

**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS**  
**BOARD MEETING**

*April 12, 2012*

**GENERAL SESSION AGENDA**

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1. **Review, approval of Agenda.**
2. **Review, approval of Board Minutes of last meeting (March 8, 2012).**
3. **Review of Administrative Staff Issues, Mr. J.J. Vallone, Executive Director:**
  - a) NESL Exam dropped by the Board following the unexpected drop of it by NCBTMB
  - b) Legislative Session Update – Ms. Kristen Neville, Boards’ Legislative Liaison
  - c) Update on Projects: Scanner, Scantron Reader, E-Message System – Ms. Adrienne Congo
  - d) Meet and Greet for new Chiropractic Licensees and Supervising Chiropractors – Members
4. **Petition from Brandi Rochelle Carter, D.C., to waive the \$200.00 chiropractic application fee, reduce the \$300.00 examination fee by 50%, and pay the \$200.00 license fee (totaling \$350.00); request made as an active duty military spouse.**
5. **Petition from Ms. Connie S. Highsmith, Massage Therapy Applicant, to accept her non-accredited massage school training (585-hour program) from the Blue Cliff School of Therapeutic Massage, Kenner, LA.**
6. **Petition from Ms. Ellen Noël Madden, Massage Therapy Applicant, to accept her non-accredited massage school training (27 hours) from the Bonita Springs School of Massage Therapy, Bonita Springs, FL; also attended Mueller College, San Diego, CA (494 hours).**
7. **Requests for chiropractic trade name approval:**
  - a) *Pocomoke Chiropractic Center* – Dennis A. Cuzzo, D.C.
  - b) *Rebound Chiropractic and Sports Clinic* – Stephen Hill, D.C.
  - c) *Better Health Medical and Chiropractic Center* – Avram Weinberg, D.C. (*trade name change*)
8. **Requests for massage trade name approval:**
  - a) *Broadneck Therapeutic Massage* – Dawn M. Roberts, LMT
  - b) *Kneaded Touch by Toni Manuel, LMT* – Toni Manuel, LMT
  - c) *Love Massage Therapy* – Kerrie Love, LMT
  - d) *Intentional Touch Massage Therapy* – Iola Vanessa Purnell, LMT – Iola Vanessa Purnell, LMT
  - e) *The Way/Relaxing Hands Massage by Horace Bailey RMP* – Horace T. Bailey, RMP
  - f) *Royal Therapeutic Massage & Services* – Sandra D. Canby, R.N., LMT
9. **FYI:**
  - a) Miscellaneous correspondence for review/discussion.
  - b) New Board Member appointed; term commenced July 1, 2011.

***BOARD WORKING LUNCH***

**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS**  
**MINUTES – GENERAL SESSION**

*April 12, 2012*

**Members Present**

Stephanie J. Chaney, D.C., Board President  
Michael Fedorczyk, D.C., Board Vice-President  
Jonathan C. Nou, D.C., Board Secretary/Treasurer  
Kay B. O’Hara, D.C.  
Duane R. Sadula, D.C.  
Karen Biagiotti, LMT  
David A. Cox, LMT  
Gwenda Harrison, LMT  
Ernestine Jones Jolivet, Consumer Member

**Non-Members Present**

J.J. Vallone, Executive Director  
Adrienne Congo, Deputy Director  
Grant D. Gerber, Esq., Board Counsel  
Maria Ware, Office Manager  
David Ford, Senior Board Investigator  
Christopher Bieling, Board Investigator  
The Hon. Senator Paula Hollinger  
Kristen Neville, Legislation/Regs Specialist

**Member Absent**

Mary Anne Frizzera-Hucek, Consumer Member

**Guest Attendees:** Alexa Zaledonis, NCBTMB (*Guest/Presenter*); Anthony Lane Hinkle, LMT, NCBTMB, Maryland Board Liaison; Cher Hunter, M.A., LMT, Director, Massage Therapy Program., CCBC; Jean Jeffreys, LMT; Keith Scott, D.C.; and Norman Spector, D.C., MCA

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*Dr. Stephanie Chaney called the meeting to order at 10:45 A.M. (NOTE: The Board held a public Regulatory Subcommittee Meeting today commencing 9:30 A.M.)*

**Review of Agenda and Minutes**

The April 12<sup>th</sup> Agenda was amended as follows: 1) move no. 4 to the Executive Session; and 2) renumber and amend new no. 8c, “Love Massage Therapy – Kerrie Love, LMT.” Dr. O’Hara made a motion to accept the amended Agenda; Dr. Fedorczyk seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted.

The March 8<sup>th</sup> Minutes were approved as drafted. Dr. Fedorczyk made a motion to accept the Minutes; Dr. Sadula seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted.

**Review of Administrative Staff Issues, Mr. J.J. Vallone, Executive Director**

- Meet and Greet for New Chiropractic Licensees and Supervising Chiropractic Applicants: Four new chiropractic applicants/licensees and three supervising chiropractic applicants appeared today to take the State jurisprudence and supervising chiropractic examinations. All had prior commitments and could not stay to attend the General Board Meeting briefing.

- On March 14, 2012, the Board eliminated the National Examination for State Licensure (NESL) as an acceptable examination, following the unexpected prospective termination of the test on 1/1/2013 by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB). After months of lobbying the Board to adopt the NESL, NCBTMB announced, via E-mail (on 3/14/2012), that it was prospectively terminating the program on 1/1/2013. Based on this announcement, the Board determined that it would bear unacceptable costs and administrative burdens imposed by accepting and implementing the NESL for less than one year. Effective March 21, 2012, massage applicants must convert their NESL results to a NCBTMB national certification or take/pass the MBLEx in order to meet the Board's regulatory requirement for accepted examination. Ms. Alexa Zaledonis, Chair, NCBTMB, gave a short presentation in support of NCBTMB's decision; she states she is streamlining the process and will E-mail Mr. Vallone with particulars. Mr. Vallone and Board members expressed their surprise, consternation and disappointment with the unanticipated reversal of decision regarding NESL by NCBTMB. The Board also expressed serious concerns that the prospective new exam and certification of NCBTMB will require more than 500 hours of education. Applicants with 500 hours would no longer receive a "certification," only a verification of passing the exam. The Board is concerned with existing "certified" licensees and prospective licensees. Discussion also broached the issue of possibly terminating acceptance of the NCBTMB examination in favor of a Board exam and the MBLEx examination. This issue will be further considered as the NCBTMB determines its final course of action regarding exam and certification programs.
- Update on Projects: Scanner, Scantron Reader, E-Message System – Ms. Adrienne Congo: The Board officially adopted IContact; an E-mail blast will be sent out to "test the waters." The Board has just purchased a Scantron Reader. The examination proctor will slide the scantron through the Reader and immediately obtain test scores and pass/fail percentages. The Reader also lists the percentages of the types of questions missed by examinees; this feature will allow the Board to review and "fine-tune" examinations.
- New Board Member Appointed: Joanne M. Bushman, D.C., has been appointed to serve on the Board for a term of four years; her term commenced July 1, 2011. Once Dr. Bushman has taken the oath of office (within 30 days), she will begin her service.
- The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) will soon move its E-mail and calendar platform from Novell GroupWise to Google Apps. Some of the benefits for switching to Google Apps are: it's easier to use, more efficient in managing E-mail and calendar services, much more storage capacity, lower infrastructure, and lower support costs.
- Legislative Session Update – Ms. Kristen Neville, Boards' Legislative Liaison: Ms. Neville gave an overview of the recently concluded legislative session and what bills did and did not pass. Probably in early May, legislators may be called back to review and vote on bills that did not previously pass. Also, Ms. Neville and Ms. Congo were instrumental in passing the Sanctioning Regulations.

### **Regulations Subcommittee Meeting**

The Board held a public Regulatory Subcommittee Meeting (pre-announced in the Maryland Register) today commencing at 9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M., Room 100. Subcommittee Members who met were: Ms. K. Biagiotti, LMT (Chair), Mr. G. Gerber (Board Counsel), Dr. J. Nou (D.C.), Ms. G. Harrison, LMT, Mr. D. Cox, LMT, and Ms. E. Jones Jolivet (Consumer Member). Non-members present were: Dr. M. Fedorczyk (D.C.), Ms. A. Congo (Deputy Director), Ms. M. Ware (Office Manager). Guests who attended were: Mr. Anthony Lane Hinkle, LMT, NCBTMB, Maryland Board Liaison; Ms. Cher Hunter, M.A., LMT, Director, MT Program, CCBC; Ms. Colleen Renehan, LMT, AMTA; Ms. Alexa Zaledonis, NCBTMB; and Ms. Jean Jeffreys, LMT. Refer to the Executive Session for brief. The Subcommittee discussed issues of CPR and first-aid requirements for massage applicants and licensees/registrants. It will next address general issues regarding revisions to the CEU requirements and recordkeeping.

### **Petition from Brandi Rochelle Carter, D.C.**

In August 2011, Dr. Carter and her husband, LT. K. Madison Carter, United States Naval Academy, moved to Maryland to active duty. Dr. Carter had practiced in Indiana for three years and later returned to the secondary classroom to teach. As an active duty military spouse, Dr. Carter requests the Board to waive the \$200.00 chiropractic application fee and reduce the \$300.00 examination fee by 50%; she will pay the \$200.00 licensure fee (totaling \$350.00 in lieu of \$700.00). The Board held a full discussion; Dr. Sadula made a motion to deny Dr. Carter's request. Ms. Biagiotti seconded, and the motion was voted by 5. Dr. Fedorczyk, Ms. Jolivet, and Mr. Cox opposed; Ms. Harrison abstained. Board Counsel and the Executive Director commented that there are no provisions for exemptions or waivers for active service personnel or spouses unless a specific hardship is verified. A letter of explanation to Dr. Carter will be sent by the Executive Director.

### **Petition from Ms. Connie S. Highsmith, Massage Therapy Applicant**

Ms. Highsmith, who has a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida State University, petitions the Board to accept her non-accredited massage school training (585-hours) from the Blue Cliff School of Therapeutic Massage, Kenner, LA.; she graduated in 1993. The Blue Cliff School was accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) in 1998. The Board reviewed Ms. Highsmith's documentation; Dr. Fedorczyk made a motion to waive the accreditation requirement and accept her massage application for Maryland licensure. Dr. Sadula seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted.

### **Petition from Ms. Ellen Noël Madden, Massage Therapy Applicant**

Ms. Madden petitions the Board to accept her non-accredited massage school training (27 hours) from the Bonita Springs School of Massage Therapy, Bonita Springs, FL; she graduated in 2006. Ms. Madden also attended Mueller College, San Diego, CA (494 hours); college became accredited after she graduated. The Board reviewed Ms. Madden's documentation; Dr. Nou made a motion to waive the accreditation requirement and accept her massage application for Maryland licensure. Dr. Fedorczyk seconded, and the motion was voted by 8. Dr. O'Hara abstained.

**Requests for Approval of Chiropractic Trade Names**

The following chiropractic trade name requests were individually **approved** by Board motions. Dr. Fedorczyk made the motions; Dr. O'Hara seconded, and the motions were unanimously voted.

1. *Pocomoke Chiropractic Center* – Dennis A. Cuzzo, D.C.
2. *Rebound Chiropractic and Sports Clinic* – Stephen Hill, D.C.
3. *Better Health Medical and Chiropractic Center* – Avram Weinberg, D.C.

**Requests for Approval of Massage Trade Names**

The following massage trade name requests were individually **approved** by Board motions. Ms. Biagiotti made the motions; Ms. Harrison seconded, and the motions were unanimously voted.

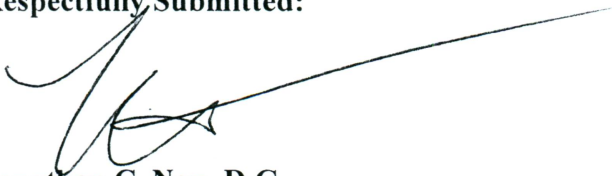
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**Miscellaneous**

1. The National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) will be conducting a Part IV practical examination test committee on June 8-9, 2012 in Greeley, CO. The purpose of the meeting is to select clinical cases and test questions for the November 2012 and May 2013 administrations of the Part IV practical examination.
2. The Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) and National Chiropractic Board of Examiners (NBCE) are holding its National Meeting from May 2 – May 6, 2012, in San Antonio, TX. Ms. A. Congo, Dr. S. Chaney, and Dr. M. Fedorczyk will attend.
3. Miscellaneous correspondence for review/discussion.

*Upon motion by Dr. Fedorczyk, seconded by Dr. Sadula, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the General Session at 11:50 A.M.*

**Respectfully Submitted:**



**Jonathan C. Nou, D.C.**  
**Board Secretary/Treasurer**