

**Panel for Massage/Bodywork  
Task Force Meeting  
Agenda  
October 20, 2021  
9:00 a.m.  
Via Teleconference**

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

- a. Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the office of the Panel for Massage/Bodywork, 110 Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information The meeting will be held via teleconference. Due to technical constraints, members of the public who wish to attend may do so by telephone. For meeting access information, please email [boardinfo@llr.sc.gov](mailto:boardinfo@llr.sc.gov).
- b. Rules of the Meeting

**2. Discussion Regarding Proposed Education Regulations and Revision of Current Massage Regulations.**

Janet Shaw called the task force meeting of the Panel for Massage/Bodywork to order at 9:06 a.m.

Other participants in the meeting included:

- Theresa Brown, Board Administrator
- Kimberly Brooks, Staff
- Donnell Jennings- Advice Counsel
- Karen Taylor- SC Technical College System
- Gloria Smith- Panel Member
- Dr. Rosaline Sumpter- SC Technical College System

The purpose of the task force is to establish curriculum recommendations to present to the Massage/Bodywork Panel. If approved, those recommendations would be given to the Commission on Higher Education for the purpose of licensing massage programs. The current requirement is 500 clock hours, but if the proposed statute changes pass it would change to 625 hours.

Ms. Janet Shaw asked Dr. Rosaline Sumpter to provide information on how the curriculum for the massage therapy was discovered for technical schools. Ms. Shaw stated that the curriculum is very detailed and sequential.

Dr. Rosaline Sumpter stated that she could not provide any information on the exact origin of the curriculum. Ms. Sumpter stated that any certification or licensure program through the schools are referred to the accreditation body or the licensing board. In addition beyond what is required, colleges will look to the local businesses for insights.

Ms. Janet Shaw asked Ms. Sumpter if and when the curriculum is finalized, will it need to be provided directly to them. Ms. Rosaline Sumpter stated that any recommendations presented will need to be reviewed by faculty and the department chair to provide the necessary feedback.

Ms. Karen Taylor stated that she follows all of government relation guidelines. Ms. Taylor stated that Bill S227 passed through the Senate but the House subcommittee questioned the language used for the criminal background check list.

Topics discussed: The 650 clock hours curriculum, the ELAP program, program accreditation requirements, instructors and supervisor qualifications; and criminal background checks requirement.

Mr. Donnell Jennings asked Ms. Gloria Smith and Janet Shaw to finalize recommendations for instructors and clinic supervisors' qualifications. The final recommendations will be discussed at the next meeting on October 27, 2021.

**3. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourn at 10:48 am.