



**WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE
Business Meeting Minutes**

March 11, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

On Friday, March 11, 2016, the Board of Massage met at Washington State Department of Health, Point Plaza East, 310 Israel Road SE, Tumwater, Washington. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

Board Members

Nancy Allen, LMP
Jonathan Arguelles, LMP
Stephanie Dickey, LMP
Reynaldo Guajardo, LMP – Chair
Anthony Sharpe, Public Member

Staff Present

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

Guests

Aliesha Alexandar, LMP
Lillian Anderson, LMP
Pat Archer, LMP
Marybeth Berney, LMP
Wendell Dyck, LMP

Laura Embleton
Barbara Helynn-Heard, LMP
Aubrey Lesicki, LMP
Dana Pellegrini, LMP
Dawn Schmidt, LMP

Susan Sherman, LMP
Megan Smethurst, LMP
Diana Thompson, LMP
Amy Thomason, LMP
Gloria Two-Feathers, LMP
Brad Zorich

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Reynaldo Guajardo, LMP, Chair, at 9:10 a.m.

- 1.1 Introductions – The board and staff introduced themselves.
- 1.2 Approval of the Agenda – The agenda was approved with the following amendment:
 - Agenda Item 5: Table the presentation of Alhambra Medical University to the April 1st board meeting.
- 1.3 Approval of the January 15, 2016 Business Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented.
- 1.4 Approval of the February 12, 2016 Conference Call Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented.

2. **UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE HOUSE BILL 2781 (HB 2781)**

Ms. Brown updated the board on the status of HB 2781 which requires the board of massage to adopt rules to allow approved massage programs to establish transfer programs. The bill was unanimously passed by the legislature and delivered to the Governor on March 7th.

Program staff will work on withdrawing the proposed rulemaking that required an applicant to complete all of their training in a board-approved program.

3. **RULES DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

The board continued their review of chapter 264-830 WAC – Massage Therapists and continued to make updates, revisions, and housekeeping amendments.

The draft language will be sent out the massage board's listserv for public comment.

4. **PUBLIC MEMBER COMMENT PERIOD**

WAC 246-830-420 – Approval of school, program, or apprenticeship program.

- Strike the language that the board must be notified within 30 days of changes.
- Strike the language of requiring the instructors name to be on the syllabus.
- Include boundaries for apprenticeship programs or remove apprenticeship programs altogether.

Student Clinic

- Include language about what population of people the students can practice on.
- Require closer and more direct supervision.
- Allow students to practice on the public because RCW 18.108.050 allows it.
- Address how files are stored.
- Add HIPAA language.

Training Hours

- All were in favor of increasing the number of training hours but feel that board members should familiarize themselves with the ELAP prior to doing an increase.

Breast Massage

- Include a definition in WAC 246-830-010.
- Require an endorsement similar to intra-oral massage (Ms. Waidely noted that this would mandate a change by the legislature. The board does not have authority to create an endorsement).
- Remove restriction of not being able to touch the nipple.
- Add a requirement for advanced or specialized training.
- Do not require another person to be in the room.

Licensure by Endorsement

- Keep in consideration that people may be licensed in one state but have obtained their education in another state.

Recordkeeping

- Language does not address who keeps the records.
- Language does not define “secure location.”
- Make an exemption for chair massages.

5. JURISDICTION AND SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEWS

The board discussed their current process for approving massage programs and made the following changes.

Under RCW 18.108.010 and WAC 246-830-035, an applicant who holds a massage license in another state or foreign jurisdiction may apply for licensure by endorsement as long as the following conditions are met:

- Applicant has not been the subject of any disciplinary action in another state
- Applicant’s state licensing requirements are substantially equivalent to those specified in RCW 18.108.070.

Applicants who have graduated from an out-of-state massage program that is approved by the equivalent licensing agency(ies) in the state in which the school is located will be considered to have met the requirement of successful completion of a course of study in an approved massage program (RCW 18.108.070). As a result, the board will no longer review out of state massage programs for approval.

Alhambra Medical University

- Tabled until April 1st. Program staff will research the school’s licensing status in California.

New York College of Health Professions

- Tabled until April 1st. Program staff will research the school’s licensing status in New York.

Alexandria School of Scientific Therapeutics

- Alexandria School of Scientific Therapeutics is accredited by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and therefore does not require board approval.

Carrington College – 765 hour program

- Tabled until April 1st.

Rainier Massage School

- The board’s denial was withdrawn because the program is not due for re-approval until 2017.

6. CREDENTIALING REPORT

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

7. PROGRAM REPORT

7.1 Budget.

- Mr. Maresh gave a short presentation on the background leading up to the proposed fee increase.
 - RCW 43.70.250 requires the cost of each licensing program to be fully borne by the profession's members and licensing fees to be based on licensure costs.

- Since 2012, there has been a slight decline in the number of licensed massage practitioners.
- From 2011-13 to 2013-15 biennia, disciplinary costs (investigations, legal, adjudication, and attorney general fees) increased by about 50%. The percentage of massage unlicensed cases has nearly doubled from 2011-13 to 2013-15 biennia.
- Program staff will continue to monitor the program's budget.

7.2 Legislative Update.

- Ms. Brown updated the board on SHB 2425 concerning the title of massage therapists and animal massage therapists. The bill was passed by the legislature and delivered to the Governor on March 7th.

7.3 Planning for Upcoming Meetings / Future Meeting Agenda Items

- Nothing was discussed.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the consent agenda (informational items) are considered routine matters and are approved without discussion upon approval of the agenda. If separate discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular business agenda for discussion.

8.1 Report on the human trafficking taskforce.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Rey Guajardo, LMP, Chair, at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Megan Brown, Program Manager

Rey Guajardo, LMP, Chair