

South Carolina Massage/Bodywork Therapy Panel Meeting
February 8, 2019
9:00 a.m.
110 Centerview Drive
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building, Conference Room 108
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

1. Meeting Called to Order

- a. Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Massage/Bodywork Therapy Panel office, 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 Act.
- b. Rules of the Meeting
- c. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Introduction of Panel Members and All Other Persons Attending

Chairperson Janet Shaw called the special called Panel meeting of the S.C. Massage/Bodywork Therapy Panel to order. Other Panel members/staff participating in the meeting included:

- Denise Van Nostran
- Mary Lou Kelley
- Jennifer Griffitt
- Georgia Lewis, Advice Counsel
- Theresa Brown, Board Administrator
- Shalon Genwright, Staff
- Priscilla Louis, Staff
- Rodney Pigford, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
- Tina Behles, Court Reporter

3. Approval of Excused Absences

A motion was made by Ms. Mary Lou Kelley to approve the absence of Mr. Anthony Ruggiero and Ms. Jenny Vaughn. The motion was approved by Ms. Jennifer Griffitt and it carried.

4. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Denise Van Nostran made a motion to approve the meeting's agenda with any deviations deemed necessary for quorum purposes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Griffitt and it carried.

5. Approval of the Minutes for the Following Meeting:

November 9, 2018

Ms. Griffitt made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2018, meeting and it was seconded by Ms. Van Nostran.

The motion for the absence of Ms. Jenny Vaughn was rescinded as she was in attendance at the meeting at this time.

- 6. Chairperson's Remarks – Janet Shaw** – Chairperson Shaw is anticipating the task forces to discuss establishment licenses, basic core curriculums, and ethics development. At the next Panel meeting, they will know more about the order of things. A quorum is needed with the task force as well as it makes it difficult if there is a large number of people assigned to be on the task force. Ms. Lewis will look at the parameters as far as absences for Panel members. Some Panel members are currently on the Panel under an expired term. They should continue to serve in that capacity until replaced or reappointed.

- 7. Administrator's Remarks – Theresa Brown** – The Statements of Economic Interest are due by March 31, 2019. If turned in late, a fine of \$100 will be given. No leniency is given for appeals.

- a. **Budget** – For Information - This was for information only and there were no questions. There is enough money to keep the establishment fees low.

- b. **IRC Report** – Rodney Pigford – For Approval - There are 9 cases for dismissal. There are also 3 cases that were given letters of caution. The report is from January 31, 2019. Ms. Van Nostran made a motion to approve the IRC report and it was seconded by Ms. Vaughn. The motion carried.
- c. **OIE Report** – Rodney Pigford – For Information Only – The information given reflects cases received from January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019. The Panel members are curious to see how the cases play out.
- d. **ODC Report** – Megan Flannery – For Information Only – The ODC report was given by Ms. Theresa Brown. There are currently four (4) open cases with one (1) pending consent agreements/memorandums of agreement, and three (3) pending action. Eleven (11) cases have been closed since January 1, 2018.
- e. **Legislative Updates** – Ms. Shaw spoke with Ms. Debra Gallup, member of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA). Senator Mandy Norrell has the new, current bill and her personal committee is in receipt of it as well. Some professional changes have been made. AMTA has hired a lobbyist and once the law is passed, it may have to be flushed out.

8. New Business

a. Consideration of Advanced Training with Dr. Vodder International for Manual Lymph Drainage

An e-mail was received from a member of the public and was in the materials for the Panel members. The person that submitted the e-mail was not present at the meeting. The question presented was if a massage therapist may work on lymphedema clients with Combined Decongestive Therapy and Bandaging in the state of South Carolina. Another question posed was what if massage therapists work for a doctor's office or in a clinical/hospital facility, can massage therapists practice with Combined Decongestive Therapy and Bandaging therapy? An open discussion ensued and it was stated that lymph drainage was a specialized application of massage and the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB) as approved continuing education. Board staff receives a lot of questions in reference to this topic and would like to have the Panel's stance on the record. This specialty (manual lymph drainage) is also open to other licensees and is not specific only to massage therapists. The distinction is not to include open wound care. There is compression bandaging, but it does not include open wound care. An important distinction to make is that the advanced training does not take the place of massage therapy as it is not comparable, but is an add-on as continuing education and requires licensure in at least one profession. This discussion was sufficient for staff to move forward. The Panel wants to caution people from stating that they are lymphedema specialists when the entire process has not been completed. Those that inquire may be directed to the licensed specialists on Dr. Vodder's website.

b. Massage School Approval/Curriculum

Ms. Lane Goodwin was requested to come before the Panel to give information on what is looked at in terms of the massage curriculum and other things that are massage specific. She works with the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE) who regulates the massage schools/programs. They use the same application for initial licensure for a non-degree program. Information was provided in the materials for the meeting. Guidance was given from the Panel in 2017 on what they wanted massage therapists to learn. The hours should add up to 500 clock hours. Anything that is included is reviewed to ensure it is within the parameters of the modalities that massage therapist may provide. Catalog disclosures were discussed. If there are any issues with schools, CHE can always modify the disclosures, so that students are clear on what to expect from the program. A recent change was to reflect the MBLEx as the sole examination leading to licensure in the state of South Carolina. Information about attendance and transferring was also mentioned. The Commission as a body has oversight for program approval at public institutions. The Commission itself has delegated approval of certificate programs at the technical colleges through the technical college system. They don't license the certificate programs at the technical colleges; they are exempt as they are approved by the fact that they are a public institution. Non-degree programs don't have to come through the Commission for approval. The massage program within the technical college is still subject to the Commission's guidelines. The Commission has authority to mediate complaints against exempt schools, but they don't have a license that they may pull. All private programs come through the Commission. If private schools downsize their hours, CHE has to be advised. CHE has to be advised on changes that are 25% or less of the program. Notification is needed. Some schools have scaled back on their hours because of financial aid. Students

that are enrolled at the same time should be charged the same as it is in CHE's regulations. The Panel has no jurisdiction over the schools, but there are a number of layers of approval. There are currently six (6) licensed schools and eight (8) technical schools with a massage program. With school closings, the school notify CHE in advance and provide a list of current students, along with their contact information. Transcripts are requested, along with information on any teach out agreements, information on the currently enrolled students in regards to financial aid, and bonds. There will be 250 hours that are not defined in the curriculum. A task force may need to be created, according to how the current bill goes, to create definitions for the extra hours. There are already resources that exist and no need to create the definitions. For ownership changes, a new school application and bond is needed.

c. 2019 Member Board Executive Summit

The Third Annual Member Board Executive Summit, hosted by the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards, will be held April 18-19, 2019 at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown.

A motion was made by Ms. Kelley for Shalon Genwright to attend the summit on the Board Administrator's behalf. The motion was seconded by Ms. Griffitt and the motion carried.

9. Panel Elections for Panel Chair and Co-Chair

The Board Administrator, Ms. Theresa Brown, took nominations for the Panel Chair.

Ms. Van Nostran nominated Ms. Jan Shaw as Panel Chair for the upcoming year and it was seconded by Ms. Griffitt. The motion carried.

Ms. Shaw took nominations for the Vice Chair position. Ms. Kelley nominated Ms. Van Nostran as the Vice Chair and it was seconded by Ms. Vaughn. The motion carried.

Ms. Van Nostran left the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

10. Public Comments

Ms. Bailey Maddox inquired about the upcoming task force meetings. There has not been a new task force created as of yet, but the meetings are public and the agendas will be posted to the website. Members of the public should also keep up with the South Carolina legislative website as well as they are unsure of the progress of the bill for the statute update.

Ms. Whitney Jett was introduced as she works for the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. She was glad to be a part of the meeting and looks forward to working with the Panel as well.

11. Adjournment

Ms. Griffitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Ms. Kelley. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

The next meeting of the SC Massage/Bodywork Therapy Panel is scheduled for May 17, 2019.
