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CCMT Minutes 01/24/2018
Teleconference

Present: Kathryn Stewart, AMTA Government Relations Committee member
Garin Vorthman, Colorado Legislative Services- AMTA Colorado lobbyist
Tricia Bardon, AMTA National lobbyist
Laura Embleton, ABMP National and Colorado lobbyist
Tsy Schupack, ABMP member, CCMT volunteer
Jennifer Bell, Massage Therapy Institute of Colorado representative
Tami Schumacher, AMTA Colorado chapter President
Chris Smith, Colorado School of Healing Arts representative
Christen Cutter, AMTA GRC member
Alfred Westlake, AMTA GRC member

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:15am.
- 2) Garin reported on developments with City of Aurora's movement toward municipal regulation of massage therapists. Aurora is a home rule city and is allowed under statute to create their own regulations that do not conflict with state regulation. There was a meeting of massage lobbyist (Garin), law enforcement, Colorado Municipal League, and other interested municipalities to discuss what Aurora was proposing. Though these parties recommended to Aurora that this was not the best way forward, there is a single person champion who will still bring it forward in Aurora. This person has promised that draft regulation will be forwarded to CCMT as soon as it is available.

The good news is that the draft regulation will be focused on establishment licensing. Garin has been able to bring him back from his original thought to license all therapists, individual and group practices.

Garin will be meeting with DORA in the near future to discuss the issue. She was asked to also follow up on preparations for license renewal and fees that occur at the end of the year.

Kathryn brought up that the information presented at the Aurora hearing to support regulation was overstated and misleading. Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards suggested that establishment licensing could be helpful in human trafficking. Laura had some comments on that this language may be in the process of being reworded after a meeting between national AMTA, ABMP and FSMT. We agreed that we want to make sure that correct information representing the industry is presented at hearings.

- 3) Reviewed document prepared by Tsy and Kathryn to document volunteer needs and responsibilities within CCMT. Addition of school liaison was suggested by schools to help them in disseminating current and correct information. It was agreed that the coordinator for MTLAD could be a separate volunteer from the chair. Christen Corvington agreed to mentor this volunteer at this year's event. Date to be determined. There are several volunteer positions open. Please encourage individuals who have the skillsets that are identified in the document to become involved in CCMT. Revised Document attached

- 4) Alfred brought up it could be useful to have a liaison to law enforcement for education and identification of current law that can be used to identify bad actors. A brief discussion limited by time occurred. Currently there is only one advocacy group in California that actively engages municipal law enforcement. It is unclear if it is a paid position or volunteer. California regulation is a myriad patchwork of municipal, county, and state statutes.

- 5) Next meeting scheduled for February 7, 2018 at 8:15 am. The phone number and access code will remain the same through June 2018. Kathryn will produce minutes, Tsy will proof them, Tami will distribute them with the agenda for next meeting.

- 6) Phone number 1 (571) 317-3112, access code 643 934 973

Proposed Agenda
CCMT Teleconference **2/7/2018**
8:15 am

Call in Number (same number through June 2018) **1 (571) 317-3112**
Access Code **643-934-973**

- 1) Update on Aurora Regulation, state bills, national developments
- 2) Deciding on date for Massage Therapy Legislative Awareness Day at State Capitol. Garin will be bring some possible dates. Christen Cutter Corvington has agreed to mentor this year's coordinator.
- 3) Review of revised organizational document, establishment of temporary assignments until permanent placement is fulfilled.