



## Massage Therapy Advisory Committee Meeting

Oct 20 2014

Attendees: Cindy Chambers, Laura Larson, Paulina Snegeriv, Lisa Olson and Tishara

Call to order/Additions to the agenda:

Welcome and Introductions

Old Business:

### 1. Updates

- a. North Dakota Curriculum – *Tishara Reported that she is watching to see if changes are coming. They are the first state typically to increase.*
- b. NCBTMB – *Tishara updated the group on the Board Certification that was announced this time last year. She is in the process of attaining the certification. As the year has progressed, it seems some of the bugs were ironed out and it is a clearer process for all involved. There still seems to be limited interest in the certification and the Board is not interested in pushing this requirement for the program.*
- c. Program Review – *was successfully completed last year with minimal changes suggested by Allied Health Dean Jodi Staus-Stassen. Will be updating our Program Student Policy Manual. It is a little cumbersome as we used Nursing's as a guide and we really don't need that long of a manual.*
- d. CEU's – *Tishara reported that she has been contacted again by entities wishing to provide CEU's, BUT NCTC needs to guarantee attendance. As it isn't required in MN the board stated that it wasn't interested in pursuing any at this time. It was asked that I could communicate any opportunities on FaceBook, such as an Equine Massage Class that was in Fergus and another in Wi.*
- e. Meeting Invites/Address updates – *Tishara reported that she has been asked by the Academic Assistant to seek email notices of the advisory committee meeting. The board declined as a emails get deleted vs. letters that were hung up on refrigerators.*
- f. April 2014 meeting – *Tishara asked if the board was interested in a virtual meeting in the spring. The board reported that they would like a more informal meeting at a local restaurant if there are agenda items that need to be discussed.*

New Business

1. NCETMB/MBLEX – attachment - *Tishara reported that NCBTMB is discontinuing their testing series which was typically used in the area to license/certify. FSMTB's MBLEx will be the licensing test. NCBTMB will work with continuing ed and will offer an advanced Board Certification which Tishara is in the process of attaining.*
2. Background check – *Last March it seemed like the voluntary registration was going to go through in MN Legislature so Tishara along with the advice from Allied Health Dean Jodi Stauss-Stassen implemented a Background Check through MN. It is a free service and will give an early heads up to any students that will not be compliant in a check. One thing Tishara didn't realize was that students would need to have it done by October in order to register for spring classes. She will be clearer to future students as it wasn't as clearly stressed to this year's students.*
3. Massage Therapist vs. Massage Therapy – *The board prefers the program to be called Massage Therapy. Tishara will notify Marketing and Jodi Stauss-Stassen.*
4. A&P C's vs. D's – *Even though it would give the program more graduates, the board feels we need to stand firm on requiring a "c" or better on A&P, but did ask for some time to digest the information and then have Tishara email and confirm these thoughts. The board felt that students with d's would not be able to pass any licensing exams and would therefore be unsuccessful in many states.*
5. Program Policy Book – *Tishara reported that due to the Program Review, the Program Policy book would be updated with the help of Substitute teacher Lisa Olson within the next year and a draft form would be available for a spring meeting or within an email depending on the spring meeting decision.*
6. Additions? None.

Next Meeting April 2015 will be virtual – *unless there are big topics. Then in a more informal place such as a local restaurant. Paulina would prefer not on a Wednesday.*

Adjourn – 8:00pm