

Colorado Coalition of Massage Therapists
Teleconference 04-10-2024
Agenda for 05-08-2024

CCMT Representatives

Bob Benson, ABMP Chairman
Cobi Clark, AMTA-CO Chapter Government Relations Director
Shelly Cox, AMTA-CO Chapter Government Relations Committee
Erin Haden, ABMP Government Relations Coordinator
Christine Hooper, AMTA National Program Manager, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
Bekka Lambert, AMTA-CO Chapter President
Tsy Schupack, ABMP; CCMT Volunteer
Garin Vorthmann, Colorado Legislative Services; state lobbyist
Kris Will, Colorado School of Healing Arts
Caroline Woodhouse, Colorado Legislative Services

Audience

Jaime Smith – ABMP
Alfred Westlake – AMTA

1) State legislation

• **HB24-1371 - More Uniform Local Massage Facilities Regulation**

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb24-1371>

- 03-11-2024 – Introduced - without stakeholder input
- 03-19-2024 stakeholder meeting
- high concerns - 'massage facility' definition and inclusion of solo practitioner exemption
- Committee – Transportation, Housing and Local Government
- 04-02-2024 hearing - passed out of committee – sent to Appropriations

• **SB24-201 – Increase Massage Therapy Education Hours**

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb24-201>

- 04-08-2024 – Introduced in Senate – assigned to Education
- ABMP supports the bill citing increased hours for Title IV funding – Pell Grants
- AMTA remains in discussion
- Kris Wills, Colorado School of Healing Arts, expressed the hardship the bill as written would impose on schools as it would not be possible to create [new/revised] programs and have them complete necessary approvals by a July 1, 2024 date.

2) National legislation

- Continuing to monitor

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3) County establishment licensing ordinance update

- HB24-1371 becomes overall watch

4) Local establishment licensing

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5) 2024 MTLAD – Massage Therapy Legislative Awareness Day

- March 22, 2024 – 8:30am – 1:30pm – Setup at 8:00am

<http://ccmtonline.com/2024-mtlad/>

- 9 volunteer LMTs - 87 massages recipients
- Congrats and thanks!

6) Agenda for teleconference 05-08-2024 at 8:00 a.m.

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

- 1) State legislation update
- 2) National legislation update
- 3) County establishment ordinance update
- 4) Local establishment licensing ordinance update

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Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals - ABMP – National

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School Representation

Chris Smith – School Director – Colorado School of Healing Arts

Kris Will – Director of Education – Colorado School of Healing Arts

Administrative Coordination

Tsy Schupack - ABMP Member

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Volunteer Opportunities

Massage Therapy Legislative Awareness Day

- open to all LMT volunteers for coordination, recruitment, and participation

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