

BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS

April 26, 2017 – General Session

Members Present

David A. Cox, LMT, *Chair*
Gwenda Harrison, LMT, *Vice Chair*
Gloria Boddie-Epps, *Secretary/Treasurer*
Margaret Hayes, *Consumer*

Paula K. Jilanis, LMT (Absent)
J. Paige Szymanski, LMT
Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT

Non-Members Present

Laurie Sheffield-James, *Executive Director*
Adrienne Congo, MS, *Deputy Director*
Grant D. Gerber, AAG, *Board Counsel*
Kimberly B. Link, JD, *Compliance Manager*

Martin Chamberland
Sabrina Lopez, AMTA
Robin Anderson, CCBC
Telecia Ellis, Applicant

Mr. Cox called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

- I. Review/Approval of Agenda** – *Approved with changes.*
- II. Review/Approval of Minutes** from March 22, 2017– *Approved.*
- III. Reports**
 - A. Executive Director :

1. 2017 Legislative Update:
 - HB 180/SB 82 - DMHM will be renamed Department of Health. Effective July 1, 2017.
 - HB 275 – Dept. of Veterans Affairs is required to provide the Board with courses in military culture for the Board to publicize to its licensees. Effective 10/1/17.
 - HB 628/SB517 - *FTC v. NC Dental* – regulations will be promulgated to enact new legislation.
 - HB 880/SB450 Open Meetings Act – Requires the Board to designate at least one member to receive training on the Open Meetings Act; Board may not meet in closed session unless the Board designates at least one member to receive training; at least one designated member must be present at an open meeting; if the designated member cannot attend an open meeting, then the Board must complete an Open Meetings Act

Compliance Worksheet and include same in the minutes of the meeting. Effective 10/1/17.

- SB 503 Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Act – Requires Board to report an update on efforts to educate licensees regarding: reducing and eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities; improving health literacy; improving cultural and linguistic competency; and achieving the goal of racial and ethnic health equity. Effective 6/1/17 thru 5/31/18.

2. Annual Reports: general discussion as to whether Board should issue annual reports.

B. Licensing Committee (David Cox for Paula Jilanis, Chair):

- Report on topics discussed at committee’s first meeting held at the Frederick Health Dept.

C. Rehabilitation Committee (Caitlin Thompson, Chair):

- Representatives from Med Chi will give a presentation during the Executive Session re: rehabilitation services for health professionals.

D. Human Trafficking Task Force (Gwenda Harrison):

- Next State Task Force meeting set for June, 2017.

IV. Old Business: Presentation by Howard Community College moved to general session August, 2017.

V. New Business: None.

VI. Ratification of new licensees and registrants - *Approved.*

VII. Miscellaneous

- Licensing Committee meeting scheduled for today is postponed due to Ms. Jilanis’ absence.

The General Session adjourned at 10:56 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Gloria Boddie-Epps, Secretary/Treasurer