

Massage Therapy Technical Advisory Committee
Quarterly Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2020
5800 West Tenth Street, Room 801
Little Rock, Arkansas
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Members present via conference call: Alan Anderson, Jessica Tolliver, Lamar Anderson, Chris Lovelace, Susan Gee, Yizhen “Angela” Qu

Members present in person: Wendy Scott

Members Absent: None

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Call to order

Roll Call

Approval of minutes – motion to approve by Chris Lovelace, second by Wendy Scott

Continuing Education Applications

New applications – approved

1. Pediatric Massage: For the Child with Autism – Alicia Billings – 18 hours
2. Intro to Full Body Hot Stone Massage – Kirby Clark – 6 hours
3. Tabletop Stretching – Graceful Additions – Tammy Parnell – 6 hours

Program Update

Charles “Chuck” Thompson spoke about the status of the amended rules. They will need to go to the Sub Committee and if there are no questions, they should be passed.

Covid-19 concerns were mentioned, and Massage Therapists had questions on how to stop the spread while open and discussed if any new directives were in place. As of now, the current directive is still being followed.

Staff Announcement: Nell Smith is the new Branch Chief for the Center of Health Protection (CHP), Arkansas Department of Health (ADH). Nell comes to the ADH from the Bureau of Legislative Researcher.

Public Comment

Jody Croft stated she was waiting on her background check. Suggested that they move background checks to the beginning, when a student enrolls in schools. Chuck stated that due to ACT 990 they were

working on rules and that the petitions would possibly delay the start of school. Due to Covid-19 background checks are taking longer than usual. In order for background checks to be moved to the beginning of school, it would require a Statute change and that may need to be changed in law during the next session.

Tammy Parnell asked why Oklahoma has different laws than Arkansas and how we could get the Law for Arkansas changed like Oklahoma. That also would have to be changed during the session.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.