

# Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee

April 4, 2001

## Regular Open Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapists was held on April 4, 2001 in the 10-C Conference Room on the 5th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Barbara G. Benson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

### PRESENT

Present were Committee Members: Carol Alexander (Vice-chairperson), Barbara G. Benson, Donda Kraus-Sternberg, Deborah Overholt, Henry Roth, Alan G. Vonderahe.

### ALSO PRESENT

Deputy Director, Anthony Miragliotta, Regulatory Analyst, Charles Manning, Deputy Attorney General, Kathy Rohr, Executive Director, New Jersey State Board of Nursing, Patricia Polansky, Assistant Executive Director, Kathryn Schneider.

### A 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 February 1, 2001. A schedule of all 2001 Regular Open Board Meetings of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee to be held during 2001 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, The New York Times, Camden Courier Post, and The Philadelphia Inquirer. The schedule has also been posted on the bulletin board at the New Jersey State Board of Nursing Office.

### MINUTES:

A reading and approval of the minutes for the regular open meeting on March 7, 2001.

**THE COMMITTEE, UPON A MOTION MADE BY ALAN G. VONDERAHE AND SECONDED BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT, VOTED FOR APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 7, 2001 REGULAR OPEN MEETING MINUTES.**

### National Exams

The Committee discussed the correspondence received from both the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB) and the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM). The Committee wants to clarify if a copy of the applicant's transcript/portfolio that is utilized to determine eligibility to take either of the national exams could be released and maintained, after obtaining an applicant's signed release to the Committee for our records.

In addition, the Committee wants to ask about any differences in eligibility that there may be for an out-of-country applicant to sit for the national exams. The Committee's staff will follow-up on clarification with regard to these issues.

## Regulation

Anthony Miragliotta, Deputy Director and Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst discussed with the Committee consideration of a generic standard of practice rule, e.g. medical/history intake form and consent form.

Discussion with the Committee also included: Purpose and Scope, Definitions, Grandparenting, Application for Certification, Endorsement and Scope of Practice.

## Public Comment

Barbara Benson, Chairperson invited comments from the public.

## Next Meeting Considerations

Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst requested that the Committee consider the following: a list of therapy "exclusions" specifics pertaining to scope of practice, and universal precautions. These areas will be discussed at the next open Committee meeting on May 2, 2001.

## Adjournment

The Committee made a motion to go into executive session to approve the March 7, 2001 executive minutes.

On April 4, 2001 the Regular Open Examining Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The next regular open Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Examining Committee will be held on May 2, 2001.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Barbara G. Benson  
Chairperson



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