

OPEN MINUTES
Missouri Board of Therapeutic Massage
July 22, 2002 – 12:30 p.m.
Division of Professional Registration
3605 Missouri Boulevard – Jefferson City, Missouri

At 12:34 p.m., the Missouri Board of Therapeutic Massage telephone conference call meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Miller, Chairperson at the Division of Professional Registration located at 3605 Missouri Boulevard in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Board Members Present

Elizabeth Miller, Chairperson
Kevin Snedden, Vice-Chairperson
Bernard Wesley, Secretary (Joined the call at 12:47 p.m.)
Sid Brantley
Juliet Mee – Nonvoting member
Dr. Gretchen Lockett (Joined the call at 1:06 p.m.)

Staff Present

Loree Kessler, Executive Director
Jeanette Stuenkel, Executive I
Chad Sooter, Licensure Technician

Visitor

Marilyn Williams - Director, Division of Professional Registration

Ms. Miller stated she would be voting in open and closed session.

A motion was made by Mr. Snedden and seconded by Mr. Brantley to approve the open session agenda adding a discussion regarding Southwest Acupuncture College. Board members voting aye; Mr. Snedden, Mr. Brantley, and Ms. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Brantley and seconded by Mr. Snedden to approve the open session minutes of the May 6, 2002 conference call meeting. Board members voting aye; Mr. Snedden, Mr. Brantley, and Ms. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence Regarding National Examination

The board reviewed the information regarding the change in the examination service from ASI effective in August of this year. Ms. Mee reported that this change might result in examination candidates being scheduled quicker and notifying the board accordingly. Staff was asked to modify the provisional licensure application to include a statement that the applicant must complete regarding if an application has been submitted to take the national test and the date that application was submitted.

Correspondence BMSI

The board reviewed the May 15, 2002 letter from BMSI Director of Education, Peggy Smith concerning the content of the program. The board determined that hydrotherapy is in compliance with the area of study for ancillary therapy, Kinesiology/Touch for Health I-II and Pathology as in compliance with the area massage theory and practice. The board noted that there are instances that a course in theory can be used for ancillary therapy if the applicant is deficient in that area of study.

In reviewing the course descriptions, the board noted that hydrotherapy included the use of mudpacks and facials. The board asked that the letter sent to Ms. Smith explain that body wraps used in coordination with massage therapy and facial massage were within the scope of practice, however, the use of mud packs and facials was within the scope of practice for estheticians.

The board also responded to several questions regarding continuing education and the composition of CE.

Procedures for Licensure

The board authorized the staff to issue a provisional license contingent upon all documentation being received as well as issue the permanent license upon receipt of the examination results from the examination service. It was clarified that a provisional licensee can continue to practice according to that license until the scores are received in the board office based upon the expiration date of the license.

The board authorized the staff to transfer a temporary license to a permanent upon receipt of the 100 hours of course work as required by the regulation with at least twenty-five hours of anatomy and physiology.

The board authorized the staff to issue a permanent license based upon an application for licensure by reciprocity verifying the board has reviewed the most current law and regulations for that state and the criminal background check is complete.

The board discussed the composition of continuing education particularly the accessibility to the areas of study regarding universal precautions and CPR. It was recommended a reminder be sent to licensees regarding the CE requirement. The board determined that if a person had been issued a license in 2002, that person would need to complete at least six hours of continuing education since the license was not issued for the entire year. Additionally a person transferring a temporary license to a permanent license did not have to complete continuing education until the first full biennial cycle of the permanent license.

The board discussed the possibility of amending the regulation concerning continuing education in order to clarify content and formats for continuing education.

Mr. Snedden asked the board about clarification he had received from AMTA regarding the use of the terms standard and universal precautions. Ms. Miller explained that standard precautions deal with blood born pathogens and universal precautions deal with all pathogens.

Ms. Miller commented that information regarding universal precautions was available at the CDC web site also.

Meeting Schedule

The next board conference call will convene September 9, 2002 at 12:30 p.m.

Southwest Acupuncture College

The board determined that the course of study at the college was in compliance with 100-hour requirement for temporary licensure.

Board Appointments

The board asked Ms. Williams to join the conference call to provide an overview of board appointments. Ms. Williams advised the board the individuals could submit their name to the Governor's office or to her office. If someone has indicated to a board member that s/he may be interested the person can be sent a board member appointment packet. Ms. Williams added that she and the Governor's office were working on replacements for Ms. Warner and Mr. Alvarez as well as Mr. Brantley.

At 1:15 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Snedden and seconded by Mr. Brantley to convene in closed session pursuant to sections 610.021(14) and 620.010.14(7) RSMo for the purpose of discussing investigative reports and/or complaints and/or audits and/or other information pertaining to the licensee or applicant, section 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal actions, causes of action or litigation, and any confidential or privileged communication between this agency and its attorney and for the purpose of reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes of one or more previous meetings under the subsections of 610.021 which authorized this agency to go into closed session during those meetings. Board members voting aye; Mr. Snedden, Mr. Brantley, Mr. Wesley, Dr. Lockett and Ms. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

At 1:50 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Warner and seconded by Mr. Snedden to convene in open session. Board members voting aye; Mr. Snedden, Mr. Wesley, Mr. Brantley, and Ms. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

At 2:27 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Snedden and seconded by Mr. Brantley to convene the conference call meeting in open session. Board members voting aye; Mr. Snedden, Mr. Wesley, Mr. Brantley, Mr. Wesley, and Ms. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the need to add another member to the educational program subcommittee to replace Ms. Warner. The subcommittee reviews courses and instructors forwarded to the board by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Mr. Snedden indicated he would serve on the subcommittee. Additionally, the executive director stated that subcommittee recommendations would be part of the agenda to be included in the board's minutes.

At 2:30 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Brantley and seconded by Mr. Wesley to adjourn the conference call meeting. Board members voting aye; Mr. Snedden, Mr. Wesley, Mr. Brantley, Mr. Wesley, and Ms. Miller. Motion carried unanimously

Ms. Miller and Ms. Mee remained on the telephone conference call as members of the Subcommittee on Massage Therapy Program Review. For MTTI Dawn McCoun-Hatfield was approved as an instructor for Polarity Therapy as an ancillary therapy with the following courses approved; Basic Counseling Skills for Bodyworkers, Environmental Influences on Wellness, Fitness Consultant, Nutrition and Wellness Counseling, Stress Management Facilitator and Stress Management Workshop. At 2:32 p.m. Ms. Miller and Ms. Mee exited the call.



Executive Director

Approved by Board on September 9, 2002