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MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

OCTOBER 5, 2020 MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy met on October 5, 2020. The meeting was held via Zoom, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-154.

CALL TO ORDER

JT Stout, LMT, Professional Member, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: JT Stout, LMT, Professional Member, Chairperson
Dana M. Blank, Public Member
Kristin L. Brooks, Public Member
Charlie Franklin, LMT, Professional Member
Terese Hunter, Public Member
Katie Kiter, Public Member
Jamel Randall, LMT, Professional Member
Irene Savoyat, LMT, Professional Member
Jodi Wiley, LMT, Professional Member

Members Absent: Tiffany Gennety, LMT, Professional Member

Staff Present: Laury Brown, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section
Dena Marks, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committees Section
Courtney Pendleton, Deputy Director, Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Kerry Przybylo, Manager, Boards and Committees Section
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT REMINDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Hunter, seconded by Kiter, to approve the agenda, with new Item 4. LARA Announcement.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Blank, Brooks, Franklin, Hunter, Kiter, Randall, Savoyat,
Wiley, Stout
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

LARA ANNOUNCEMENT

Pendleton introduced herself and her role as Deputy Director with the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. She stated that the Executive Orders are still in effect for 21 days from the Supreme Court ruling of October 2, 2020. She stated that as changes come, they will be communicated through the Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Hunter, seconded by Kiter, to approve the July 13, 2020 meeting minutes, as presented.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Blank, Brooks, Franklin, Hunter, Kiter, Randall, Savoyat,
Wiley, Stout
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

EMAIL TRAINING

Stout provided a brief training on accessing the state email account as well as how to navigate the email folders.

EGRESS TRAINING

Wysack provided a brief overview on how to access the Egress zones, the setup of the zone, and using the edit tools for private notations.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Presentation

Stout presented Beth Miazga, LMT, with a Resolution, honoring the time she served on the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy.

2021 Public Notice

Wysack presented the 2021 Public Notice. She stated that it will be placed in the Department Resources folder in Egress. She confirmed that it has been posted to the public website.

HPRP

Marks stated that the Board of Massage Therapy does not have representation on the Health Professional Recovery Committee. She pointed out the specific rule in statute that describes the requirements of a candidate. Anyone interested should email the Department with their letter of intent and curriculum vitae.

Rules Discussion

Marks stated that no public comments were received from the public hearing held on September 17, 2020. She explained the next steps in the process of getting the rules promulgated.

Chair Report

Stout stated that he attended a work group, lead by Orlene Hawks, Director of LARA, regarding implicit bias training for all health professions. He asked that any Board member interested in joining the work group to reach out to him.

Przybylo stated that the implicit bias training will be placed in the general rules, not in each individual professional set.

Stout stated that as of September 2020, there were 9,377 licensed massage therapists in the state. He asked the Board to imagine the volume of clients that they serve and that it is the Board's duty to protect the public. There are a few vacancies coming up on the Board and he encouraged Board members to send potential candidates to the state to apply.

Brand and Hunter spoke regarding their experience on the Board.

Department Update

Wysack stated that there would be another Board Member training in February 2021. It is split into two days to separate the health and occupational professions to provide training specific to the Code.

Wysack reminded the Board Members to check their state email address regularly as it is the source of communication with the Department. She stated that the state email address will soon be used as the User ID for Egress, so it is important to get in the habit of checking the email on a regular basis.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Madison Grey stated that she is a medical massage therapist coming to Michigan and had questions about licensure. Wysack referred her to the Licensing Division for her questions and provide their email address for contact.

Anita Jones of Ruby's Massage had a tax write-off question.

Margaret Hansen, LMT, thanked the Board for their service and assistance with getting through COVID-19.

Mike Krombeen with the American Massage Therapy Association – Michigan, thanked the Rules Committee for their work on the rules. He stated that allowing the public to participate earlier in the process allowed for better collaboration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held January 4, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at 611 W. Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Hunter, seconded by Wiley, to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Blank, Brooks, Franklin, Hunter, Kiter, Randall, Savoyat,
Wiley, Stout
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on January 4, 2021.

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October 7, 2020