

**Panel for Massage/Bodywork  
Task Force Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 2022  
9:00 a.m.  
via WebEx 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@lir.sc.gov](mailto:boardinfo@lir.sc.gov).

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

The Massage/Bodywork Panel Task Force meeting was called to order at 9:02am and Ms. Theresa Brown, Administrator, read the rules of the meeting. Other Task Force members participating in the meeting included:

- Janet Shaw, Chairperson
- Gloria Smith
- Mary Lou Kelley
- Denise Van Nostran
- Dana Ball
- Debra Gallup

Other persons in attendance included: Theresa Brown, Administrator; Mary League, Advice Counsel; Robynn Devine, Staff; Jolee Gudmundson, Laura Embleton, and Renee Shaffer.

Ms. Mary League stated that she went through and changed department to board. Ms. League then presented the changes that were made to add a regulation 77-103 to clarify the process for getting a temporary massage therapy license for professional events and to provide a definition for professional events then discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary League presented the changes to 40-30-90(A) of the statute to explain when a massage therapist can practice in South Carolina in an emergency tracking the language of the statute and indicating what they need to provide which would be a form providing notice and a copy of their license. Ms. League then brought up a question to clarify as to what other authority is authorized to issue a disaster declaration because the statute states that it is declared by the appropriate authority or the governor of the state. Discussion then ensued.

Ms. Mary League presented the changes to 77-105 which was a rewriting of that regulation to say endorsement instead of reciprocity. Ms. League asked a question whether an endorsement applicant will need to provide a fingerprint background check then discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary League presented a new section, reactivation of an inactivation. Ms. League stated that this is a new section that is added to implement the provisions of 40-30-185c and 191d. Ms. League stated that it puts together what is required to reactivate the license based on the statutory parameters which will make it easier for the individual then discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary League presented administrative changes, inserting board where it says department.

Ms. Mary League presented substantive changes to 77-135 regarding lost licenses. Establishment licensure was added since this is a new license and the process was discussed if someone applies for a lost license or if a license becomes damaged. Ms. League stated this section applies to an individual as well as an establishment then discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary League presented changes to 77-140 which expounds upon the provisions for sanitation and sets out what is required for the establishments to operate. Ms. League then had a question about the oils, lubricants, and lotions. Ms. League stated that there was language at the end about dispensing the liquids from containers to prevent contamination and it was moved up to "I". Ms. League stated that she wanted to make sure the language was captured appropriately then discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary League then posed the question of the two provisions currently in that regulation, do they need to be updated, deleted or included. Ms. League went further in detail stating that the first provision says when a massage therapist cannot treat an individual if they have an infectious disease or contagious skin disease and the second provision is when the practitioner or therapist cannot practice. Discussion ensued.

Ms. League presented the changes to 77-150 sole practitioner establishment license that explains what a sole practitioner establishment is and describes it as a fixed place of business where the individual provides massage therapy services to clients who come to a specified location to receive services. Ms. League stated an area that is under the control of a massage therapist who is not employed by the entity. Ms. League further explained that it is to cover the individual who doesn't work for a business but may have a small space in their home, garage, or a small rental space and it states that the sole practitioner establishment still has to comply with the licensing operation and the inspection requirements. Discussion ensued.

## **BREAK**

Ms. Janet Shaw stated that the meeting was back in session and asked who wanted to start the education discussion.

Ms. Theresa Brown stated that South Carolina Technical College system approved the work that was done by the education task force and the same information was approved by the panel last year. Ms. Brown stated that the same information, if approve by the task force, would go in the regulation.

Ms. Gloria Smith presented her findings for a curriculum then discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary League asked about the implementation date and how does the Task Force want it to be phased in then discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary League presented the question whether any courses will be online then discussion ensued.

The next scheduled WebEx meeting is July 27, 2022.

### **3. Adjournment**

Ms. Janet Shaw adjourned the meeting at 12:32pm.