

MASSAGE THERAPY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Quarterly meeting
Monday, March 20, 2023
5800 West Tenth Street, Room 906
Little Rock, AR 9:05 a.m.

MINUTES

Members present: Wendy Scott, presiding; Krista Moore; Leigh Ann Warriner; Julie Eckert. Virtually- Kristy Strothers

Call to order -Scott

Roll Call -

Approval of minutes

motion to approve-Eckert; second-Warriner, minutes approved as written

Vote to approve committee travel and stipend

motion to approve - Eckert; second - Moore, approved

Continuing Education Applications

1. Mindful Touch -. Sequential Orthopedic Release Techniques, Common Injuries -

motion by Eckert to table, pending receipt of more detailed information as outlined in application, more detail of what is taught in class. second by Moore. Tabled.

2. Sequential Orthopedic Release Techniques, Common Injuries - motion by Warriner to table, need to complete all that is asked for and required as outlined on application, need more detail of what is being taught. second by Eckert. Tabled

3. Add Ons And Upsales For your Massage Practice - approved.

4. Science of Natural Healing and Health With Massage Treatments and Other Modalities.
Motion by Warriner not to approve, second by Strothers. Motion passes -- not approved.
applicant invited to rework course in a new application

(Continued Education - Continued)

5. Pump Up The Lymph Online - Motion by Moore to approve, second by Warriner. Approved

6. Lymphatic Therapy Increase Flow Support Health - motion to approve by Warriner to approve, second by Eckert. Approved

Hearing- verbatim transcript under separate cover

Hearing 2 - verbatim transcript under separate cover

Committee Reports

Wendy Scott comments

There was a yes vote to proceeding with developing a state test as an option. Sub-committee may not have been thorough enough, may not have had enough information. Need more study in order to not allow under-educated students obtaining a license. Interest in protecting consumers and massage therapists. Discussion of portability of tests from state to state, Arkansas state pass rate. The process to develop test should be very rigorous.

Julie Eckert comments

In the process of developing a state test, sub-committee met with Texas officials on the development of their test. Process is very long. Need to create many questions and have the questions evaluated for various biases. Suggested questions submitted to ADH, will move on from there.

Program Updates

Kelli Kersey

PSI meeting with Kersey.

CLIPS launching today. Office needs feedback from end users if there are problems or glitches. Discussion of how to use CLIPS and who can use CLIPS.

(Program Update -continued)

Student permit law applies to people enrolled after January 1, 2024. Enrollment prior to 1/1/24 not required to get permit.

Public Comment

Debra Persinger - Potential tests need to be legally defensible and psychometrically valid.

Don't make test so easy that it attracts human traffickers.

Sybil Davis - Massage therapy is skilled training as well as art. Wants to be sure massage therapists are educated.

Question about ID verification at time of exam. Discussion of desired passage rate in Arkansas.

Sub-committee did decide to table and not move forward on changes regarding MMT and MTI.

Adjourned at 11:40 a.m. Next meeting June 19, 2023

