

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
MASSAGE THERAPY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

October 22, 2013

- TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the of the Massage Therapy Advisory Board convened at 10:00 a.m. in Board Room 1, Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.
- MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristina Wright, C.M.T., Chair
Stephanie Quinby, C.M.T., Faculty Member, Co-Chair
Michael Jennings Vines, C.M.T.
Michele Schutt, C.M.T.
- STAFF PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director
Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S., Deputy Executive Director
Latasha Austin, Administrative Assistant
- OTHERS PRESENT: Becky Bowers-Lanier, American Massage Therapy Association-Virginia Chapter
- ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM: With four members of the CMT Advisory Board present, a quorum was established.
- CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Wright called the business meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Welcome and introduction was done for new advisory board member Michele Schutt.
- ANNOUCEMENT: The Advisory Board was informed that the Citizen Member position on the Massage Therapy Advisory Board is currently vacant as Ruth Smith's term has expired and she is unable to continue to serve until a replacement is named.
- OLD BUSINESS: An overview was done of the minutes from the last Massage Therapy Advisory Board meeting held on November 8, 2012. Minutes were approved.
- PUBLIC COMMENT: Becky Bowers- Lanier was present and representing AMTA (American Massage Therapy Association). The Virginia Chapter of AMTA is working with localities to update their ordinances since most local ordinances preceded the regulation of massage therapy.
- NEW BUSINESS: A review of Guidance Document 90-47 (Guidance on Massage Therapy Practice) was done. It was suggested by the Massage Advisory Board to make the following changes to the appropriate Draping and Technique section of the guidance document:
Areas that should be draped and not touched unless medically indicated for a condition referred by a health care provider and with the written informed consent of the client include: Anus, penis, testicles, scrotum, vagina, labia, clitoris, nipples, and areola.

A motion was made and seconded to have to take the suggested changes to Guidance Document 90-47 to the Board of Nursing. The motion was carried unanimously.

A review of Guidance Document 90-58 (Bylaws of the Advisory Board on Massage Therapy) was done. It was suggested to make no changes to this guidance document.

Ms. Krohn reviewed the disciplinary process with the Massage Advisory Board regarding their role on a committee for an Informal Conference and their role on a panel for a Formal Hearing. In addition, Ms. Krohn did an overview of the Sanctioning Reference Points (Guidance Document 90-7), the impact of criminal convictions on certifications of massage therapist (Guidance Document 90-59), and the disposition of disciplinary cases against massage therapist practicing on an expired certification (Guidance Document 90-61).

Ms. Austin gave a report re-capping the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) Annual Meeting that was held in Baltimore, Maryland October 10, 2013- October 13, 2013. In addition to the written report provided, Ms. Austin added that FSMTB will celebrate its 10 year Anniversary in 2015.

Ms. Austin gave an overview of recent issues with schools and fraudulent transcripts for persons applying for massage certification in Virginia as well as recent trends she has been made aware of in other states.

**DISCUSSION OF
FUTURE MEETINGS:**

The Advisory Board members suggested that the following be discussed at a future meeting:

- The title protection of massage therapist
- Practitioners that are unregulated but are doing massages
- Practitioners that are doing massage techniques but practicing under some other title than massage therapist

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S
Deputy Executive Director