

**MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY
MINUTES
REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2006**

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapists was held on August 16, 2006 in the Hudson Conference Room on the 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Deborah Overholt, Committee Member called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Donda Kraus-Sternberg
Deborah Overholt

ALSO PRESENT

George J. Hebert, Executive Director, New Jersey Board of Nursing
Debra Levine, Deputy Attorney General
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst
Diane Scott, Support Staff
Theresa McFadden, Support Staff

NOT PRESENT:

Alan Vonderahe

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 August 16, 2006 Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting with amendments:

- To add under new business - the issue of foreign applicants.

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 AUGUST 16, 2006 MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

A reading and approval of the Open Committee Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2006.

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 MAY 3, 2006. THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Foreign Applicants - applicants who are from other countries, that are seeking certification must provide proof of citizenship or a permanent resident card. For immigration purposes there are different categories of documentation that foreign applicants must provide in order to seek certification in the State of New Jersey.

The Committee will obtain further information regarding this issue and it will be discussed at a later meeting.

2. Identification Tags - current nursing regulations state that any licensee or certificant holder must display identification tags in the workplace.

The Committee does not feel it is necessary for massage therapists to display identification tags, because the certificate is required to be displayed on the wall of the facility in which the massage is being performed.

3. Taxation on Massage Therapy - the Committee wants to send comments regarding the Governor's plan to place a tax on massage therapy. This issue will be discussed at the September 27, 2006 Committee Meeting.

4. Renewal 2006 - The certified massage therapists will be renewing during the month of November. A notice will be going out to certificants during the month of September instructing them to renew online or call in to request a paper renewal to be mailed to them.

The massage therapists are required to have 20 continuing education hours by the time they renew their certifications. The Committee will conduct random audits during the renewal period.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Reflexology - In June George Hebert met with Mr. Al Racine regarding the issue of Reflexology and to request the exemption of this particular modality from the massage therapy regulations.

The Committee discussed this issue and it was determined that reflexology is considered a touch would not be exempted from the massage regulations. The massage regulations is a titling act and it does not require individuals to be certified in order to perform massage.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. July 7, 2006, letter from Joanne K. Burns requesting information from the Committee on how to obtain a refund of tuition fees from a massage school.

The Committee has no jurisdiction over the practices of massage schools and will refer Ms. Burn's request to the New Jersey Department of Education and Workforce Development.

2. July 14, 2006, memo from Charlene Mullen, President/CEO, The License Commission of The Americas regarding licensing of biofeedback and neurotherapy professionals. The Commission will commence issuing licenses to qualified biofeedback and neurotherapy professionals effective July 15, 2006.

3. News Release from American Medical Massage Association regarding the growing concern with Massage Therapy Programs Using Distance Education.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT, VOTED TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION AT A LATER DATE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

OPEN FORUM:

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

- Susan Ring, President, AMTANJ - Ms. Ring commented about is massage, bodywork and somatic therapy considered to be healthcare. Ms. Ring requested clarification on the immigration codes for foreign applicants and

wanted to know how are massage therapists going to get paid by insurance companies if the massage therapist are not allowed to treat their clients.

- Linda Mitchell, Member, AMTANJ - wanted to know if the certification process was mandatory.

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. THE MOTION CARRIED.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED:

The following applicants were approved for certification:

1. Kenneth Shinn 16. Michael Sosnitski 31. Teresa Moore
2. Pepi Spurr 17. Viktor Tolmachev 32. Joanne Bruno
3. Hwa Cha Kim 18. Chun Hong Pack 33. Lisa D'Stafano
4. Donna Marie Leva 19. Ki Gallagher 34. Elizabeth DeMarro
5. Karen Johnson 20. Alan DeVelasco 35. Maxine Bodson
6. Kathleen Batko 21. Yingai Li 36. Yi Tang
7. Denise Marchisotto 22. Jody Winard 37. Janet Kleissler
8. Xi-Yun Yang 23. Jie Stevens 38. Geraldyn Mitchell
9. Kathryn Antler 24. Renee Strack 39. Xavier Harvey
10. Angela Park 25. Helena Ho 40. Marina Maher
11. Dorothy Jones 26. Cynthia Criss 41. Pichard Marcos
12. Soon Park 27. Kari McGuinness
13. Meeae Wu 28. Carlise Cardinale
14. Georgia Horvath 29. Mei Quan
15. Dan Voronin 30. Eileen Fischetti

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. Kathryn Paletta 11. Catherine Paterson 21. Evonda Timbers
2. Dashhort Pount 12. Tasha Kodilanen 22. Bong Lee
3. Kenneth Orzolek 13. Rachel Lee 23. Ja'net Reid
4. Dellenia Alfieri 14. Mun Lee
5. Annie Yang 15. Sul mae Choi
6. Meong Yi 16. In Ja Yoon
7. Jeomim Sprute 17. Suzie Lee
8. Christine Del Castillo 18. Cecilia Vazquez
9. So Hwan Kang 19. Jill Green
10. Annie Kim 20. Jeffrey Don

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

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 3:15 p.m. The next Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting will be held on

September 6, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Overholt
Committee Member