

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
MASSAGE THERAPY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

October 9, 2014

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the of the Massage Therapy Advisory Board convened at 10:00 a.m. in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristina Wright, C.M.T., Chair
Stephanie Quinby, C.M.T., Faculty Member, Co-Chair
Michael Jennings Vines, C.M.T.
Michele Schutt, C.M.T.
Jermaine Mincey, Citizen Member (joined later)

STAFF PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director
Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S., Deputy Executive Director
Latasha Austin, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Bowers-Lanier, American Massage Therapy Association-Virginia Chapter
Joseph Crook, Certification Specialist, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
Susan Yale, Compliance Investigator, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: With five members of the CMT Advisory Board present, a quorum was established.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Wright called the business meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS: An overview was done of the minutes from the last Massage Therapy Advisory Board meeting held on October 22, 2013. Minutes were approved. Welcome and introduction was done for new advisory board member Jermaine Mincey.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Krohn reviewed the current licensure and disciplinary numbers for licensee regulated by the Board of Nursing. In addition, Ms. Krohn discussed 2014 Informal Conference & Formal Hearing dates that needed coverage by a Massage Advisory Board Member and possible dates for 2015. Appreciation on behalf of the Board of Nursing members for the Massage Advisory Board Members participation in Informal Conference and Formal Hearings was shared.

Ms. Douglas informed the Massage Advisory Board of the agencies new Director, Dr. David Brown, new Chief Deputy Director, Jaime Hoyle and new Deputy Director for Administration, Jason Brown.

Ms. Austin gave a report on the current massage online application process and gave a report re-capping the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) Annual Meeting that was held in Tucson, Arizona October 2, 2014-October 4, 2014. Ms. Austin's FSMTB report highlighted the joint announcement made by Debra Persinger, FSMTB Executive Director and Steve Kirin, NCBTMB Chief Executive officer at the meeting informing attendees that the FSMTB Massage & Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEX) will be utilized as the sole licensure exam for the massage profession. Effective as of November 1, 2014, NCBTMB will no longer offer the NCETM or NCETMB exams.

Ms. Krohn gave an overview of the NCBTMB Board Certification Exam for Therapeutic Massage (BCETM). Information was provided to the Massage Advisory Board to discuss and consider the BCETM exam an acceptable exam for initial certification in Virginia and as a requirement option for renewal. The BCETM Exam would lead to "Board Certification" by NCBTMB. However, that "Board Certification" through NCBTMB would require 6 months work experience, in addition to other requirements. Currently, NCBTMB will allow new graduates to take the exam prior to meeting all requirements. However, the work experience could not be obtained until after an applicant has been certified in the state to work as a certified massage therapist.

Ms. Schutt made a motion that the Massage Advisory Board recommend to the Board of Nursing to accept the Board Certification Exam for Therapeutic Massage (BCETM) as an exam for initial certification in Virginia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Quinby made a motion that the Massage Advisory Board recommend to the Board of Nursing to change the language in 18VAC90-50-75(A)(1) of the continuing competency requirements from "*hold current certification by the NCBTMB*" to "*hold current **Board** certification by the NCBTMB*". The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF
FUTURE MEETINGS:

Board staff will coordinate with Advisory Board members on availability and confirm exact date when possible.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S
Deputy Executive Director