



WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE
Business Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2015

On Friday, September 11, 2015, the Board of Massage met Washington State Department of Health, Kent Regional Office, 20425 72nd Ave S, Building 2, Suite 310, Room 309, Kent, Washington. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

Board Members

Meghann Lawrence, LMP, Chair
Rey Guajardo, LMP, Vice-Chair
Nancy Allen, LMP
Anthony Sharpe, Public Member
Laura Williams, LMP

Staff Present

Megan Brown, Program Manager
Kris Waidely, Program Manager
Blake Maresh, Executive Director
Michael Ellsworth, Supervising Staff Attorney
Krystl Murphy, Assistant Attorney General
Cece Zenker, Program Support
Joanne Miller, Credentialing Review Supervisor

Guests Present

Aleshia Alexandar, LMP
Kayleigh Alsin
Lillian Anderson, LMP
Pat Archer, LMP
Robbin Blake, LMP
Wendell Dyck, LMP
Spencer Evans, LMP
Jill Franskousky, LMP
Michael Hebert

Karen James, LMP
Aubrey Lesicki, LMP
Dari Lewis, LMP
Kelly Loranger
Julie Onofrio, LMP
Dana Pellegrini, LMP
Patty Phillips, LMP
Carl Radeck, LMP
Michele Salas, LMP

Melody Schenck
Dawn Schmidt, LMP
Susan Sherman, LMP
Michelle Stupay
Gloria Two-Feathers, LMP
Brian Utting, LMP
Lael White, LMP
Ryan Willsey, LMP

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Meghann Lawrence, LMP, Chair, at 9:04 a.m.

- 1.1 Introductions – The board, staff, and audience introduced themselves.
- 1.2 Approval of the Agenda – The agenda was approved as presented.
- 1.3 Approval of the July 10, 2015 Business Meeting Minutes – Approval of these minutes was tabled until the November 6, 2015 meeting.

1.4 Approval of the August 27, 2015, Special Board Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented.

2. ENDORSEMENT RULES FROM OTHER STATES

Board members reviewed the endorsement rules for Arizona, Hawaii, and New York and discussed adding language to Washington State’s endorsement rules.

3. RULES DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

The board reviewed rule language drafted by department staff and continued to make updates, revisions, and housekeeping amendments to chapter 264-830 WAC – Massage Therapists.

4. PUBLIC MEMBER COMMENT PERIOD – 45 minutes

- Several people commented that the student clinic should be mandatory, not optional.
- Students should be responsible for English proficiency; this isn’t something that should be put on the schools.
- Several people commented that they would like to see the minimum training hours increased to 625 hours.
- Some people expressed concern that there isn’t enough public comment time at the meetings, don’t feel the process is transparent enough, and don’t feel this has been a collaborative process.
- Some people commented that they are unclear on the reasons for the new rules.
- Some people expressed interest in getting copies of the rule language prior to the meeting.
- There should be a student to teacher ratio included in the rules.
- Washington State used to be a leader in national standards but has fallen behind because the training hours are at the bare minimum.
- A few people proposed the idea of a two tiered approach to recordkeeping and documentation.

5. JURISDICTION AND SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEWS

South Dakota Jurisdiction review

RBMs determined that South Dakota does not have substantially equivalent licensing requirements to Washington State’s. The South Dakota jurisdiction was denied by the full board.

Utah Jurisdiction review

RBMs did not agree on their determination of Utah’s substantial equivalent licensing requirements. The majority of the board voted to deny Utah’s jurisdiction review as follows:

- Tony Sharpe – nay
- Meghann Lawrence, Rey Guajardo, Laura Williams, and Nancy Allen – yea

Texas Jurisdiction review

RBMs determined that Texas has licensing requirements substantially equivalent to Washington State’s. Approval of the Texas jurisdiction request received full board approval.

Santa Fe School of Massage

The RBMs recommended approval. The program received full board approval.

Tri-City School of Massage

The RBMs recommended approval. The program received full board approval.

ASIS

The RBMs found deficiencies and the board authorized program staff to send a deficiency letter to the school.

Day Spa Academy

The RBMs recommended approval. The program received full board approval.

Provo College

The RBMs recommended approval. The program received full board approval.

6. REVIEW BOARD PROCEDURES

Board members reviewed revisions made to the following procedures and approved them as presented.

- 6.1 Initial and Re-approval of Massage Schools / Programs and Site Reviews
- 6.2 Standards for Model Board Member Conduct and Process for Addressing Non-Compliance with Policy

7. REVIEW STANDARDS USED FOR SCHOOL APPROVAL REQUESTS

Ms. Brown provided a handout outlining the common deficiencies found among the eight standards for school approval. The board requested to have a document posted to the web with this information. Ms. Brown will draft a form for the board to review in November.

8. JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION

Board members reviewed the existing jurisprudence exam that is used for licensure. They would like to see a more comprehensive exam. Each board member will send exam suggestions to Ms. Brown and they will be compiled for the November meeting.

9. CREDENTIALING REPORT

Joanne Miller, Massage Credentialing Review Supervisor, provided the board with some basic credentialing statistics.

- 9.1 Credentialing statistics
Ms. Miller reported that the credentialing office has seen an increase in number of applicants who have gone through a transfer program.
- 9.2 Intraoral endorsement report
Ms. Miller reported that she worked with the department's IT office to have endorsements posted on the provider credential search. She stated that they don't have the ability to do this at this point in time.

- 9.3 Jurisdiction review applicant notification
Ms. Miller reported that the credentialing office is now notifying applicants who request a jurisdiction review the outcome of the jurisdiction if it has been reviewed within the past year.

10. PROGRAM REPORT

- 10.1 Budget
Mr. Maresh updated the board on the status of the 2013 – 2015 operating budget. Staff will continue to monitor the budget.
- 10.2 Board Member Recruitment
Ms. Brown notified the board that the recruitment closed on July 30th and 19 applications were received for the LMP positions. No applications were received for the public member position. Seven applicants had been interviewed. At this time, program staff is working on a packet to send to the governor's office for review.
- 10.3 Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB)
- a. Annual Conference Delegate
Ms. Brown informed the board that they were approved to send one board member and one program staff member to the conference. Rey Guajardo will be Washington's voting delegate. Ms. Brown will also attend the meeting.
 - b. Presentation at the November 6th Board Meeting
Ms. Brown informed the board that the FSMTB will be in town during the next board meeting and have offered to give a presentation to the board.
- 10.4 Planning for Upcoming Meetings
Ms. Brown will work on the following for the September board meeting based on the board's request:
- A form for the website outlining common deficiencies found in school review binders.
 - A compilation of jurisprudence exam suggestions.
 - Revised rule language.
 - A report on the FSMTB conference.
 - A presentation from the Office of Investigation and Inspections regarding investigations being conducted on draping and breast massage.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Meghann Lawrence, LMP, Chair, at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Megan Brown, Program Manager

Meghann Lawrence, LMP, Chair