

Colorado Coalition of Massage Therapists

2017 CCMT/GR Teleconference Minutes Archive

Minutes from July 19, 2017 CCMT/GR teleconference

Submitted by Christen Corvington

In attendance: Tami Schumacher (AMTA) , Chris Smith (CSHA), Tsy Schupack (ABMP), Kathryn Stewart (AMTA), Garin Vorthmann (CLS), Laura Embleton (ABMP), Alfred Westlake (AMTA), Christen Corvington (AMTA), Kris Will (ABMP)

Why the stakeholder meeting was postponed: The stakeholder meeting communication from DORA is handled by the office of policy and research—they do public announcements, schedule cost/benefit analysis for DORA (not MT regulatory board)—there was a communication mix up/this had not happened for July stakeholder meeting, so it was rescheduled to August.

Checking in with survey issues:

- promoting the website page and facebook page (www.ccmtonline.com, <https://www.facebook.com/ccmtonline>)
- CCMT website should be main communication vehicle with LMT's
 - work on finding out what people want-discussion about getting feedback from massage therapists in CO
 - there is a link on CCMT website for people to communicate
- CSHA—will put the website out to their students
- do outreach to schools to see if they will post it on their websites—Kathryn will be happy to do this when it's all set
- get LAN mailing list switched over to mail-chimp somehow. Both: invite people to sign up/visit website as well as move them over to mail chimp (Kathryn and Tsy will contact Susan about this)
 - 2,000 recipient emails is the total to continue with mail chimp for free
- with outreach to schools- include info/template for other schools to work off of in regards to adding legislative stuff to their curriculum
 - CSHA would be willing to share the template of legislative issues they are working on for their business classes
 - some ideas of topics on legislative template: what is happening, history of it in CO, how it's good to get engaged, ok to call legislators, why to be interested, basics of how legislative things operate
- email: chris@csha.net with ideas for student legislative template

-Update of what is going on with massage therapy at a national level: drumbeat of establishment licensing is louder

-North Carolina passed requirement for speaking English passed

-MA just passed implementation program for bodywork licensing passed in the state budget bill—things that impact our industry are not only stand alone bills

-AMTA's lobbyist reviews ALL bills to be sure that anything that will impact massage doesn't slip through

-DPOS just closed another school in Denver—on paper for not meeting requirements for licensing, but word among individuals that know the community it was a front for human trafficking

-idea to reach out to DORA to do outreach to ie: Chinese speaking community in the language they speak/Chinese newspapers about the specific requirements for practicing massage and obtaining licensure in CO; also an article about people taking advantage of students desire of education but then graduating without being able to get licensed—these schools deceiving students

-or DORA having an article highlighting bullets for needing a license to practice in CO and here are the requirements for getting one

-Discussion on issues we have with the proposed amendments: DORA in the statute doesn't have the authority to require people coming in by endorsement that they can make up what the education looks like—people that were grandfathered in in other states are negatively impacted

-On Monday Laura will take a first attempt at a joint CCMT letter to DORA regarding the proposed amendments

Minutes from June 14, 2017 CCMT/GR teleconference

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Kathryn: would like someone to take over the CCMT Facebook page and CCMT website (Tsy says she will take on the website, Kathryn and Tsy co-admin CCMT FB page)

Discussion about Survey

-end goal of survey-what are we looking for? Two different angles:

-a feel for industry in CO, who works part/full time, more statistical questions

-find out the therapists voice-what mode of information sharing do you use most? Issues and feedback?

Not wide open questions

-ask DORA if they would be willing to send survey out to all CO LMTs

--or just do survey to associations

-(TAMI) go on GR and President hub to check into sample survey questions in other states

-schools might have survey question ideas

-if there is not an urgent immediate need for a survey, it would be prudent to really come up with the best survey we can and be very clear on what information we are looking for in doing a survey.

-suggestion: that we can work on the issues that we are trying to get feedback about to bridge issues of communication and see if that solves the issues we are asking about

-we need a sense of timeline for this survey—

-come up with more input on questions for survey—send an email out to GR distribution list to get input

Get a general feel for the industry in CO and a better grasp on issues and feedback of license holders

Minutes from May 17, 2017 CCMT/GR teleconference

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In summary of today's CCMT teleconference we have highlighted several topics for ongoing discussion as well as to ultimately get input on from CO massage therapists:

1. Awareness of Information that already exists

-Are you aware of the practice building tools that your organization provides?

-Are you using these tools? --if not, why not?

-How do you get information about the massage profession/legislative issues/benefits of your massage organization?—What is the best way to reach you with information?

2. Participation

-Have you considered becoming a part of your organization? If not, why not? Discovering the barrier between getting more involved with issues that are important to members.

3. Education/Continuing Education

-a neutrally worded question about increasing the minimum education requirement/bringing the profession to a higher standard education wise

-a neutrally worded question about requiring CEU's for licensure renewal

DORA has said they will not look at anything regarding CEU's and licensure until the Sunset Review of our practice act

Roger added input in an email that as a coalition the topic of human trafficking and prostitution and how it often gets associated with massage therapy is a worth topic of discussion. Not discussing the matter does not make it go away; there is not a tangible solution to the problem currently, but being in conversation about the issue is important.

Next teleconference will be June 14th at 8 am.

Minutes from April 12, 2017 CCMT/GR teleconference

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Garin will check on Supreme Court chambers for April 26 or May 3rd for MTLAD

Pretty quiet on massage front at Capitol

-next DORA meeting will be a formal stakeholder meeting and then will do their final rulemaking hearing

-national front: movements in NC and DE to have establishment licensing—the NC bill is titled “human trafficking” and amends the Practice Act

-LA several bills dropped-dental board issues, moving things under board of health; nurses trying to carve out an exemption for nurses to be able to practice massage within the nursing

-some states requiring half CE’s to be in person CE’s—we need to keep an eye on this movement to be aware of whether DORA tries to change our CE requirement in Rule when our Act goes through Sunset

-also keep an eye on the movement toward de-regulation in general that is happening nationally

-we have not gotten any more clarification from DORA on rule 13, the breast massage bill, which is the issue for us to continue to fight back on—we’ll wait to see what their next proposed draft rules are and then provide feedback for DORA at that time

-going forward after legislative session perhaps have monthly teleconferences—not necessary to have every two weeks while things are quiet. Good to touch base throughout year.

-a coalition meet up for drinks after session ends (will take place after May 16)—date TBA

-next teleconference TBA

Minutes from March 29, 2017 CCMT/GR teleconference

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Send out poll to see if 8/8:15 or 8:30 works for teleconferences because 8:30 is a little late for some

DORA has not yet decided when second stakeholder meeting is, the unscheduled stakeholder meeting will be the final rule making hearing (people can submit written testimony; oral testimony day of).

Rule 13 on Breast Massage was one of the biggest issues for stakeholders-that is the rule that CCMT would like more clarification on and DORA has been quiet on their reasoning WHY

-Garin will get in touch with DORA lobbyist to ask about getting more clarification.

-Wendy from DORA said Rule 13 was drafted before she came into her position and is not sure what the reasoning for it is. She is not attached to Rule 13 staying or striking.

-we should have verbal and written testimony regarding Rule 13 so it is on the record

-DORA will send out formal draft of rules and then we can respond with our testimony once we know final draft

-looking at MTLAD for week of April 24 sometime, Chris says lots of CSHA grads will help out

-House and Senate are working on budget the next two weeks—quiet year on the massage front at the Capitol this year

-Rep Carver wanted local governments to have more authority over massage businesses last year, hasn't run a bill this year, most likely won't this year

Our next teleconference will be April 12 at 8:15 am

After call, Laura updated:

human trafficking being connected to massage via legislation drumbeat is beating louder across the nation.

FL- a bill that requires one to speak English to be licensed

MA- a bill that has bodyworkers and human trafficking in same bill

Minutes from March 15, 2017 CCMT/GR teleconference

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8:34: meeting begins

Going over proposed rule changes

Why is this in the language at all? Where did the motivation for rule 13 come from? Have there been any complaints specific to breast massage?

DORA trying to gain clarification on areas like this so they don't just create arbitrary rules, so they have background knowledge about the issue when dealing with complaints.

Suggestion for Rule 13:

Remove word "medical" from section A line 1 and have it read "Prior to performing breast massage" documentation should happen--regardless of medical condition or not.

In Section A line 1 a): "Acquire written and oral consent prior to any and all treatment."

-Change "eyewitness" to "individual"

Alfred wonders about the authority of DORA to create a record keeping rule, breast massage or witnesses etc. He doesn't see anything in statutes giving them the authority to do this.—bring it up to DORA and get feedback straight from them.

National AMTA does not have language specific to breast massage, not something that's usually put in statutory rule

Garin-we could present to DORA that this kind of rule is not usually in statute

Tsy-DORA is just asking us to record keep

Question for Rule 4

-why isn't DORA allowed to simply accept a license in good standing from another state

Garin-understanding that a lot of the cases they've had have included therapists that came in under endorsement

Gives them a route to compensate for lack of education. This rule really for those people that haven't practiced in a while, maybe never took an exam/500 hours

Suggestion- Rule 4 section c #2 -put an "or" prior to number 2 starting "Or the applicant..." instead of "the applicant"

Rule 5- section c#1 end with "or" preceding #2

-strike rule 5 section c #1; if wont strike at least remove 2 year requirement

Is there any way for CCMT to have a lawyer looking over the wording of these rule change wordings?

Will look into what avenues we have for legal person looking over wordings

Call ends 9:48, next call March 29 8:30 am

Minutes from March 1, 2017 CCMT/GR teleconference

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Discussion topic: from DORA "What are the top 3 things you think consumers need to know [about massage]"

- possible intent: how to know you are talking to a legitimate massage therapist
- look for "LMT" associated with therapists name/advertisement/business cards
- research the therapist prior to going: on DORA website/AMTA massage.org etc.
- ask what the therapists training is
- professional draping
- if any rules about posting license number—making sure to see that person has business license number/DORA card displayed
- opposition: professional identity theft
- both MT AND Client have "veto power"-ability to stop massage at any time.
- your therapist should be listening to YOU and doing what you are asking for.
- encourage consumers to shop around-"If you didn't like your massage, try someone else."
- be sure to communicate with therapist about your end goal for massage
- when is deep tissue therapeutic and when is it NOT therapeutic
- painful is not necessarily better—be empowered to speak up, your massage therapist wants to know
- adjustments can made for your comfort
- massage is a legitimate therapeutic option for maintaining health and well-being (repair AND prevention)
- it has well researched therapeutic benefits

OUR FINAL 3

- appropriate to ask your massage therapist if: they are licensed?
- member of a professional massage association?
- the client has the right to expect respectful draping and touch
- the client will be treated modestly
- they should have to fill out a disclaimer which brings them through what to expect etc

Update from Garin: everything quiet on our issues right now in legislature-bills regarding occupational schools did die.

Roger-suggests opening up email list for everyone in this group so that we can communicate with more efficacy

-christen will set up an email list with the names of the people on the call to be seen in emails, not bcc

-anyone else that wants to join "non-bcc" list can, but we won't automatically expose their personal contact info without being asked

Our next teleconference is March 15, at 8:30 am
