

MASSAGE THERAPY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Quarterly meeting
Monday, June 10, 2019
5800 West Tenth Street, Room 801
Little Rock, AR 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

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

Presiding - Chairperson, Jessica Tolliver

Called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Jessica Tolliver, presiding

Call to order

Roll call

Approval of minutes

motion by Scott, second by Gee

Agenda item III Hearing of Hourglass Vixens, included in separate transcript

Continuing Education Applications

Old applications - Not approved:

1. Medical Massage #4- Oncology and Lymphatic Drainage (tabled from previous meeting) Motion by Anderson to not approve, second by Scott. Curriculum has not been sufficiently rewritten to indicate that massage therapy does not spread cancer.

3. Medical Massage #7 - Business (tabled from previous meeting) Motion by Scott to not approve, second by Anderson. New submissions have substantially changed the course/curriculum. Class is not the same as originally submitted. Welcome to resubmit this as new class based on new material.

Old applications - Approved:

2. Medical Massage #5 - Dealing with painful conditions in the back

New applications -- approved:

4. Clinical skills for end of life massage

5. Understanding Aging and Longevity: the bio-psycho-social process -- caveat that credit will not be given in the future for classes taken prior to approval

6. Basic Foot Reflexology

7. Tuning Fork - A vibrational therapy

Continued - Continuing education new applications approved:

8. Myofascial: Cupping Practitioner Certification - approved pending continuing education documentation of 36.5 hours of cupping and cupping related modalities
9. Principles for business success and sales
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12. Healing Stress Ball Techniques
13. Ultimate facelift massage
14. Fascia body work
15. Foot Reflexology and zone therapy

New applications - tabled:

11. Top Ten Pain Releasers - tabled pending release for use of proprietary information

Program Update

New lawyer Charles Thompson appreciates indulgence on his first hearing.

Legislation regarding reciprocity with other states when the other state does not have reciprocity - Board and commission have to amend the laws in order to be able to be licensed in Arkansas.

If there are new Rules to be submitted, must have all steps completed by January 1. May have to call special meeting of MTTAC in September to look at Rules in order to comply with new timelines.

The committee has been working on amendments to rules and regulations. There are significant updates, but they have to be approved by ADH and governor. There has to be a need shown for the necessity of the changes.

Committee needs to work on rules for easier and expedited licensing of military spouses.

Mr. Thompson will forward to committee all ADH-related legislation that passed

Steps in rules process:
board approves, goes to governor, goes to two legislative committees, goes to legislative council -- all before rules can be approved

Regarding red tape reduction - reduction in background checks will be a part of future discussions.

Committee members cannot talk among themselves about rule changes due to FOI requirements.

Public Comment

Discussion about whether one can obtain medical massage certification through one course only. MTTAC has not approved medical massage courses.

Does the medical board oversee medical massage if the certificate says 'medical massage'? Has to be under doctor's license.

Hopefully there will be guidance on this issue from the medical board.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next meeting - September 9, 2019

