

Colorado Coalition of Massage Therapists
Teleconference 04-04-2018

In attendance:

Christen Corvington, AMTA member
David Gray, AMTA/GR member
Roger Patrizio, Colorado Massage Institute
Tami Schumacher, AMTA – Colorado Chapter President
Tsy Schupack, CCMT volunteer; ABMP member
Chris Smith, Colorado School of Healing Arts
Kathryn Stewart, CCMT volunteer; AMTA member
Garin Vorthman, Colorado Legislative Services; state lobbyist
Alfred Westlake, AMTA and ABMP member
Kris Wills, Colorado School of Healing Arts

1) State legislation:

- No new bills or legislation at this time.
- MTLAD see agenda item for update
- Enforcement issues – Garin to follow through with DORA regarding enforcement issues raised by group:
 - Alfred recapped, and updated response received by DORA for complaints/grievances made regarding three unlicensed practitioners which received cease and desist letters – questioning when/how is DORA enabled to invoke \$5,000 fine
 - Regarding enforcement sections of the Massage Practice Act - <https://bit.ly/2EjSnN1>
 - What are the steps in the investigative/administrative process that lead to a determination of specific level of response—cease and desist letter, license suspension, revocation, fine, Attorney General or District Attorney involvement, etc
 - General dissatisfaction/disappointment was expressed with DORA level of response and enforcement of statutes
 - Kris questioned if there were any statistics regarding complaints and enforcement at DORA or local level
 - Kathryn raised the opportunity for a PR initiative regarding enforcement and the need to fill a volunteer PR position

2) National legislation:

- No report

3) City of Aurora proposed massage facility/establishment license ordinance update:

- Latest publicly released version is dated 02-05-2018—revised version is ‘not for distribution’ at this time
- Introduction to City Council/study session scheduled for April 16, 2018
- Kris presented the need to promote mobilizing massage therapists to attend and testify at any Aurora public comment opportunities
- General agreement was voiced that all practices, including those exempted from licensure, be included in establishment licensing
- General consensus is voiced that any further regulation of legitimate massage therapy establishments cannot be supported. That acknowledged, also recognizing the dichotomy of working cooperatively with local officials to develop ordinance language that more accurately presents licensed massage therapy and separating such from human trafficking operations; securing less burdensome and onerous requirements on establishment owners; and exempting sole licensed massage therapist from establishment licensure
- Roger presented establishment licensing as a complex issue, and would not oppose such if it would make a difference in shutting down illicit establishments and assist victims of human trafficking

4) Massage Therapy Legislative Awareness Day at State Capitol (MTLAD):

- Tuesday, April 17, 2018 - 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Contact David Gray at: 303-589-5116 • atouchofwellness@msn.com
- David reports 7 volunteers are on board – 10-15 is the current goal
- A call for volunteers has been announced on ccmtonline.com, via the LAN email list and Facebook
- David and Garin will coordinate to deliver flyers to EO mailboxes one week before and a follow up delivery the day before
- Garin advised there must be a physical address on the flyers for them to be delivered and offered her office address to be used
- Only water is allowed within the chambers – no other food or drink
- All are encouraged to send any eblasts or such to their audiences to encourage volunteering at the event

5) CCMT Moving forward-- CCMT organizational:

- Volunteer positions and guidelines to be further developed in the coming month

6) Agenda for next teleconference 04-18-2018 at 8:00 a.m.

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- 1) State legislation update
 - DORA discussion re enforcement
- 2) National legislation update
- 3) Aurora ordinance update
- 4) MTLAD update
- 5) CCMT organizational development

If you wish to propose an agenda item for the next meeting please contact: ccmtonline@gmail.com