

AGENDA
South Carolina Massage/Bodywork Therapy Panel
Task Force Meeting
January 12, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
Synergy Business Park
Kingtree Building, Conference Room 108
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 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, Kingtree 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.

2. Review of Massage/Bodywork Panel Statute for Proposed Recommendation of Establishment Licensure and Criteria

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

- Megan Flannery, Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) (LLR)
- Lane Goodwin, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
- Rebecca Leach, Director of Governmental Affairs (LLR)
- Denise Van Nostran, Panel Member
- Georgia Lewis, Advice Counsel (LLR)
- Shalon Genwright, Staff (LLR)
- Theresa Brown, Board Administrator (LLR)
- Debra Gallup, AMTA

This is the second meeting to create guidelines for establishment regulation. At the last meeting, the definition of an establishment, parameters for inspections, and creating a list of exceptions were the primary focus.

The definition of an establishment was given at the last meeting with three exceptions. It was not an exclusive list, so changes may be made. The definition of an owner was given. It was discussed about the requirement of having a professional in charge. If decided by the Panel to have a professional in charge, a definition will be needed. Inspections were also discussed to be expanded on in regulations. Requirements will be provided by the Panel in rules promulgated. The meat has to be seen in the statute. Sexual activity being prohibited will need to be added.

Applications were looked at from other states for establishments.

The focus needs to be on who they want to have these licenses. The purpose of the license is to have someone to hold accountable for violations in that space.

A massage establishment definition was updated to any site or premises, including, but not limited to, a rental booth licensed as required by this chapter in which licensed massage and bodywork therapy is practiced on the public for compensation. The exemptions included the student clinics, approved continuing education programs, and establishments located within the confines within a hospital or long term health care facilities or other similar facilities. On-site massages performed at residences at health fairs, sports events, or trade shows were also given.

A discussion ensued on how the establishment license would affect the licensees, along with the pros and cons of having a licensed massage therapist in charge or someone who is not licensed as such. That would determine how the violations would be given and who was ultimately responsible. Requirements of the establishment may be pulled from the cosmetology statute.

Criminal background checks were also discussed for the establishment licenses and the consideration of such for licensees. The display of licenses and the prohibition of sexual activity needs to be in the statute.

A draft document of this discussion will be sent out to the task force members for their review.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.