

Colorado Coalition of Massage Therapists
Teleconference 06-13-2018
Agenda for 07-18-2018 teleconference

In attendance:

Deborah Bruce, AMTA National Delegate
David Gray, AMTA/GR member
Cheryl Johnson, Colorado School of Healing Arts
Tsy Schupack, CCMT volunteer; ABMP member
Kathryn Stewart, CCMT volunteer; AMTA member
Alfred Westlake, AMTA and ABMP member
Kris Wills, Colorado School of Healing Arts

1) State legislation:

- Legislative session ended May 9, 2018 with no bills directly impacting Colorado LMTs.
- Deborah suggested the initiation of a project to engage DORA in discussions to open the practice act to legislative amendment concerning continuing education hours as a renewal requirement.
- Alfred suggested considering expanding CCMT lobbying efforts to include DPOS regulations.

2) National legislation:

- No report.

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

- Tsy passed along information from Trevor Vaughn at the City of Aurora—the ordinance goes into effect on June 23, 2018. Aurora will be providing a licensing compliance period and will be asking for applications within 60 days. Announcement letters and application forms are in the development stage. All attempts will be made to contact each business directly that will require a license.
- Tsy will continue to email CCMT participants who were involved in the Aurora ordinance meetings to pursue developing an article/educational resource for input.

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

- Continue to develop practices which ensure success and participation.

5) CCMT Moving forward-- CCMT organizational:

- David Gray to forward photos and operational information for archiving and future use.

6) Alfred Westlake presentation--"whether or not DPOS issues as they pertain to Massage Education are in our domain"

- Alfred suggested that CCMT expand activities to include reaching out and engaging DPOS:
 - Investigate exemption from DPOS requirement to be a state approved school to provide (post licensure) education to LMTs.
 - Such exemption might encourage a greater variety of educational offerings for LMTs.
 - Educational providers currently having a business or residential presence within the State would be able to offer training within and beyond Colorado.
- Tsy commented that CCMT focus and experience has been the practice act and interacting with DORA
 - CCMT is not versed in DPOS regulations.

- CCMT has confined efforts to the single issue of the massage industry, DPOS regulations are constructed to cover educational requirements of multiple industries.
- The current practice act does not require continuing education hours for license renewal and raised the question of why this is an avenue to expend resources.
- Alfred countered that at some point in the future continuing education may be a requirement in the practice act for renewal and this avenue is valid to pursue preemptively at this time.
- Kris reported that DPOS has concluded their Sunset Review and rules revisions
 - As such, DPOS would not be open to additional input on statutes or rules at this time.
 - When DPOS regulates primary and continuing education offerings they are in a position to respond to student complaints and grievances.
 - If DPOS is approached perhaps offer a third-party approval process such as NCBTMB.
- Kathryn mentioned that there has not been participation by more than a few massage schools involved in CCMT activities.
 - Perhaps this is an issue which would be better served with greater school involvement.
- As Laura, Tami and Garin were not present on the call there were questions which could not be directly made nor answered.
- No specific action plan for engaging DPOS was presented nor discussed.

7) Alfred requested greater clarity as to the scope of issues in which CCMT would consider

- Involvement in the Aurora ordinance issue appears to step outside of the scope of the practice act.
- If CCMT is involved with education as it applies to the practice act and rules, why would this not extend to education issues with DPOS.
- Kathryn rounded up the discussion
 - CCMT generally responds to active legislation, whether state or local, that impacts the practice act, LMTs and the perception of the massage industry—such as the Aurora ordinance.
 - An issue involved with the development of the ordinance was Aurora’s frustration with the limitations of DORA enforcement opportunities within the parameters of the practice act.
 - Active legislation is the focus—not taking the lead to introduce or initiate, yet working with a lead lobbyist.

8) Agenda for next teleconference 07-18-2018 at 8:00 a.m.

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- 1) State legislation update
- 2) National legislation update
- 3) CCMT organizational update
- 4) Deborah Bruce – Amending Massage Therapy Practice Act to require continuing education for license renewal
 - Proposal/Action Plan to be submitted by July 3rd in advance of teleconference
- 5) Alfred Westlake – Engaging DPOS to seek exemption from continuing education regulations
 - Proposal/Action Plan to be submitted by July 3rd in advance of teleconference
- 4) CCMT Post Legislative Session Happy Hour—determine where and when

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