

MINUTES-Massage Therapy Advisory Committee
(MTAC)

October 21, 2010
30 E. Broad Street, Room 336
Columbus, Ohio 43215

I. Call to Order

Richard Whitehouse, Executive Director, called to order the regular meeting of the Massage Therapy Advisory Committee (MTAC) at 1:30 p.m. on October 21, 2010 at The Rhodes State Office Tower, 30 E. Broad Street, Room 336, Columbus, Ohio 43215

II. Roll Call

Kay Rieve SMB Administrator conducted roll call. The following persons were present:

Committee Members: Richard Greely (Chair), Jeanne-Marie deMontagnac-Hall (Secretary), Dennis Gibbons

Medical Board Staff: Richard Whitehouse, Sara Vollmer, Kay Rieve, Sallie Debolt and Roshawnda Briggs

Guests: Ramona Chance (AMTA) Ohio Chapter, Lisa Keys (AMTA) 1st VP Ohio Chapter, Mike Moore (AMTA) 2nd VP Ohio Chapter

III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting

As the committee had not met in over a year, no minutes were available for review and approval.

IV. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Whitehouse expressed his commitment to regular meetings of MTAC. He stressed the importance of the committee to the Medical Board and he hopes that the committee will take a more active role in setting the agendas, preparing minutes and ensuring the continued operations of the committee. Sara Vollmer or Kay Rieve will be in attendance at the meetings. Sallie Debolt will attend depending on the issues or subject matter of the agenda. Mr. Whitehouse suggested the committee meet quarterly and establish meeting dates and deadlines in advance. All members agreed. Mr. Whitehouse expressed a desire to increase the number of members to 7 to better address the MT community across the state. The committee agreed and expressed a desire that all areas of the state be represented. Resume information of potential MTAC members should be forwarded to Roshawnda Briggs at

roshawnda.briggs@med.state.oh.us . Any applications or resumes that were submitted before 2010 should be re-submitted. The deadline for receiving resumes will be set at the January, 2011 MTAC meeting. Mr. Whitehouse reported on his attendance at the Federation of Massage Therapy Boards' annual meeting. Topics covered included human trafficking, reciprocity, continuing education, data collection and MBLEX.

V. New Business

1. **Selection of the Chair and Secretary**-The committee approved Richard Greely as Chair and Jeanne Marie de Montagac-Hall as Secretary. For the first meeting, the Medical Board staff will take and prepare the minutes. Mrs. Hall will take and prepare minutes for all subsequent meetings.
2. **Sexual Boundary (Misconduct) Rule: Chapter 4731-26**- Sallie Debolt stated that the sexual boundary rules are through the rule review process and are on the October JCARR agenda. They apply to massage therapists. The rules will be effective in November.
3. **National Licensure Exam**- Mr. Whitehouse stated there will be no changes before January, 2011. A concern was raised that with all state institutions being required to convert from quarters to semesters, the dates the exams are being given may need to be adjusted if the state is still administering an exam.
4. **Creation of Separate Chapter of Ohio Revised Code for Massage Therapists**- Mr. Whitehouse indicated consideration was being given to create a separate section of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) for limited branch practitioners. This would allow the Medical Board to handle issues related to Massage Therapists under a more flexible set of standards. Concerns were raised by the committee that if the MTs have their own chapter, their status as a medical practitioner would be affected.
5. **5 year Rule Review**-Sallie Debolt asked the committee to review the MT rules up for five-year review and send her any concerns by December 15.
6. **Kinesiotaping**-Sallie Debolt stated she received an e-mail regarding whether kinesiotaping is within the scope of practice of a MT. After discussion, Ms. Debolt indicated she will draft a response to the email and provide it to the limited branch committee.
7. **Application of certain sprays**- The committee discussed the application of certain sprays by MTs.

8. **FAQ-** Sara Vollmer provided a copy of the “Frequently Asked Questions” related to massage therapists from the website. She asked committee members to review them and provide feedback, as well as to provide additional ideas to include.

VI. Next Meeting Details

The next meeting of MTAC will be Thursday January 6, 2011, at the Medical Board, room 336. The following meeting dates and agenda deadlines were established:

<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Agenda Deadlines</u>
Jan. 6, 2011	Dec. 23, 2010
Apr. 7, 2011	Mar. 24, 2011
July 7, 2011	June 30, 2011
Sept. 22, 2011	Oct. 6, 2011

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, Richard Greely adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Roshawnda Briggs, Acting Secretary

Richard Greely, Chair