

Colorado Coalition of Massage Therapists
Teleconference 02-06-2019
Agenda for 03-13-2019 teleconference

In attendance:

Nikki Alvaran, Colorado Institute of Massage Therapy
David Gray, AMTA – Colorado Chapter GR
Sarah McCormick, ABMP Government Relations Coordinator
Tami Schumacher, AMTA – Colorado Chapter President
Tsy Schupack, ABMP; CCMT Chair
Chris Smith, Colorado School of Healing Arts
Kathryn Stewart, AMTA; CCMT Chair Emeritus
Garin Vorthman, Colorado Legislative Services; state lobbyist
Alfred Westlake, AMTA and ABMP member
Kris Wills, Colorado School of Healing Arts

1) State legislation

- Garin is watching several bills regarding education, human trafficking and regulating professions none of which appear to have a direct impact on massage therapists at this time
- Senate Bill 19-089 Exempt Colorado Department of Higher Education Regulation Professional Organization Member Education <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb19-089>
- Stakeholder Meeting January 31, 2019
 - Garin, David, Tsy, Sarah and Laura were in attendance; representatives from the physical therapists, public accountants, acupuncturists, landscape architects as well as DPOS and Department of Higher Education
 - Most appreciated the intent of the bill but felt that the bill language was too broad
 - DPOS expressed concern that proposed language will supplant NCBTMB and other organizations over their role and that there was not enough consumer protection or financial stability required
 - DPOS is open to further discussions
- Senate Bill 19-089 heard in Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee - February 4, 2019
 - committee vote was to postpone bill indefinitely
 - Alfred expressed appreciation for those who were in attendance to support/testify on behalf of the bill
 - Committee response included change to DPOS rules and policy rather than change in statute
 - Discussion from Tami, Chris, Garin and others support continuing communication with DPOS to bring about resolution

2) National legislation

- Sarah – Monitoring bills in Iowa and New Mexico

3) MTLAD – Massage Therapy Legislative Awareness Day

- Garin will check on available dates for first week in April

4) Agenda for next teleconference 03-13-2019 at 8:00 a.m.

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- 1) State legislation update
- 2) National legislation update
- 3) MTLAD – Massage Therapy Legislative Awareness Day update
- 4) MTPA Sunset Review -- topics of future discussion

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