

**MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY
MINUTES
REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2005**

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapists was held on November 2, 2005 in the Essex Conference Room on the 7th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Alan Vonderahe, Committee Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Deborah Overholt
Donda Kraus-Sternberg
Alan Vonderahe

ALSO PRESENT

George J. Hebert, Executive Director, New Jersey Board of Nursing Ginger Provost, Deputy Attorney General Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs attended a portion of the meeting to participate in the discussion of the regulations.

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 January 3, 2005. A schedule of all 2005 Regular Open Committee Meetings of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee to be held during 2005 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 November 2, 2005 Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting with the following amendments:

To change the order of the Agenda:

- To place the appearance after the approval of the minutes.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG, VOTED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2005 MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

A reading and approval of the Open Committee Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2005.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG, VOTED TO APPROVE THE OPEN MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2005. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPEARANCE:

- Raj Rane, M.D., Director, Excel Institute for Healthcare. Dr. Rane met with the committee to discuss bringing

the program at Excel Institute for Healthcare into compliance N.J.A.C. 13:37-16.3 thereby enabling its graduates to be eligible for certification. He advised the committee that he will be offering his current and former students elective courses to take without any additional cost to them. He also advised the committee that he will revise the transcripts to accurately reflect the clinic hours.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- September 14, 2005 letter from Mary Abrams, President, ISMETA regarding comments opposing Assembly Bill 4034 and Ms. Abrams provided information about ISMETA.

OLD BUSINESS:

- N.J.A.C. 13:37-16.3 Basic Life Support requirement.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG, VOTED TO AMEND N.J.A.C. 13:37-16.3, 16.4, 16.5, 16.6 AND 16.11 TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT APPLICANTS AND CERTIFICANTS COMPLETE A BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS) COURSE AND TO REQUIRE APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATION AND CERTIFICANTS TO COMPLETE A CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) COURSE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

- N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.5 Fee Schedule

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG, VOTED TO AMEND N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.5 TO INTRODUCE A NEW FEE OF \$30.00 FOR VERIFICATION OF CERTIFICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT AND A NEW FEE OF \$25.00 FOR WRITTEN VERIFICATION OF CERTIFICATION. THE COMMITTEE VOTED TO AMEND N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.5, 16.3, 16.4, 16.5, 16.6 AND 16.11 TO CORRECT CITATIONS TO N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.5(F), THE COMMITTEE'S FEE SCHEDULE. THE COMMITTEE ALSO VOTED TO AMEND N.J.A.C. 13:37-16.7 TO RECOGNIZE THAT N.J.A.C. 13:37-16.4 SETS FORTH EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION AND N.J.A.C. 13:37-16.9 TO DELETE THE REPETITION OF THE PHRASE "CERTIFIED MASSAGE THERAPIST." THE MOTION CARRIED.

OPEN FORUM:

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

- Susan Ring, AMTA, NJGRC - inquired about the fees for verification and the requirements for reactivating of certification.

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 committee reviewed applications for the following:

1. YaXian Jiang
2. YongQing Mu
3. Shuna Jin

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 OF YAXIAN JIANG, YONGOING MU, AND SHUNAI JIN. THE MOTION CARRIED.

The following applicants are approved pending receipt of additional information.

1. Claudia Glugsberger 6. Linda Frone
2. Tierney Penn 7. Susie Epler
3. Kum Ahn 8. Dolly Moreno
4. Gloria Fisher
5. Mary Glaccum

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 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 2:37 p.m. The next Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting will be held on December 7, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Vonderahe
Committee Chairman

