On Friday, March 8, 2019, the Board of Massage held a board meeting at the Department of Health, 20425 72nd Ave. S., Building 2, Suite 310, Room 309, WA 98032. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

**Board Members**
Stephanie Dickey, LMT, chair  
Anthony Sharpe, public member, vice-chair  
Heidi Williams, LMT  
Tonya Cox, LMT (not present)

**Guests**
Pat Archer, LMT  
Kim Aubuchon, LMT  
Robbin Blake, LMT  
Luata Bray, LMT

**Staff Present**
Megan Maxey, Program Manager  
Kris Waidely, Program Manager  
Susan Gragg, Interim Executive Director  
Davis Hylkema, Program Support  
Luke Eaton, Assistant Attorney General  
Kevin Robbins, Credentialing Supervisor (telephone)

**OPEN SESSION**

1. **CALL TO ORDER – STEPHANIE DICKEY, LMT, CHAIR**  
The board meeting was called to order by Stephanie Dickey, LMT, chair, at 9:10 a.m.
   1.1 Introductions and Meeting Ground Rules. The board and staff introduced themselves.  
       Stephanie Dickey, LMT, Chair, read the Meeting Ground Rules.
   1.2 Approval of Agenda. The March 8, 2019 Agenda was approved as presented.
   1.3 Approval of the January 11, 2019, Business Meeting Minutes. The January 11, 2019 Minutes were approved.

2. **SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEWS – STEPHANIE DICKEY, LMT, CHAIR**  
Reviewing Board Members (RBMs) presented the following school program requests for full board consideration and action:
   - Therapeutic Connections School of Massage  
     o The RBMs recommended approval. A motion was made to approve Therapeutic Connections School of Massage. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
3. **RULES DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP – MEGAN MAXEY**

The board continued its work on draft rule language for chapter 246-830 WAC.

**MOTION:** The motion was made to defer review of WAC 246-830-570 Record retention to the April meeting allowing time for public comment and clarification. The motion was seconded and passed.

During the discussion of WAC 246-830-475 Continuing education requirements, to help reduce the current significant cost of disciplinary actions in relation to CE deficiencies, it was suggested to place a CE checklist on the website as a reference and for clarification of the requirements.

*The most up-to-date draft rule language can be found on the Massage Therapist Rules in Progress webpage* (www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/MassageTherapist/RulesinProgress)

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public who indicated an interest in speaking shared comments at this time.

5. **BOARD NEWSLETTER – MEGAN MAXEY**

The board reviewed the March 2019 draft newsletter.

**MOTION:** The motion was made to approve the March 2019 draft newsletter for publication. The motion was seconded and approved.

6. **PROGRAM REPORT – MEGAN MAXEY**

6.1 **Budget**

The board reviewed the 2019 Biennium-to-Date, January 31, 2019 budget report. The budget continues in the red at about the same level as in the previous report.

6.2 **Credentialing Report – Kevin Robbins, Credentialing**

As of January 31, 2019 there are 13,836 active licensees and 342 pending licensure.

6.3 **Application and Renewal Fee Update**

Ms. Maxey provided a written Massage Therapist Program – FY 2018 report explaining the activities and expenses contributing to the need for a fee increase. This report has been distributed to licensees and stakeholders through GovDelivery. There were no questions.

6.4 **Legislative Update**

- **HB 1082** – This law would require massage therapists and reflexologists to have government issued photo identification on their person or have it available for inspection at all times while practicing. And, the name on the identification must match that on their profession license. To date, this bill has not progressed through legislature.

- **HB 1198** – This law would require health care providers sanctioned for sexual misconduct to notify patients. Notifications would be written, signed, and become part of the client’s medical record.
6.5 Planning for upcoming meetings / Future meeting agenda items
The following agenda items were identified:
• Review WAC 246-830-570 Record retention.
• A final review of those rules in which changes were made.
• Identify the timing when the various rules take effect.

7. ADJOURNMENT – STEPHANIE DICKEY, LMT, CHAIR
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully Submitted:                      Approved:

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Megan Maxey, Program Manager                Stephanie Dickey, LMT, Chair