

**Panel for Massage/Bodywork
Task Force Meeting
Agenda
July 27, 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@llr.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 9:03am and Ms. Janet Shaw, Chairperson, read the rules of the meeting. Other Task Force members participating in the meeting included:

- 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; Jennifer Stillwell, Staff; and Ashley King.

Ms. Mary League stated that the first thing that was discussed last meeting was regulation 77-100 which sets out the minimum Massage Therapy education curriculum. Ms. League then asked the task force to take a look at the changes and see if it appropriately puts into regulation the intent that was expressed at the last meeting and if not how to fix it. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary League presented changes to the official transcript which states what the board will accept as proof of completion of courses. Ms. League stated that she rewrote the current provision to conform to the new language then discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary league stated that if some of the schools are going to be prepared to implement changes, then that would have to be accommodated by language so that the provision would say that schools have one year post effective date to implement these provisions and the students that graduated from or enrolled in Massage Therapy Programs prior to the effective date may qualify for licensure under either set of educational requirements to give some flexibility. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary League stated that the only unresolved issues in the regulation is whether the 650 hours of instruction will be in the following subject areas or subjects then discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary League presented her findings on 77-104 about the declaration of disaster who that comes from to trigger the authorization for out-of-state licensees to come work in South Carolina without them obtaining a South Carolina license. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary League presented the minimal changes to 77-105 and that was to add in the requirement that an individual that was endorsing in has to undergo the fingerprint background check then discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary League presented changes for 77-140 and the question of how specific the client treatment records standards need to be and Ms. League then presented the findings then discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary League presented Provision 2 and 3 about what to do if the client have a condition that is contraindicating for precautions for a safe massage treatment or what if the Massage Therapist has the condition. Ms. League then stated that there was a change to conform the language from practitioner to therapist. Ms League stated that the question was whether the Task Force wanted two separate provisions to address this or if the language in the comment that want to address the concerns and that would be in regards to known infections or communicable disease or conditions of either the client or the therapist, the massage therapist must employ standard universal precautions appropriate to the condition. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Mary League stated that once the final draft is completed, Ms. Janet Shaw, Chairperson, can review it and if Ms. Shaw is satisfied with the draft, Ms. Theresa Brown can e-mail it to all Task Force members for a final look through. Ms. League then stated that if any Task Force members see anything then the Task Force can send any comments to Ms. Theresa Brown.

Ms. Janet Shaw asked for any public comments. Ms. Ashley King asked if there is any change of language can the education commission be notified so that they can be aligned with the Panel.

The next scheduled Panel meeting is in-person on August 5, 2022.

3. Adjournment

Ms. Janet Shaw adjourned the meeting at 10:25 am.