MASSAGE THERAPY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Quarterly meeting
Monday, September 9, 2019
5800 West Tenth Street, Room 801
Little Rock, AR 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Members present: Alan Anderson, Wendy Scott, Yizhen 'Angela' Qu, Susan Gee

Presiding - Co-Chairperson, Chris Lovelace

Called to order at 9:13 a.m.
Chris Lovelace, presiding

Call to order

Roll call

Approval of minutes
motion by Gee, second by Scott

Continuing Education Applications

Old applications - approved:

1. Top ten pain releasers

New applications -- approved, pending providing proper proof (actual certificates) of CE’s needed in order to be able to teach the class:

2. 5 senses spa experience - also need to change ‘facial’ to ‘facial massage’

3. Sugar Scrub and foot ritual experience

4. Lymphatic system - all about the pump

9. Pathology and pregnancy

10. Towards a common language

11. Thai Fusion table

New applications - approved:

5. Intro to heat modalities

6. Intro to pressure modalities

7. Structural assessment upper body

8. Structural assessment lower body

Program Update
Kelli Kersey and Charles Thompson
Program Update (continued)

1. Thank you to the Rules Sub-Committee for all of their hard work on the rules.

Rules process explanation -
Rules go to executive committee, to board of health for approval, out for public comment, to governor’s office, to joint house and senate public health committee, to Arkansas Legislative Council on Rules, to the full Arkansas Legislative Council, back to the board of health, to the secretary of state's office, 10 days later rules are official.

All of this has to be done by January 1

2. CE courses can be approved by NCBTMB, no longer have to go through state process of approval

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Rugnier (sp), licensed massage therapist, has questions, comments on process to become certified to be an instructor.

No way to get to be an instructor without putting in three years (three-year rule)

Committee needs to work on this requirement

Response was that this three-year rule is a statutory requirement, not a rule. A statutory requirement cannot be changed through a rules change. The board or committee cannot change statutory requirements. It would need a legislative change. (Statute 17-86-102)

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Next meeting - December 7, 2019, 9:00 a.m.