

Colorado Coalition of Massage Therapists
Teleconference 12-05-2018
Agenda for 01-09-2019 teleconference

In attendance:

David Abbott, AMTA member
Charlley Enroth, AMTA member
David Gray, AMTA/GR member
Tami Schumacher, AMTA – Colorado Chapter President
Tsy Schupack, CCMT volunteer; ABMP member
Chris Smith, Colorado School of Healing Arts
Kathryn Stewart, AMTA member; CCMT Chair Emeritus
Chris Smith, Colorado School of Healing Arts
Alfred Westlake, AMTA and ABMP member
Kris Wills, Colorado School of Healing Arts

1) State legislation:

- Garin – Legislative session begins January 4th
- Tami – Chanda Foundation has been in contact with AMTA National and ABMP regarding current Health Care Policy and Financing/Medical Services Board - MSB 18-02-12-C, Revision to the Medical Assistance Rule concerning Reimbursement of Nursing Facilities Serving Clients Who Meet the Hospital Back Up Level of Care, Section 8.740.7 <https://goo.gl/9P6Ra5>

2) National legislation: No reporting

3) DPOS Meeting

- In attendance: Laura Embleton, ABMP Government Relations Director; David Gray, AMTA/GR member; Tami Schumacher, AMTA – Colorado Chapter President; Chris Smith, Colorado School of Healing Arts; Chris Smith, Colorado School of Healing Arts; Kris Wills, Colorado School of Healing Arts; Lorna Chandler, DPOS Director; Mary Kanaly, Deputy Director & Compliance Officer
- Tami- overall DPOS was very accommodating and open to future discussions
 - DPOS suggested as an alternative for CE instructors to reach out to schools to partner in offering courses
 - Providers may consolidate and band together into a single approved school
 - AMTA & ABMP (National Organizations) are allowed to offer educational classes under their National Association status
 - DPOS is willing to look into NCBTMB approved courses to have a decrease in charges, but this is still in the works with DPOS
 - ultimately DPOS is bound by statute
 - review statute (see Associated documents links below)
- Kris – regulatory requirements differ between instructors employed by a school and independent/organizational workshop provider
 - liability and ongoing compliance costs shifts to school
- Chris – the DPOS stance offers a glimmer of hope in working together, yet won't happen overnight
 - each offering sponsored by a school requires separate approval and ongoing compliance costs
 - Tami mentioned schools are limited to a percent of hours being offered by outside instructors
- Alfred – schools are limited to approved brick and mortar locations restricting instructors from offering courses at multiple locations
 - limitations placed on out-of-state instructors to be able to offer courses in Colorado
 - disagrees with DPOS interpretation of statute as it relates to continuing education

- Tami – DPOS addressed any education after high school graduation is continuing education
- Kris – DPOS holds any private post-secondary (beyond high school) education falls under their purview

Associated DPOS documents:

DPOS <https://higherred.colorado.gov/DPOS/Laws/Forms/Colorado%20Revised%20Statutes%202018.pdf>

DPOS Rules and Regulations https://higherred.colorado.gov/DPOS/Laws/Forms/rules_061418.pdf

4) DORA Meeting

- In attendance: Laura Embleton, ABMP Government Relations Director; David Gray, AMTA/GR member; Tami Schumacher, AMTA – Colorado Chapter President; Chris Smith, Colorado School of Healing Arts; Chris Smith, Colorado School of Healing Arts; Kris Wills, Colorado School of Healing Arts; Ronne Hines, DORA Director of the Division of Professions and Occupations; Zen Mayhugh, DORA Program Director
- Tami – short and sweet meet-and-greet
- Zen is still at the helm and Ronne is very supportive
- Reports/data on costs involved in determining license renewal were at available at the meeting
- Other DORA question - Upcoming Sunset Review
 - Garin believes all costs of Sunset review is already baked into DORA budget and will not impact renewal fees
 - Sunset Review will begin in 2019 and involve stakeholder input
 - Sunset bill will run in 2020
 - begin to review current MTPA and look forward to sunset review considerations (see Associated documents links below)
 - Kathryn reminded the need for clear intent and united efforts regarding Sunset review
 - Alfred – questioned if deregulation would be a possibility of Sunset review
 - would like greater real-time access to DORA enforcement efforts—too great a delay of reporting on website

Associated DORA documents:

CO Massage Therapy Practice Act <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-K5DhxXxJZbdHJldTljekhFZlk/view>

CO MTPA Rules and Regulations <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzKoVwvexVATakU1Uy1yQTFna1E/view>

5) Agenda for next teleconference 01-09-2019 at 8:00 a.m.

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- 1) State legislation update
- 2) National legislation update

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