

**MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY
MINUTES
REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2005**

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapists was held on December 7, 2005 in the Essex Conference Room on the 7th 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

Deborah Overholt
Donda Kraus-Sternberg

ALSO PRESENT

George J. Hebert, Executive Director, New Jersey Board of Nursing
Ginger Provost, Deputy Attorney General

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 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 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 December 7, 2005 Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting.

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 DECEMBER 7, 2005 MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

A reading and approval of the Open Committee Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2005.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Update on Assembly Bill 4034 which would require all individuals to be State certified in order to perform massage bodywork and somatic therapy in the State of New Jersey. The bill is currently not moving in the Senate.
- The committee discussed programs for continuing education and the regulations, which require its involvement

in the approval process of continuing education programs, N.J.A.C. 13:37-16.11 (h).

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:37-16.11, Continuing Education Programs. Upon biennial certification, certificants are required to complete a minimum of twenty (20) credit hours of continuing education related to massage, bodywork and somatic therapy.

A certificant may obtain continuing education credit hours from providers approved by: NCBTMB; the NCCAOM; the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA), the American Organization for Bodywork (AOBTA); the Association of Bodywork and Massage Professionals (ABMP); and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) or a program which has been pre-approved by the committee.

- The committee discussed the issue of applicants that are certified through NCBTMB and NCCAOM, who do not hold a current certification. The question that was raised was whether or not an expired certification would meet the certification requirement for applicants seeking certification through examination, N.J.A.C. 13:37-16.4 (a) 2 is silent about current certification.

OPEN FORUM:

Deborah Overholt asked the public to share with the committee any concerns, issues or questions:

- No comments from the public.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERBERG 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. Jaclyn Carnasky
2. Marilyn Erwin
3. Teresa Michalski
4. Patricia Debiase
5. Lori Keith
6. Christopher Peterson
7. Ok Primus
8. Cho Claramisook
9. Jorge Chaves Lutz

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT , VOTED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

The following applicants are approved pending receipt of additional information.

1. Dolly Moreno
2. Kathryn Herrmann
3. Dioselina Angueta
4. Laura Clark
6. Elizabeth Nelsen
7. Casandra McLendall

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERBERG 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 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 2:00 p.m. The next Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting will be held on January 4, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Overholt
Committee Member



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