

**MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY
MINUTES
REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2007**

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapists was held on January 10, 2007 in the Sussex Conference Room on the 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Alan Vonderahe, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Donda Kraus-Sternberg
Alan Vonderahe

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Deborah Overholt

ALSO PRESENT

Margaret Howard, Field Representative
Ginger Provost, Deputy Attorney General
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst (during the discussion of regulations only)
Diane Scott, Support Staff

QUORUM WAS DECLARED PRESENT

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing on November 27, 2006. A schedule of all 2007 Regular Open Committee Meetings of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee to be held during 2007 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton-Times, The New York Times, Camden Courier Post, The Press of Atlantic City and The Philadelphia Inquirer. The schedule has also been posted on the bulletin board at the New Jersey State Board of Nursing Office.

A reading and approval of the Agenda for the January 10, 2007 Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting with amendments:

1. To add under new business - 1) to discuss the election of officers
2. To add under correspondence - 1) e-mail from Debra Persinger, 2) e-mail from Donna Freeling.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA STERNBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN VONDERAHE, VOTED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE JANUARY 10, 2007 MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

A reading and approval of the Open Committee Meeting Minutes of November 29, 2006 with amendments:

- page 1 - change in meeting notices should go to organizations listed and provide the date the notices were mailed out.
- page 3- #3 change wording in the third and fourth sentence and in the last motion.
- page 4 - change wording in the first sentence after first motion.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN VONDERAHE, VOTED TO APPROVE THE OPEN MINUTES OF THE MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 29, 2006 AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Committee reviewed comments it received on proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.5, 16.2, 16.3, 16.4, 16.5, 16.6, 16.7, 16.8, 16.9, 16.11 and 16.13. The Committee provided responses to those comments and voted to refer adoption of the proposed amendments to the Board of Nursing.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN VONDERAHE, VOTED TO APPROVE THE RESPONSES TO COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR ADOPTION NOTICE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

2. The discussion of electing of officers to serve on the Committee will be tabled until the February 28, 2007 Committee meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. November 15, 2006, letter from Elizabeth Delaney regarding massage therapy certification renewal.

The Committee directed that a letter be sent to Ms. Delaney that her comments will be addressed in the adoption notice.

2. November 20, 2006, e-mail from Debra Persinger, Ph.D., Executive Director, Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards, regarding the offering a test for massage therapy.

The Committee directed that a letter be sent to Ms. Persinger to advise her that FSMTB will have to make a presentation to the Committee before it approves any test for certification.

3. December 18, 2006, e-mail from Rena Margulis, NCTMB, Dipl., ABT, (NCCAOM), regarding massage therapy proven effective treatment for impairment.

The Committee directed that a letter be sent to Ms. Margulis regarding her comments to the regulations.

4. January 3, 2007, e-mail from Donna M. Feeley, MPH, RN, NCTMB, Chair, NCBTM, response regarding the creation of another test is being offered by Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards.

OPEN FORUM:

Alan Vonderahe asked the public to share with the committee any concerns, issues or questions:

There were no comments from the public.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN VONDERAHE, VOTED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED:

The following applicants were approved for certification:

1. Colleen Bryan
8. Tang Yedi
2. In Hong
9. Deborah Winkler-Giesay
3. David Crewdson
10. Zuan Liu

4. Elliot Keller 11. Maureen Greene
5. Joan Annuziata-Lenoble 12. Manuel Gonzales
6. Wei Ma 13. Liraz Bregman-Turner
7. Shannon Tighman 14. Linda Emmel

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN VONDERAHE, VOTED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE APPLICANTS LISTED ABOVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

The following applicants will be approved pending receipt of additional information:

1. Bonnie Berke 4. Karen Faber
2. Pieter Sommen 5. Jennifer Peterson
3. Nina Penciu 6. Jeong Sprute

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN VONDERAHE, VOTED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE APPLICANTS LISTED ABOVE PENDING RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Donda Kraus-Sternberg and duly seconded by Alan Vonderahe to adjourn the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting. Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting will be held on February 28, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan G. Vonderahe
Committee Chair