

Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

General Session

October 24, 2018

Members Present

Paula K. Jilanis, LMT, Board Chair
Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT, Vice Chair
David A. Cox, LMT, Secretary/Treasurer
Gwenda Harrison, LMT, Board Member
Gloria Boddie-Epps, Consumer Member
Margaret Hayes, Consumer Member

Non-Members Present

Adrienne Congo, MS, Acting Executive Dir.
Grant Gerber, AAG, Board Counsel
Marc Ware, Investigator III
Pamela Alston, Administrative Specialist II
Kim Lang, MDH
Michelle England, LMT
Lillian Reese, MDH

- I. **Call to order-** *Paula K. Jilanis, LMT, Board Chair- 10:11 a.m.*
- II. **Roll Call-** Six out of Seven Board Members Present; J. Paige Szymanski-Absent.
- III. **Opening Remarks by Board Chair-** Paula Jilanis reads the Board's mission statement.
- IV. **Review/Approval of Public Session Agenda-***Board moved to accept Agenda Motion to accept by David Cox; 2nd by Margaret Hayes. Passed.*
Review/Approval of September 26, 2018 minutes-*Motion to approve by Caitlin; 2nd by Gwenda; Passed.*

V. **Reports**

A. **Chair**

- Upcoming Meeting with Secretary Neall- Secretary Neall wants to meet with the Massage Board members & Adrienne Congo, Acting Director to discuss upcoming legislation.

B. **Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) Annual Meeting- October 3-6, 2018**

(Gwenda Harrison & David Cox) Gwenda Harrison & David Cox attended the FSMTB meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. Gwenda Harrison attended in Paula Jilanis' place and represented as a delegate. Gwenda reports that the conference was full of substantial information. Conference topics included human trafficking, FSMTB as the centralized uniformed education standards, revision of the model practice act, issues of deregulation and CBD oil. David Cox attended and reported on the CBD oil session led by Dale Atkinson. He states that this is a complex issue that many (attorneys, lawmakers, etc.) do not know how to deal with. Should it be accepted?

Much of the debate is between the federal government and the states on legality and medicinal usage. Each state has their own jurisdiction; there is a flux on the stance on medicinal marijuana usage with regards to therapeutic massage (hemp oil, non-THC, hemp lotion, etc.) Census is that further studies are needed on this issue because of dissension between States and law makers. Other topics discussed: licensing fraud- there are many groups are issuing fake school transcripts from fake schools as well as legitimate schools.

A new policy has been put in place as of July 2017: only schools approved by the Board or the Dept. of Education will be able to eliminate fraudulent schools. (Currently there are lawsuits against 3 schools, Texas, California & New York). Lastly, David Cox was re-elected as Treasurer & Charlene Russell as President on the FSMTB Board. The model practice act as explained by Gwenda Harrison encompasses massage state guidelines, standards & state regulations. Margaret Hayes began a discussion of linking FSMTB to the Massage Board website for resource purposes.

C. Committee (s)-none

D. Acting Executive Director (*Adrienne Congo*)

- **Personnel-** Welcome! Marc Ware, Investigator III
- **Renewal Update-**Currently we have completed 54.88% renewals & 1,645 licensees are due for renewal. Applications are being processed on a daily basis within 3-5 business days. Approximately 100-200 licenses are printed and mailed daily. The issue of students taking online free courses such as ethics, communicable diseases, etc. was brought up to the board – are these courses legitimate? Adrienne Congo will investigate the (content and validity) “free courses”. The Board will revisit this issue in the future. Adrienne Congo discussed the results of the survey evaluation of the renewal process.

E. Update Regulatory Proposed Action on Regulations – Title 10 Subtitle 65 Chapter 01 Regulation (.06,.07, and .16) (*Licensing & Advisory Committee*)

- Will be on the Maryland Register – Starting October 26, 2018. Comments will go to the Director of Regulations. Comments must be submitted by Monday, November 26, 2018. Grant mentioned that we need to ensure that we have the ability/access to make sure website is updated and user friendly. A link can be posted on the massage websites; Adrienne Congo will work with the IT department to ensure the website is accessible and user friendly. Grant Gerber mentioned that regulations can be delayed with comments because they must be addressed formally.

F. Board Counsel – (*Grant Gerber, AAG*)

- **Rap Back-** Grant discussed participating phone call with several boards as to whether or not this legislative proposal. Discussions of Omnibus- Rap Backs have been approved to move forward per Lillian Reese.

VI. New Business-

- New Committees & Member Assignments:
 - **Advisory Committee-**David, Gwenda, Caitlin
 - **Disciplinary-**Gloria, Margaret, Caitlin
 - **Licensing-**David, Paige, Paula
 - **Rehabilitation-**Gloria, Margaret, Caitlin

- Need 2 people for task force with the Chiropractic Board with Dr. Frieman: David Cox & Gwenda Harrison volunteered.

VII. Old Business: Petitions closed from September 26th Closed Session

- Applicant- Application approved for continued processing.
- Registrant- Denied extension for payment of registration fee without late penalty or beyond November 30, 2018.
- Registrant- Denied proration of licensure fee
- Licensed Massage Therapist-Granted 6 month extension to complete CE's but must have CPR.
- Licensed Massage Therapist-Denied extension for payment of license fee without late penalty or beyond November 30, 2018.
- Applicant- Denied waiver of the 60 college credits in lieu of other non-higher education training for LMT status.
- Board accepted the Pacific Center for Awareness & Bodywork, Kilauea, Hawaii (816 Hours) which is approved by the State of Hawaii Dept. of Education & NCBTMB as a board approved school.

VIII. 2018 Citizens Advocacy Center- (CAC) Annual Meeting- October 16-17th Report- (Gloria Boddie-Epps & Margaret Hayes)

Gloria Boddie-Epps reported that the CAC Annual Meeting was very beneficial and the team practice, emerging practices and networking opportunities were great. The exercises included, interpersonal, professional team building, proactivity, measurable goals, joint meeting, investigation, accreditation and regulating multi-disciplinary goals.

There was a discussion on interdisciplinary goals, scope of practice, team leadership (important for individuals with expertise). Margaret Hayes also reported that the Massage Board has been considered to host the next CAC Meeting in 2019 (make agenda item for next meeting). There were people from all occupations and the meeting was great-awesome information.

IX. Ratification of New Licensees & Registrants (July 2018 + August 2018) Continued on Page 3

KEY: License =
 LMTRRegistration =
 RMP
 COS = Change of Status from RMP to LMT

License No.	Name(s)	Original License Date
M05955	GITEI, EDNA C.	09/05/2018
M05956	PARK, SOONGIL S	09/10/2018
M05957	DEDOLPH, FREDERICK M.	09/10/2018
M05959	THITA, YUPAPORN	09/13/2018
M05960	PRICE, HAYLEE	09/13/2018
M05961	CALLAHAN, KATHLEEN P	09/13/2018
M05962	JETER, LUVENIA	09/17/2018
M05963	HEALEY, PATRA L.	09/17/2018
M05964	ENGLAND, MICHELLE B.	09/19/2018
M05965	NAPIERALA, DEBORAH A.	09/21/2018
M05966	KIM, JIWON	09/21/2018
M05967	MCCLARE, SUSAN L.	09/25/2018
M05968	MACLEOD-SIMS, CYNTHIA A.	09/25/2018
M05969	LEAKE, LORIN	09/25/2018
M05970	LONG, LASHANDA M.	09/25/2018
END		

Registration No.	Name(s)	Original Registration Date
R02942	BROWN, MATTHEW E.	09/05/2018
R02943	SORENSEN, KIMBERLY C.	09/05/2018
R02944	PEPPER, TORRI E.	09/10/2018
R02945	FELDENZER, EMILIE A.	09/10/2018
R02946	SUNDRUM, JAMUNA K.	09/13/2018
R02947	MEESIRI, BUNDIT	09/13/2018
R02948	LI, JING	09/13/2018
R02949	METTS, ASHLEY A.	09/13/2018
R02950	WILLIAMS, GINNICE	09/13/2018
R02951	PITETTI, JAMIE L.	09/17/2018
R02952	WILDT, JAMES A.	09/17/2018
R02953	DIERKER, JULIE A.	09/17/2018
R02954	YI, MEI H.	09/17/2018
R02955	HARRIS, JR, ALBERT	09/17/2018
R02956	SCHOENBAUER, ANGELA A.	09/19/2018
R02957	ANDREWS, ALEZANDRA C.	09/19/2018
R02958	FITCH, KRYSTAL N.	09/20/2018
R02959	DOS REIS, OLIVIA J.	09/21/2018
R02960	GRIMES, KAYLA M.	09/21/2018
R02961	TAN, BIYU	09/21/2018
R02962	WOOD, DEBORAH A.	09/25/2018
END		

*David Cox moves to ratify new licensees; 2nd by Caitlin Thompson. Passed.
 Congratulations to the new licensees!*

X. MD State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners-

- Awards given to David Cox, Gwenda Harrison and Gloria Boddie-Epps for their service to the Board.
- Board Commemorative Photographing-Postponed until next Board Meeting.

XI. Miscellaneous Announcements/FYI-


- Metro Executive Building Parking-There is concerns on board meeting days regarding having adequate parking spaces for board members. Adrienne Congo will be submitting a list of board members who require parking to Mr. Terry Green (Building Manager).

▪ **Current Statistic Effective October 24, 2018**

ACTIVE	NUMBERS	<i>INACTIVE</i>	<i>NUMBERS</i>
LMT'S	2661	LMT'S	247
RMP'S	1586	RMP'S	87

Motion to close General Session by David Cox; 2nd by Margaret Hayes at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


David A. Cox,
Secretary/Treasurer

Board Working Lunch