

**MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY  
MINUTES  
REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING  
MAY 30, 2007**

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee was held on May 30, 2007 in the Hudson Conference Room on the 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Alan Vonderahe, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Deborah Overholt  
Donda Kraus-Sternberg  
Alan Vonderahe

**ALSO PRESENT**

Margaret Howard, Field Representative  
Ginger Provost, Deputy Attorney General  
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst (limited to discussion of the regulations)  
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 May 30, 2007 Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting with amendments:

1. To add under new business - 3) the discussion of amending the regulations to require applicants to have a New Jersey address. 2. To add under old business - the discussion of investigations of massage applicants and supervised clinical practice. 3. To add under correspondence - 2) May 18, 2007, letter from NCBTMB regarding the upcoming Job Task Analysis.

**AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT, VOTED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE MAY 30, 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 April 25, 2007:

**AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT, VOTED TO APPROVE THE OPEN MINUTES OF THE MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2007 AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. April 30, 2007 - letter from Carl J. Donaldson, Jr., M.A., N.D., Co-Coordinator/Adjunct Faculty, Massage Therapy Certificate Program, Essex County College regarding the translation of how the college credited massage courses are broken down into class time hours.

A discussion ensued and the Committee directed that a letter be sent to Mr. Donaldson suggesting that the school include additional electives in the program.

2. May 18, 2007 - letter from NCBTMB regarding the upcoming Job Task Analysis. The Job Task will be sending out a survey to randomly selected representatives to provide feedback on the validity for scores on both the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage (NCETM) and the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork. (NCETMB)

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. N.J.A.C. 13:37-16.3, Certification without education or examination

The Grandfathering provision expired on November 5, 2006. All information regarding the Grandfathering provision will be deleted from the regulations.

2. N.J.A.C. 13:37-16.4 (a) 1, application for certification

The following statement will be changed in the regulations from ; (a) 1 "Completing a course of study in massage, bodywork and somatic therapies", to "Clinical Practice supervised by a faculty".

A discussion ensued regarding Supervised Clinical Practice and the Committee wants part of the supervised clinical practice to be monitored by a faculty member and the rest may be on the premise of a faculty member.

The Committee referred this issue to Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst for further clarification. This issue will be discussed at the June 27, 2007 Committee meeting.

3. Investigations

A discussion ensued regarding two applicants that were certified before receiving the criminal history background check results. The Committee discussed developing a mechanism that will prevent such errors as this from recurring.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A discussion ensued regarding requiring applicants to have a New Jersey mailing address when submitting an application for certification.

It is not a statutory requirement for applicants to have a New Jersey address. Charles Manning will conduct research on the issue and report back to the Committee with his findings.

2. Publication of a list of licensees/certificants. A discussion ensued regarding how licensees/certificants' information is obtained. A list of certified massage, bodywork and somatic therapists are posted on the Board of Nursing website or it can be purchased by calling the Division of Consumer Affairs.

3. Other States Massage Regulations. A discussion ensued regarding other States regulations governing massage therapy. Applicants applying for certification by endorsement are required to submit a copy of the regulations governing massage therapy from the state in which he or she is licensed or certified.

The Committee will review other State's regulations in ensure they are in compliance with New Jersey regulations.

## **OPEN FORUM:**

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

- There was no public in attendance.

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

## **OPEN SESSION RESUMED:**

The following applicants were approved for certification subject to criminal history results:

1. Mla Casiero
8. Larry Heisler
2. Michelle Wood
9. James Dougherty
3. Mary Ann Constantino
10. Susan DiAmbrosio
4. Cindy Wolk-Weiss
11. Elizabeth Bell
5. Karen Murphy
12. Kathleen Murrillo
6. Patricia Mabey
13. Peter O'Rourke
7. Esthersoonnear Gauh

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT, 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. Miriam Lamden
2. Jaime Landsperger
3. Joseph Barrett
4. Yong Eddy
5. Jack Church
6. Ina Denberg
7. Darlene Long

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## **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Donda Kraus-Sternberg and duly seconded by Deborah Overholt to adjourn the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting. Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting will be held on June 27, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Alan G. Vonderahe  
Committee Chair