



## Colorado Coalition of Massage Therapists

### Meeting Agenda January 14, 2026 at 8:00am MT

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#### Roll Call - CCMT Representatives in Attendance

- ☒ Cobi Clark, AMTA-Colorado Chapter Government Relations Director
- ☒ Shelly Cox, AMTA-Colorado Chapter President
- ☒ Christine Hooper, AMTA National Program Manager, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
- ☒ Jada Thompson, AMTA National - Government Relations
- ☒ Erin Haden, ABMP Government Relations Coordinator
- ☒ Laura Puryear, ABMP Government Relations Director
- ☒ Garin Vorthmann, Colorado Legislative Services - state lobbyist
- ☒ Caroline Woodhouse, Colorado Legislative Services
- ☐ Kris Will, Education Director - Colorado School of Healing Arts
- ☐ Chris Smith, School Director – Colorado School of Healing Arts
- ☒ Bonnie Chan, CCMT Volunteer & AMTA-Colorado Chapter Secretary
- ☒ *Guest:* Suzanne Eccher, AMTA-Colorado Chapter

#### 1. Colorado State legislation

1. Today is the first day of session for 120 days. There will be focus on the state budget which has been tight for the 2nd year in a row (3rd legislative session). This is Governor Polis' last year and this is also an election year. There has been infighting amongst Democrats in the last few months.
2. There are two Colorado bills to track. Once a draft of either bill is available, CLS will provide more details.
  - a. Senators Feret and Ball are drafting a bill regarding dry needling.
  - b. DORA is drafting a bill regarding reciprocity for regulated licenses.
3. Regarding taxes on tips: Gov Polis does not want a tax on tips. Legislators disagree. CLS will look for updates on this topic.

#### 2. National legislation

- AMTA/ABMP will continue to monitor activities including interstate compacts, online core education, internships, and apprenticeships.
- Vermont is working bills for licensing as well as the interstate compact.
- Virginia is considering an amendment to change compact language.
- Georgia has a bill to raise education hours from 500 to 625.
- Massachusetts has a bill to add 20 hours continuing education every biennium.

#### 3. County and local establishment licensing ordinance update

- No reports

#### 4. Schedule MTLAD date & lunch afterwards & CCMT End of Session gathering.

- a. It is very difficult to reserve a room for MTLAD but CLS will look into reserving a room.
- b. CCMT End of Session gathering between June 10-17. Ideally on June 17th and usually in the evening. Bonnie will send out a poll.

**Proposed agenda for next meeting**

1. State legislation update
2. National legislation update
3. County and local establishment ordinance update

**Next meeting: February 11, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. MT**

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## **ABOUT CCMT**

**Colorado Coalition of Massage Therapists (CCMT)** is a collaboration of representatives of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA), Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals (ABMP), and Colorado massage schools.

### **American Massage Therapy Association - AMTA - National and Colorado Chapter**

- Shelly Cox, AMTA-Colorado Chapter President
- Cobi Clark, AMTA-Colorado Chapter Government Relations Director
- Bonnie Chan, CCMT Volunteer & AMTA-Colorado Chapter Secretary
- Christine Hooper, AMTA National Program Manager, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
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### **Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals - ABMP – National**

- Erin Haden, ABMP Government Relations Coordinator
- Laura Puryear, ABMP Government Relations Director

### **School Representation**

- Kris Will, Education Director - Colorado School of Healing Arts
- Chris Smith, School Director – Colorado School of Healing Arts

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Massage Therapy Legislative Awareness Day is open to all LMT volunteers for coordination, recruitment, and participation

## **CONTACT INFO**

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