

**MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY
MINUTES
REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 5, 2006**

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapists was held on April 5, 2006 in the Somerset Conference Room on the 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Alan Vonderahe, Committee Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Donda Kraus-Sternberg
Deborah Overholt
Alan Vonderahe

ALSO PRESENT

George J. Hebert, Executive Director, New Jersey Board of Nursing
Ginger Provost, Deputy Attorney General
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst, (attended for limited purposes)
Diane Scott, Support Staff
Theresa McFadden, 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 24, 2005. A schedule of all 2006 Regular Open Committee Meetings of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee to be held during 2006 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 April 5, 2006 Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting with amendments:

To add under new business:

- April 4, 2006 email from Rena Margulis, NCTMB, Dipl. ABT, regarding New Jersey Tax on Massages.
- Information on the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey offering a continuing education seminar on massage therapy.
- A report on a presentation by George Hebert that was given at the Somerset School of Massage Therapy.
- Information on the Board of Nursing Annual Workshop Retreat.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN VONDERAHE, VOTED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE APRIL 5, 2006 MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING WITH AMENDMENTS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

A reading and approval of the Open Committee Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2006.

- Typographical errors.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG, VOTED TO APPROVE THE OPEN MINUTES OF THE MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2006 WITH AMENDMENTS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

- March 7, 2006 - George Hebert conducted a presentation at the Somerset School of Massage regarding the rules and regulations governing massage therapy.
- April 18, 2006 Annual Workshop Retreat is open to all Board and Committee Members of the Board of Nursing and Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examine Committee. The meeting will focus on international nursing licensure and substance abuse among health care professionals.
- April 4, 2006 - Email from Rena Margulis, NCTMB, Dipl. ABT, NCCAOM regarding a tax on massage therapy. An article in the Philadelphia Times reported on the Governor Corzine budget proposal stating it will include a tax on massage spas.

The Committee has no jurisdiction on who is to be taxed in the State of New Jersey. The Committee directed that a letter be sent to Ms. Margulis explaining that it is out of the Committee's jurisdiction to comment on the Governor's budget plan.

- Information was provided to the Committee regarding Richard Stockton College requesting approval to be a CEU provider for massage therapists.

The Committee determined that Richard Stockton College is already approved by the American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc.

APPEARANCE:

- Julie Han, Director, Dahn Healing Institute, gave a detail description of the courses being offered at the program.

OPEN FORUM:

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

- Cynthia Sinicrpi-Balena, NJ, MTA - commented on provisional licenses for individuals performing massage at McGuire Air force Base. With the current situation of certification not being required, at some point in the future the Committee will need to develop a temporary certificate – for those not wanting to be fully licensed, but to have a provisional (temporary) permit if mandatory certification goes into effect.
- The massage therapists will be going through their first renewal November 2006. Notices will go out ninety (90) days before the expiration date, encouraging massage therapists to renew online or call to request a paper renewal.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG , 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. Joann Landers
2. Aleksey Chomenko
3. April Mollard
4. Chang Yol Chon
5. Asad Aliyen
6. Li Nuo Bao
7. Elsie Bernauer

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

The following applicants are approved pending receipt of additional information.

1. Leona Chatsko
2. Sulmae Choi
3. Gui Yue
4. Richard Garcia
5. Angela Powell
6. Gina Romeo
7. Gloria Fisher
8. Jennifer Mazurkevich
9. Claudia Mukai
10. Joanna Camacho
11. Marianne Dorigo
12. Joyce Lentzman
13. Dellenia Alfieri
14. Rashmi Shah

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Donda Kraus-Sternberg to adjourn the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting. Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The next Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting will be held on May 3, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Vonderahe
Committee Chairman