

MASSAGE THERAPY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Quarterly meeting
Monday, March 14, 2022
5800 West Tenth Street, Room 801
Little Rock, AR
MINUTES

Members present: Wendy Scott, Julie Eckert, Kristy Strother, Krista Moore, Lena Strickland, Glen Scott Fleming, By phone - Lamar Anderson

Presiding - Wendy Scott

Called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Call to order
Wendy Scott

Roll call

Approval of minutes
motion by Moore, second by Strickland

Continuing Education Applications

Old applications - approved:

1. Sex Trafficking Awareness for Massage Therapists
motion by Moore, second by Eckert

Old applications - tabled:

1. Massage Through History
motion by Strickland, second by Moore.
Tabled pending receipt of information on actual techniques and modalities used and breakdown of time segments.

New applications -- approved:

1. Foundations of Massage Therapy
motion by Moore, second by Strother
2. Business, Resume and Portfolio Workshop for Massage Therapy
motion by Eckert, second by Moore
3. Massage Therapy Laws and Rules
motion by Moore, second by Strother
approved with the contingency to amend the class when new rules take effect, without a fee

New applications, approved (continued)

4. Diversity, Inclusion and Equity - Cultural Competency Training for Massage
motion by Strickland, second by Anderson
with name change for class - Diversity, Inclusion and Equity - Cultural Competency Training for the Massage Business
5. Trauma-Informed Massage (Live)
motion by Moore, second by Eckert
6. Trauma-Informed Massage (online)
motion by Eckert, second by Moore
7. The Psychology and Ethics of Touch (online)
motion by Moore, second by Strother
8. Spa Facials Made Easy
motion by Anderson, second by Strickland
with name change to Relaxing Face Massage
9. Hand and Food Scrubs
motion by Strother, second by Fleming
with name change to Relaxing Hand and Foot Scrubs for Massage
10. Tools, Tips and Techniques
motion by Eckert, second by Moore
11. Nerve Traction Course - Upper Body
motion by Moore, second by Anderson
12. Nerve Traction - Lower Body
motion by Moore, second by Anderson

New applications - tabled:

1. Stretches and Lymph Pumping for Sports
motion by Strother, second by Fleming
tabled pending detailed protocols and change of name, and proof of certificates
2. E-STEM, Cupping and Tender points
motion by Strickland, second by Moore
tabled pending proof of additional CE hours on cupping and E-stem

Pre-Licensure Petitions

Power Point presentation by Chuck -- explaining new licensing restrictions based on criminal records and background checks and waivers.

There was a bit of a gray area on who makes decisions on waivers, but it was decided that the MTTAC should have approval responsibility and authority in certain circumstances.

Pre-Licensure Petitions (continued)

Explanation of documents to be presented to MTTAC, after review by legal department. Guiding background principles to be used for determination explained.

Decisions by MTTAC will be reviewed by the Board of Health and possibly appealed to circuit court.

MTTAC will receive redacted versions so it doesn't affect the committee's review. If an MTTAC member knows a petitioner, they must recuse.

Pre-Licensure Petitions -- Petition for Review of Application

Petition waiver request was considered by the committee. Applicant was on the phone. There were several questions by committee members directly to applicant, and answers by applicant.

Motion by Strickland to approve applicant for waiver. Second by Strother. No opposition by committee. Application for waiver was approved by the committee.

Public Comment

Gary Jones - Thank you for approving course and thanks for work done by committee

Moore - need to look at adding a five-year limitation/update on course content of continuing education. This requires a rule change.

Eckert - Act 811 question on earn and learn rules. Cosmetology has asked for an exception. For change to Massage Therapy - anyone from the public can work on getting massage therapy exempted. Massage therapy schools have lobbyists

Moore - question regarding pre-licensure checks even during school attendance or before entering school. This probably will need a change of law, probably cannot be done simply with a rule change. An individual school may be able to add this to a school's application process.

Program Updates

Kelli Kersey

Now in the testing stage of CLIP system for online renewals and CE and licensing. System will launch soon.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Next meeting June 13, 2022.