

MASSAGE THERAPY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Quarterly meeting
Monday, December 18, 2023
5800 West Tenth Street
Little Rock, AR 9:05 a.m.

MINUTES

Members present: Wendy Scott, presiding; Kristy Strother; Julie Eckert; Krista Moore; Glen Fleming; Leigh Ann Warriner

Also Present - Chuck Thompson, Craig Smith, Kelli Kersey

Call to order Wendy Scott

Roll call Wendy Scott

Approval of minutes
motion by Warriner, second by Moore

Legal Update
Chuck Thompson

* For process reasons, starting with next meeting, during public comment, people wishing to speak must sign in, and have a two-minute limit.

* There are concerns about the way the licenses go out with the online changes. The new process saves staff time, and it is more automated. Some have expressed preference for the old way, but this is a new administrative decision implemented for efficiency. There is concern about the look of the license. Discussion of the original license number versus a new number; staff is working on the fixes.

* CLIPS is up and running, need to still finish uploading the school permits.

Administrative Hearing Re: Chiew Ha Lee and Kim Yoon Lim
-Garden Home Spa

Verbatim transcript under separate cover.

Continuing Education Applications

1. Massage for Head, Arms, Feet -- motion to approve by Warriner, second by Moore -- approved
2. Therapeutic Barefoot Techniques - motion to approve by Moore, second by Warriner - approved
3. Imminent: Massaging the Dying Client - Motion to approve by Moore, second by Fleming - approved
4. Get Your -- motion to approve by Warriner, second by Strother -- approved
5. Handling Grief - Motion to approve by Moore, second by Strother -- approved
6. History of Cupping Technique (name changed to History and Introduction to Cupping Therapy) - Motion to table by Warriner, pending copy of license, copy of transcript from school, signatures needed on two items, need to change title of course, have to have six hours of CE work in cupping in person in order to be able to do cupping, seconded - tabled
Later in the meeting, motion to approve by Warriner with the addition of more information that was sent, second by Eckert- one member opposed -- course approved.
7. Fundamentals of Facilitated Stretching - Motion to approve by Moore, second by Strother -- approved.

*Clarification from Kelli Kersey

During COVID there was authorization to allow limited relaxation of some rules, and only online courses were allowed. A previous course was approved during this time.

Program Update

Kelli Kersey

The administrative staff does not review or approve applications for CE courses. They only present to the committee what is sent. They do not look at or review applications.

Question from Eckert -- is there a way to put a generic, model example of a CE application online, or make a check list? Applicants need concise examples to follow when submitting CE applications. Suggestion by Thompson to form a sub-committee to study this.

Regarding CLIPS - discussion of how to get to the website online. Cannot apply for licensure and renewal yet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

* Carpenter - CE application form does in fact list everything that's required. There is no example of how to package it electronically, such as security settings, etc. Is it easier to mail the application packet?

Discussion of use of Massage Therapy for identification purposes.

Mandated reporter information is not posted online. Department of Health rules need to be online in massage therapy information.

Ethics rules - does reporting violate ethics rules and confidentiality? Thompson says massage therapy is mandated by law to report. This law trumps the ethics code. If a complaint is filed against unlicensed massage therapist, it is sent to the prosecutor's office.

* Mr. Kirby - Arkansas Chapter of American Massage Therapy Association is having a state convention next year April 14-15. Invitation to MTTAC to be a part of the process.

* Sybil - When is the legality of options in the law on testing going to be respected? When will state exam be offered?

Recommendations went through the appropriate process, and were denied by the Board of Health

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Next meeting - March 11, 2024

