

MINUTES

UTAH BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY Meeting

May 18th, 2010

Room 475 – Fourth Floor – 9:00 a.m.
Heber M. Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

CONVENED: 9:04 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:20 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Sally A. Stewart

Board Secretary:

Sally Canavan

Board Members Present:

Richard C. Engar, DDS
Carolyn M. Redington
Jenifer H. Pruetz, Acting Chairperson
Sharon Muir

Board Members Excused:

Craig M. Sauer, Chairman

Guests:

Roger Olbrot, Myotherapy College

DOPL Staff Present:

Ronda Trujillo, Compliance Specialist

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:
MINUTES:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The minutes from the March 16th, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Muir made a motion, seconded by Ms. Redington to approve the minutes with one correction. The motion passed unanimously.

COMPLIANCE REPORT:

Ronda Trujillo, Compliance Specialist

Ms. Trujillo gave the compliance report on the probationers being seen today. Jaclyn Heather Jones had stated in a telephone discussion that she had misplaced the Surrender Stipulation and Order previously sent to her. Ms. Stewart stated she will be mailed another one today.

PROBATION INTERVIEWS:

Ryan Tyler Holland

Excused. Ms. Trujillo gave a report on his status. Mr. Holland's probation continues until December 2010. The Board requested to see him in July 2010.

Compliant

Lisa Ann Bouvier

Ms. Muir interviewed Ms. Bouvier. She stated work is going good. She has an opportunity to do some "hands

Lisa Ann Bouvier - continued

on” advertising at an ongoing summer event. She asked the Board if she would be able to participate. The Board noted that in her MOU under 5.d. she may practice as long as she is under direct supervision. The Board discussed other alternatives such as to temporarily amend the MOU with terms and conditions that would need to accompany that option. The Board told Ms. Bouvier she must try to get a licensee to supervise her while doing massage at the Heber City Summer Concert Series event. DOPL will require Ms. Bouvier to provide the Board with some kind of information or advertising that will show the duration and location of that event. If she prepares a handout or a card for the event, DOPL would like a copy to see what she is doing.

A motion was made by Ms. Muir, seconded by Ms. Redington, to amend her MOU with regard to 5.d. calling for direct supervision to allow her to participate in the Heber City Summer Concert Series, on a weekly basis, Thursdays from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. without direct supervision. This amendment of the condition would be contingent upon monthly employer/supervisor reports for the event. The motion carried unanimously. If the amendment is ordered by DOPL, she will receive a copy in the mail. She will next be seen on July 20th, 2010. **Compliant**

April LaVaun Peterson

Ms. Pruetz interviewed Ms. Peterson. Ms. Peterson stated life was very stressful right now. She is divorcing with severe situations in their relationship. She stated she is living with her in-laws and they are very supportive. The Board reminded her that whoever signs the employer report needs to acknowledge on them that they have read her MOU. She stated she is using things learned in her anger management class to help dilute the situation with her divorce. She has recently moved and gave the Board her new address. She wants to be an instructor and specifically to do structural body work. She will next be seen on July 20th, 2010. **Compliant**

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Out of sequence):

Rules: effective February 22nd, 2010

Ms. Stewart informed the Board that some of the schools are upset by the changes to the curriculum allocation of hours made in the Rule that has been in effect since February 22nd, 2010. The overall hours did not change. The change causing concern is the

pathology requirement of 40 hours in the curriculum. The Rule change went into effect with the Division enforcing it. The school curriculum contact hour breakdown form is in the application and is a required document for licensure. According to Roger Olbrot, there is presently at least one school which will allow a student to take just their pathology course to acquire the additional hours without enrolling in their entire program.

Ms Stewart provided information to the Board on the existence of an online course of study for licensure. It is accredited with the United States Department of Education. It is based in Colorado, and it does appear to meet Utah's education licensure criteria.

It was discussed that there are now three pathways to licensure as a massage therapist. They are through apprenticeship, school or education, and endorsement. The current education requirement is for only 100 hours of clinical training. This may be changed at some time in the future if it is decided to change the education requirement to disallow online education or change the hours required. If a change to the Rule makes it more restrictive, the Board was reminded to be careful because the law states qualifications are defined by rule.

Dr. Engar was recognized for his service to the Board as this was his last meeting with the Massage Therapy Board. He has been a member of the Board for eight years. The Board and the Division thanked him for his service. He expressed to the Board that they continue to be kind but firm and that if they needed to revoke a license they should do it. If the need was for a probationer to receive a wake up call, then they should do that also. He also mentioned he appreciated Ronda and the compliance tracking so that Board members don't have to "reinvent the wheel" each time a probationer comes before it. It has been very helpful to have the same person interviewing each time. He wished the Board good luck and told them to stay out of trouble.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

Tuesday, July 20th, 2010;
Tuesday, September 21st, 2010;
Tuesday, November 16th, 2010

ADJOURN:

10:20 a.m. (no motion required)

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

July 20th, 2010
Date Approved

(ss) Sharon Muir, Newly Elected Chairman
Board of Massage Therapy

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Date Approved

(ss) Sally A. Stewart, Bureau Manager
Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing