

**Panel for Massage/Bodywork  
Task Force Meeting  
Agenda  
October 27, 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 9:14 a.m.

Other participants in the meeting included:

- Theresa Brown, Board Administrator
- Kimberly Brooks, Staff
- Dana Ball- Panel Member
- Mary Lou Kelley- Panel Member
- Gloria Smith- Panel Member

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.

Topics discussed during the meeting included:

Defined the new 625 clock hour curriculum (written in S227 as 650 hours), and considered placing into regulation and not statues, determine definition of clinics and considered linking LLR website to the CHE's website for easy reference guide, categorizing curriculum hours by category, discussed program accreditation requirements, instructors and supervisor qualification and clarified CHE's governance online programs.

The following recommendation for massage therapy instructors and clinic supervisor was presented by Ms. Gloria Smith.

**Massage Therapy Instructor Qualification**

- Hold a current license in massage therapy, and be in good standing with the Board.
- Must have never been sanctioned by the Board for disciplinary actions.
- Must be licensed and be able to provide proven work experience in the massage therapy field for a minimum of two years.
- Must be able to provide proof of completion of a 45 hour Methods of Teaching program, or other program approved by the Board that is designed to provide educators with the needed skills in teaching methodologies, presentation methods, and educational judgments needed to become an effective and successful instructor.

### **Massage Therapy Clinic Supervisor Qualification**

- Hold a current license in massage therapy, and be in good standing with the Board.
- Must have never been sanctioned by the Board for disciplinary actions
- Must hold a license in massage therapy and be able to provide work experience in the massage therapy field for a minimum of the two years.

### **Information about Instructor Training Courses**

AMTA - mastering the classroom for the massage educator.

FSMTB - massage therapy instruction, teaching the adult learner.

NCBTMB - had classes before but could not find specifics ones.

Milady – professional educator and master educator classes.

### **Proposed Curriculum Hours Recommendation**

Anatomy - Physiology - Kinesiology	To include anatomy, physiology, kinesiology and palpation techniques, as well as related pathology and medical terminology, Cautions and contraindications, with a minimum of 40 hours spent in pathologies.	250
Massage Theory and Practice	To include massage theory and principles, practical massage and bodywork applications, special populations and accommodations, allied modalities, and hands on practice in a classroom setting.	200
Business and Ethics	To include professional ethics and communications, boundaries, business practices and development, interpersonal skills and career planning, with a minimum of 45 hours in professional ethics	85
Laws	To include both state and federal laws, regulations, HIPPA, privacy, etc., with a minimum of 5 hours in state specific regulations and laws	15
Student Clinics	Students are not eligible to participate in "Student Clinics" until they have completed a minimum of at least 325 hours of combined study in anatomy, physiology, kinesiology and professional ethics and boundaries. Student clinics include massage, assessment/intake and documentation, room preparation and clerical work relevant to the session, etc. There will be a minimum of 75 hours spent on actual full-body massage for the public that takes place on-site, and under the supervision of qualified instructors or clinic floor supervisors as approved and defined by the Board.	100
Total Proposed Hours and Classifications		650

**3. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourn at 10:48 am.