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MICHIGAN BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

JULY 19, 2021, MEETING

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy met on July 19, 2021, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

JT Stout, LMT, Professional Member, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: JT Stout, LMT, Professional Member, Chairperson
Jason Bacchus, LMT
Dana M. Blank, Public Member
Amanda Corley, Public Member
Katie Kiter, Public Member
Amelia Lipovsky, LMT
Irene Savoyat, LMT, Professional Member

Members Absent: Kristin L. Brooks, Public Member
Charlie Franklin, LMT, Professional Member
Jamel Randall, LMT, Professional Member
Jodi Wiley, LMT, Vice Chairperson, Professional Member

Staff Present: Laury Brown, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section
Dena Marks, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committees Section
Kerry Przybylo, Manager, Boards and Committees Section
Bridget Smith, Assistant Attorney General
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

ROLL CALL/PUBLIC COMMENT REMINDER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Blank, seconded by Savoyat, to approve the agenda, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Blank, seconded by Bacchus, to approve the January 4, 2021, meeting minutes, as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Conferee Training

Smith presented a training titled "Conferee Training 2021."

FSMTB Meeting Update

Stout presented a report provided by Wiley, who attended a Town Hall meeting held by FSMTB. The meeting addressed clinical versus apprenticeship programs offered in massage therapy schools and the possible problems with them. Michigan is not a state that recognizes apprenticeship programs. Discussion indicated that FSMTB's Matilda database provides discipline information on licensees.

Rules Discussion

Marks stated that the rules were promulgated on April 1, 2021. She stated that there is new legislation, regarding reciprocity for Canadian licensees, that needed to be addressed in the rules.

MOTION by Kiter, seconded by Blank, to open the rules.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Bacchus, Blank, Corley, Kiter, Lipovsky, Savoyat, Stout
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Report

Stout stated that there were legislative changes coming regarding 1) Misdemeanors unrelated to the practice of the profession are not necessarily grounds for loss of license and 2) Prostitution, now referred to as commercial sexual activity, is not being prosecuted in several counties within the state of Michigan.

Department Update

Wysack reminded the board members to check their state email address regularly as it is the source of communication with the Department. She explained how to complete the travel voucher and the need to register with Sigma for reimbursement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Krombeen with the American Massage Therapy Association – Michigan (AMTA), stated that he was looking forward to working on the rules with the Board. He stated that the AMTA was developing a product for implicit bias training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 4, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. at 611 W. Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kiter, seconded by Blank, to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on: January 31, 2022.

Prepared by:
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support
Bureau of Professional Licensing

July 21, 2021