Absent: Nicole Lennox, LMT

Staff Present: Amy Schneider, Secretary, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section
Norene Lind, Manager, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section
Michael Siracuse, Analyst, Policy, Rules and Board Support Section
Joe Campbell, Enforcement Director (left at 9:40 a.m.)
Virginia Abdo, Compliance Manager (left at 9:40 a.m.)
Kiran Parag, Analyst, Enforcement Division (left at 9:40 a.m.)
Bridget Smith, Assistant Attorney General

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MOTION FAILED

MOTION by Bowman, seconded by Gennety, to accept the Proposal for Decision and deny Application for Licensure in the matter of Faith Ann Rahhal.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Bowman, Gennety, Franklin, Hunter, Kiter, Miazga,
Murphy, Rivard, Stout, Mueller

MOTION PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

Administrative Rules

MOTION by Bowman, seconded by Gennety, to accept the amended draft Administrative Rules with the four additional corrections regarding human trafficking, high school equivalence, national test administrator, and COMTA.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote followed: Nay: Bowman, Gennety, Hunter, Kiter, Miazga,
Murphy, Rivard, Stout, Mueller
Abstain: Franklin

MOTION PREVAILED

NEW BUSINESS

Elections

Lind ran the election for Chairperson.

MOTION by Murphy, seconded by Hunter, to re-elect Mueller for Chairperson.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PASSED.

Mueller ran the election for Vice-Chairperson.

MOTION by Gennety, seconded by Kiter, to elect Hunter for Vice-Chairperson.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PASSED.

Committee Assignments

The following assignments were made to the Disciplinary Subcommittee: Terese Hunter, Chair, Teresa Rivard, Tiffany Gennety, Beth Miazga, and J.T. Stout. Alternate: Katie Kiter and Charlie Franklin.

Bowman and Murphy will assist the Chair with the Allegation Review Committee.

J.T. Stout, Murphy, and Franklin were appointed to the Rules Committee.

Master Resolution

MOTION by Rivard, seconded by Murphy, to approve the Massage Therapy Master Resolution as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

Department Update

Michael Siracuse introduced himself as the new attorney-analyst who will assist the Board in the drafting of its administrative rules.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Janine McKay, representing Oakland Community College, reiterated her misgivings about applicants who drop out of massage training programs and obtain licensure by simply taking the MBLEx. She recommended the Board consider honoring CE provided by schools that have the North Central Accreditation. She also supports approval of meaningful CE, such as pain and symptom management and ethics.

Nancy Levitt, representing the Lakewood School of Therapeutic Massage, was glad to hear the discussion regarding criminal convictions, as she understands each license application will be reviewed on a case by case basis. She also said that her school is COMTA accredited, and the cost for getting accredited was reasonable. Finally, she explained the difference between test scores being used for licensure versus national certification. She was glad that the both current national tests will continue to be honored into the future.

Nicholas Binder recommended the board create a policy to regulate massage therapy schools better, in particular, authentication of transcripts provided by schools. He also

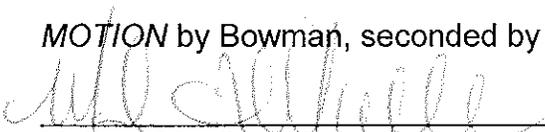
believes the department should authenticate and verify documents sent to the national testing organizations.

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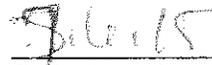
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 6, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Bowman, seconded by Gennety, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.



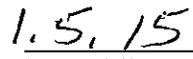
Melissa Mueller, Chairperson



Date Minutes Approved



Amy Schneider, Board Secretary



Date Minutes Prepared