



**Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee  
Regular Open Committee Meeting  
June 5, 2002**

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapists was held on June 5, 2002 in the Sussex Conference Room on the 6th Floor, 24 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Deborah Overholt, Vice-chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Committee Members: Carol Alexander, Donda Kraus-Sternberg, Deborah Overholt.

**NOT PRESENT**

Alan G. Vonderahe  
Henry Roth

**ALSO PRESENT**

Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst and Patricia Polansky, Executive Director, New Jersey Board of Nursing, and Kathy Rohr, Deputy Attorney General.

**NOT PRESENT**

Anthony Miragliotta, Deputy Director

**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 2, 2002. A schedule of all 2002 Regular Open Board Meetings of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee to be held during 2002 was provide 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.

A reading and approval of the Minutes for the Regular Open Committee Meeting on December 5, 2001 and January 9, 2002.

THE COMMITTEE, UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG, AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2001 AND THE AMENDED JANUARY 9, 2002 REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

## **Correspondence:**

### **A letter addressed to Mr. William Dressel, Jr. at the New Jersey State League of Municipalities:**

P. Polansky discussed with the Committee members the three letter's regarding the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. P. Polansky advised Committee that Mr. Dressel contacted Alan Vonderahe inviting the Committee members to their Annual Meeting. Mr. Dressel will be invited to the Committee meeting on September 4, 2002. The Committee members also advised that the letter which was sent to Mr. Dressel the last line was not on the letter. This has been corrected.

### **US-NJ- Rochelle Park-Massage Therapy Instructors/Program Advisory Board Members:**

P. Polansky and the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Committee had a discussion regarding the US-NJ-Rochelle Park-Massage Therapy Instructors/Program Advisory Board Members. Deborah Overholt questioned whether or not it was in fact a school. Kathy Rohr stated that it might be a vocational training school. Donda Kraus-Sternberg said that she will call regarding the program.

## **PRESS RELEASE:**

### **The Chauncey Group International Chosen to Provide Services to National Certification Board For Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.**

P. Polansky discussed with the Committee the Press Release: The Chauncey Group International stating that their credibility nationally and internationally is well known.

### **Florida Board of Massage Therapy (FLBOMT) from Sally Hacking regarding (NCBTMB)**

Deborah Overholt discussed with the Committee the information that Sally Hacking forwarded to them regarding the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.(NCBTMB)

### **Proposed Amendments to the Standards of Accreditation and Policy:**

## **CALL FOR COMMENTS:**

C. Manning advised the Committee that they do not have to respond to the Call for Comment Response. K. Rohr recommended that it is not necessary to comment at this time.

Darlene Kane, DCA Budget Analyst was a guest at the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy committee to discuss with the members a proposed budget for the new committee. A motion was moved based on the recommendation of the Budget Director for an initial number of applicants set at 2,500. The fee structure will be submitted to the Board of Nursing at their July 16, 2002 meeting for approval based on the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Committee recommendation following the discussion at today's meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Deborah Overholt asked the public to share with the Committee any concerns, issues, or questions.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Scope of Practice - Purpose and scope**

C. Manning discussed with the committee basic information needed for Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy applications.

## ADJOURNMENT:

On June 5, 2002 the Regular Open Examining Committee meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. The next Regular Open Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Examining Committee will be held on September 4, 2002,

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deborah Overholt  
Vice-chairperson

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