

Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee

November 7, 2001

Regular Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapists was held on November 7, 2001 in the Sussex Conference Room on the 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Alan G. Vonderahe, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Committee Members: Carol Alexander, Dona Kraus-Sternberg, Deborah Overholt, Alan G. Vonderahe and Henry Roth.

ALSO PRESENT

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

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 1, 2001. A schedule of all 2001 Regular Open Board Meetings of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee to be held during 2001 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton-Times, The New York Times, Camden Courier Post, and The Philadelphia Inquire. 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 Meeting on October 3, 2001.

THE COMMITTEE, UPON A MOTION MADE BY CAROL ALEXANDER, AND DULY SECONDED, VOTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2001 REGULAR OPEN MEETING MINUTES.

NEW BUSINESS:

Complementary and Alternative (CAM):

Disease Management Conference: P. Polansky:

P. Polansky presented material on massage therapy specifically regarding Complementary and Alternative Medicine. P. Polansky discussed with the committee two web site articles and the results from the AHA Guide recently released from the American Hospital Association 2001-2001.

The use of complementary medical services is up. The recent 2000 AHA annual survey found that nearly 15.5% of American's community hospitals were offering Complementary Alternative Medical (CAM) services. Numbers are up from about 11.2% in 1999.

- P. Polansky discussed with the committee that CAM will be the official name used for Complementary and

Alternative Medicine used by health care associations and providers nationally. The Board of Nursing will hold an off site teleconferenced practice meeting on April 5, 2001. The topic will be Complementary Alternative Medicine. Dr. Dillard from Oxford Health Care will be the presenter and all Massage, Bodywork and Somatic & Therapy committee members are invited to attend.

- The results of Oxford's member study revealed that 90% of those surveyed stated that they would use complementary and alternative medicine.
- The National Institute of Health has awarded a 91 million budget to its National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) for FY 2001. The center offers grants to approved centers and hospitals to research the efficacy of CAM treatments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Scope of Practice; C. Manning discussed with the Committee revisions and changes in 13:37-16.10 (e) continuing education, programs, standards.

The Committee also revised (f) & (h) to read:

The Board shall perform audits on randomly selected licensees to determine compliance with continuing education requirements. A licensee shall maintain the following documentation for a period of four years after completion of the credits and shall submit such documentation to the Board upon request:

For attendance at programs or courses: a certificate of completion from the sponsor;

For publication of, textbook, or article: the published item, including the date of publication; and

For developing curriculum or teaching a course or program or seminar or lecture: documentation, including a copy of the curriculum, location, date and time of course, duration of course by hour, and letter from sponsor confirming that the licensee developed or taught the course or program.

Sponsors of continuing education programs or courses seeking Board approval shall:

Solicit programs from both participants and the instructors.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. Vonderahe asked the public to share with the committee any concerns, issues, or questions.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee made a motion to go into executive session to approve the October 3, 2001 executive minutes.

On November 7, 2001 the Regular Open Examining Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. The next Regular Open Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Examining Committee will be held on December 5, 2001.

Respectfully Submitted.

Alan Vonderahe
Chairperson



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