

**MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY
MINUTES
REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 29, 2006**

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapists was held on November 29, 2006 in the Sussex Conference Room on the 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Alan Vonderahe, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Donda Kraus-Sternberg
Deborah Overholt
Alan Vonderahe

ALSO PRESENT

George J. Hebert, Executive Director, New Jersey Board of Nursing
Margaret Howard, Field Representative
Ginger Provost, Deputy Attorney General
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst (during the discussion of regulations only)
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 16, 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 change in meeting notice was posted to the Board of Nursing website and sent to the above organizations.

A reading and approval of the Agenda for the November 29, 2006 Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting with amendments:

1. To add under new business - 1) to discuss the processing of applications.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA STERNBERG, VOTED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE NOVEMBER 29, 2006 MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

A reading and approval of the Open Committee Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2006 with amendments:

- page 1 - change in meeting notices should go to organizations listed
- page 2 - Deborah Overholt, Committee Member was not present for the first motion
- page 3- under new business #1 change wording regarding the Cosmetology Board regulations
- page 3 - under open forum correct wording in the third sentence

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG, VOTED TO APPROVE THE OPEN MINUTES OF

THE MESSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2006 AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. October 28, 2006, e-mail from the Sauer Seminar Series regarding a seminar on Myofascial Trigger Point Therapy Techniques.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion ensued regarding pending regulations requiring individuals who perform massage therapy be State certified. The Committee wants to submit comments to the Office of the Attorney General requesting revisions to the language in the bill.

2. The Committee reviewed advertisements offering massage services:

a) Ocean Spa is offering massage therapy by a certified massage therapist.

AFTER DISCUSSION THE COMMITTEE, UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG, VOTED TO SEND A LETTER TO INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES THAT APPEAR TO VIOLATE THE MASSAGE THERAPY REGULATIONS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

b) Employment Opportunity - The Committee reviewed an employment advertisement for a certified hand therapist. The Committee determined that this advertisement does not include a prohibited title.

3. Processing of applications - Discussion ensued regarding applications that appear to be completed should not have to go to the Committee for review. Staff will provide a list of applications that were approved administratively and will submit a list to the Committee. The Committee directed that staff will review outstanding applications and send out letters to applicants requesting that the missing information be sent to the Committee no later than 30 days in order to complete the application process or their application will be closed and have to reapply.

OPEN FORUM:

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

- Cynthia Sinicropi-Belena, CMT - commented on the advertising rules and how hard it is to get things changed on advertisements. Ms. Belena requested clarification on the deadlines for comments on the revisions in the regulations. Ms. Belena wanted to know whether the comment date could be changed.

- Linda Mitchell, MT - enjoyed watching the Committee at work.

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. APPLICATIONS THAT APPEAR TO BE COMPLETE WILL BE VOTED ON IN OPEN SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED:

The following applicants were approved for certification:

1. Darren Orr 6. Colleen Murray-Seig
2. Jill Izzo 7. Hui Zhang
3. Jane Marron 8. Olessya Lebedeva
4. Julia Parks 5. Nancy Pasqua

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 FOR THE APPLICANTS LISTED ABOVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

The following applicants are approved pending receipt of additional information:

1. Christopher Eaton
2. Gerald McDonnell
3. Jasmine Wilson
4. Charles Wille
5. Kathleen Quigley
6. Raymond Heyer
7. Saang Sun Kim

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 FOR THE APPLICANTS LISTED ABOVE PENDING RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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 DISCUSS CRIMINAL HISTORY SUMMARIES. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was 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 2:00 p.m. The next Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting will be held on January 10, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan G. Vonderahe
Committee Chair