



Massage Therapy Advisory Committee Meeting  
April 13, 2010

Attendees: Lucinda, Nicole, Kris, Justin and Michelle

Call to order: 6:50

Welcome and Introductions

Old Business:

1. Program Curriculum
  - a. North Dakota Certification (update)Paulina was certified, no new student certifications. Had thought that there would be.
    - i. MBLEx – Program is prepared, but hasn't applied for status as ND hasn't adopted for certification
  - b. COMTA – will table for another year.
  - c. Spa Modalities with Cosmo – Prepared to present body wrap class; however, with the Cosmo suspension, have tabled for now
2. Board Members Update – will invite Dr. Debra Bell (RiverView-Crookston), Abby Faldot (MT- Fosston), Joan (Nurse at Warren Chiropractic), Roberta Rian (MT Warroad), Jason Grandstrand (MT- TRF), Laura Larson (MT – TRF) and Lisa Olson Vedbraaten (MT – TRF/Fosston)

New Business

1. Direction of the Program
  - a. New equipment
    - i. Additional Table - brand? – Hydraulic table (Earthlite) and possible portable from Oakworks
    - ii. Hydroc Cart
  - b. New Modalities –
    - i. Hot Stones with every massage? Michelle does not use water as it is a medium for bacteria. Has been utilizing this method for 1 yr and has had great results, no equipment burn out and easy to check rock tempm
2. Advisory Board
  - a. Program Sustainability Data and Status – Currently 4/6. Tishara is on group to revise. Board recommends comparing with national MT attrition

rate. Board feels that there are problems with Sustainability doc if so many of our programs are showing yellow and orange

- b. NCTC Advisory Policy – With the small base of local people for the advisory board, Tishara advised the board members that a Fall meeting would be virtual, only if a fall meeting is necessary, and that she would appreciate keeping everyone on as members at that attendance will ebb and flow.
3. Legislative Update – MN tabled a motion to Regulate massage this session. The bill also talked about regulating schools. NCTC already meets criteria
  4. Feedback – Validity – Board recommends making it more anonymous. Difficult to give honest feedback when you have to hand it to the therapist. 1<sup>st</sup> stage – have client leave it in the massage room. 2<sup>nd</sup> stage – make name optional and have a drop box that is checked weekly to see trends. Will also modify question 1 about “on time for massage” to rushed or waiting for the massage.

Next Meeting Virtual meeting in Fall if necessary. Spring Meeting beginning of April again

Adjourn 8:15