

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

*August 14, 2014*

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**GENERAL SESSION AGENDA (Page 1 of 2)**

1. **Review, approval of Agenda**
2. **Review, approval of Board Minutes of last meeting (*July 10, 2014*).**
3. **Review of Administrative Issues, Mr. J.J. Vallone, JD, Executive Director and Ms. Adrienne Congo, MS, Deputy Director**
  - a) **Update on Proposed Regulations.**
  - b) **October 9, 2014 Open Meeting for Proposed Regulations**
  - c) **Update on Massage Therapy Renewals**
4. **Inquiry/Example (James Dyett, LMT) – Would the utilization of Paraffin Wax be within the massage therapy Scope of practice?**
5. **Chiropractic Petition(s):**
  - a) **Evan Gershater, D.C. (CA Applicant Melissa Merlos)—Petition to extend CA training to allow Melissa Merlos take the August 26, 2014 CA Examination.**
6. **Massage Therapy Petition(s):**
  - a) **Megan Davis, (Massage Applicant) – Petition to Waive Accreditation Requirement and Accept Application for Massage Therapy.** Ms. Davis petitions the Board to accept her non-accredited massage therapy training from the Bhakti Academe School of Intuitive Massage and Healing of Safety Harbor, FL. She has been NCBTMB certified since 2008. Bhakti Academe School of Intuitive Massage and Healing was approved under the Florida Department of Health.
  - b) **Sarah Thompson, (Massage Applicant) – Petition to Waive Accreditation Requirement and Accept Application for Massage Therapy.** Ms. Thompson petitions the Board to accept her non-accredited massage therapy training from the American Spirit Institute in Williamsburg, VA. This massage therapy program is approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).
7. **Requests for Chiropractic Trade Name Approval:**
  - (a) ***White Marsh Health & Wellness – Chiropractic & Physical Therapy*** – Paul Abosh, D.C.
  - (b) ***Canton Chiropractic and Physical Therapy*** – Randy Hallman, D.C.
  - (c) ***Stutman Chiropractic, P.C. Mount Washington*** – Mark Stutman, D.C.
  - (d) ***Happy Camper Chiropractic, LLC*** – Maria Camper, D.C.

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- (b) *JULIE C WITTMAN, RMP, NCTMB T/A REST ASSURED MASSAGE AND WELLNESS-* Julie Wittman, RMP
- (c) *Sandra Koontz, LMT* – Sandra Koontz, LMT
- (d) *La Traveling Hands Massage-* Lisa A. Rafinello-Johnson, LMT
- (e) *Mobile Massage Pros llc* – Matthew Destefano, RMP
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- (g) *Cathy Forbes, LMT, ND* – Cathy Forbes, LMT
- (h) *Apex Massage Therapy* – Robert Biddinger, LMT
- (i) *A Touch of Grace Massage Therapy* – Denise Reich, RMP
- (j) *SOL Bodywork and Massage, LLC* – Peter Rutz, RMP
- (k) *Marvel Wellness Massage Therapy* – Myron Kimble-Marvel, LMT

**9. CE 4 You request for pre-approved provider status**

**10. Massage CE Exemption issue**

- Proposals for education that are outside scope of acceptance – Reiki

**FYI: Miscellaneous correspondence for review/discussion**

- (1) **Cara Keicher** – Thank you note to the Board.
- (2) **NCBTMB** – August 2014 Certification and Approved Provider Sanctions/Revocations.

**Board Working Lunch**

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**MINUTES – GENERAL SESSION**

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**Members Present**

Michael Fedorczyk, DC, Board President  
David Cox, DC, Board Vice President  
Karen Biagiotti, Board Secretary  
Stephanie Chaney, DC, Fmr. Board President  
Jonathan Nou, DC  
Michael Moskowitz, DC  
Gregory C. Lewis, DC  
Ernestine Jones Jolivet, Consumer Member  
Gloria Boddie-Epps, Consumer Member

**Non-Members Present**

James Vallone, Executive Director  
Adrienne Congo, Deputy Director  
Grant Gerber Esq, AAG, Board Counsel  
James Gamble, Admin Specialist II  
Michelle Verdis, Compliance Manager  
Paul Abosh, DC  
Nina Wendt, AMTA  
Ruth Stolloff, AMTA  
Kristen Neville, DHMH

**Members Absent**

Robert Frieman, DC

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Dr. Fedorczyk called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

**Review of Agenda and Minutes:**

The August 14, 2014 Agenda was reviewed by the Board and the following revisions were suggested: (1) Addition subsection b “October 9, 2014 Open Meeting for Proposed Regulations” to Review of Administrative Issues, Mr. J.J. Vallone, JD, Executive Director and Ms. Adrienne Congo, MS, Deputy Director. (2) Addition of subsection c, “Update on Massage Therapy Renewals” to Review of Administrative Issues. (3) Addition of section 9, “CE4 You Request for pre-approved status”. (4) Addition of section 10, Massage CE Issue – Proposals for education that are outside scope of acceptance – Reiki

Ms. Harrison moved to approve the August 14, 2014 with those revisions; Mr. Cox seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted by the Board.

The July 10, 2014 Board Minutes were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Chaney moved to approve the July 10, 2014 Board Minutes as written; Ms. Harrison seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted by the Board.

**Review of Administrative Issues, Mr. J.J. Vallone, JD, Executive Director and Ms. Adrienne Congo, MS Deputy Director :**

**(a) Update on Proposed Regulations**

Executive Director, Mr. James Vallone advised the Board that a Notice of Regulation Development (NORD) was sent by Kristen Neville to inform the Regulations Department for DHMH of the Board changes to its regulations.

**(b) Open Meeting on Oct 9th**

Mr. Vallone notified the Board that an Open Meeting will be conducted for the public on October 9, 2014 discussing the Final Regulations Approval.

**(c) Update on Massage Therapy Renewals**

Deputy Director, Ms. Adrienne Congo notified the Board that she anticipated the renewal database to be fully operational by August 15, 2014 but due to the technological problems with the IT department the date has been moved back to August 25, 2014 to circumvent the current issue. Additionally, Ms. Congo advised the Board that 75 Massage Therapists currently have address problems versus the 369 addresses that were previously reported.

**Inquiry/Example (James Dyett, LMT) – Would the utilization of Paraffin Wax be within the massage therapy scope of practice?**

The Board received a question from James Dyett, LMT regarding the utilization of paraffin wax in the practice of massage therapy. Mr. Dyett stated that he wanted to know if paraffin wax is within the scope of practice for massage therapy as it is not defined in the Board's regulations.

Dr. Chaney moved to issue a general statement to Mr. Dyett notifying him that use of paraffin wax is within the scope of massage therapy practice; Ms. Harrison seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted by the Board.

**Chiropractic Petitions:**

**a) Evan Gershater, D.C. (CA Applicant Melissa Merlos) – Petition to extend C.A. training to allow Melissa Merlos takes the August 26, 2014 CA Exam.**

In his petition, Dr. Gershater explained that he received a letter from the Board stating that Ms. Merlos's application was received incomplete. Dr. Gershater advised the Board that he carefully logged all of her supervised clinical hours, and the lacking documentation was an oversight and not a reflection of the applicant.

Based on this information, Dr. Chaney moved to approve Dr. Gershater's petition to extend Melissa Merlos's training program and allow her to take the August 26, 2014 CA Exam; Ms. Harrison seconded and the motion was unanimously voted.

**Massage Petitions:**

**a) Megan Davis, (Massage Applicant) – Petition to Waive Accreditation Requirement and Accept Application for Massage Therapy.**

Ms. Davis petitions the Board to waive the accreditation requirement and accept her application for massage therapy licensure/registration. Ms. Davis graduated with 500 hours from the Bhakti Academe School of Intuitive Massage and Healing of Safety Harbor, FL. Bhakti Academe School of Intuitive Massage and Healing was approved under the Florida Department of Health.

Based on this information, Dr. Chaney moved to approve Ms. Davis's petition and accept her application for massage therapy licensure/registration; Mr. Cox seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted by the Board.

**b) Sarah Thompson, (Massage Applicant) – Petition to Waive Accreditation Requirement and Accept Application for Massage Therapy.**

Ms. Thompson petitions the Board to waive the accreditation requirement and accept her application for massage therapy licensure/registration. Ms. Thompson graduated with 501 hours from American Spirit Institute in Williamsburg, VA. The massage therapy program is approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV).

Based on this information, Dr. Chaney moved to approve Ms. Thompson's petition and accept her application for massage therapy licensure/registration; Mr. Cox seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted by the Board.

**Requests for Chiropractic Trade Name Approval:**

The following chiropractic trade name requests were **approved** by Board motions. Dr. Chaney moved to approve; Ms. Biagiotti seconded, and the motions were unanimously voted by the Board:

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- c) *Stutman Chiropractic, P.C. Mount Washington* – Mark Stutman, D.C.

**Requests for Massage Trade Name Approval:**

The following massage therapy trade name requests were **approved** by Board motions. Mr. Cox moved to approve; Ms. Harrison seconded, and the motions were unanimously voted by the Board:

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**CEU Pre-Approved Provider Petition – Dr. Richard Schmitt and CE 4 You & Online CE Pro**

Dr. Richard Schmitt petitions the Board to be considered a “Pre-Approved Provider for Continuing Education” for chiropractors.

Dr. Chaney moved to approve Dr. Schmitt's petition and to add him to the Board's "Pre-Approved Provider" list; Ms. Harrison seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted by the Board.

**Massage Continuing Education Issue – Proposals for education that are outside scope of acceptance – Reiki**

Mr. Cox advised the Board that a sub-committee should be formed to review exemptions for scope of practice for courses that are approved by NCBTMB but do not directly pertain to the practice of massage therapy.

*Upon motion by Dr. Chaney, seconded by Ms. Boddie-Epps, the Board unanimously voted to close General session at 10:40am.*

**Respectfully Submitted:**



Ms. Karen Biagiotti  
Board Secretary/Treasurer