ADVISORY BOARD ON MASSAGE THERAPY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2020

10:08 a.m.

2401 N W 23rd, Suite 84

Testing Center

Oklahoma City, Ok. 73107

Laura Grisso, Chair – Presiding

1. Call to order

Chair Grisso called the meeting to order. The agenda had been properly posted and agenda-ized.

1. Roll call

A quorum was established with roll call. The following members were present:

Laura Grisso , Pamela Matherly, Marylin Ihloff, Kelly Lene, Robert Rowe.

**Board Legal Advisor**

Grant Moak

**Board Staff**

John Funderburk, Principal Assistant to the Director

Janelle Hastings, Administrative Assistant.

LauriAnn LA Gillette, Inspector Program Coordinator

AbbyKate Waugh, Massage Program Coordinator

(Note: Ms. Lewelling, Executive Director was ill and unable to be here on this date.)

**Visitors**

Mary Elizabeth LeBlanc, Rachel Adams, P Michelle Smock.

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1. Discussion and possible action to approve or disapprove board meeting minutes from December 19, 2019.

A motion was made by Ms. Ihloff and seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve board meeting minutes from December 19, 2019.

Voting:   
Matherly, yes; Ihloff, yes; Lene, yes, Rowe, yes.

Motion passed.

1. Public comment- Opportunity for the board to receive public comments. Each speaker is limited to three minutes. The Board cannot respond to or discuss public comments regarding matters not on today’s agenda.

No requests for public comment were heard.

1. Director's Report – Sherry G. Lewelling

Legislative Update

Ms. Grisso reported that Ms. Lewelling was out sick on this date, but the main purpose of her director’s report was to provide a legislative update which she (Ms. Grisso) would provide in item #6.

1. Legislative Update – Laura Grisso

Ms. Grisso began with SB 1880 by Nathan Dahm, (R) Broken Arrow, which is a natural healing arts bill, and includes massage therapy. It has been read one time and referred to health and human services committee, no other action has been taken to date. Essentially, it means certain individuals, such as those who practice Native American healing, naturapathy, homeopathy, herbology, oriental healing arts who does not hold a license from another agency, can treat people without a license but must disclose they are not licensed, must disclose what training you have and clients must sign a waiver. She just wanted everyone to be aware of this bill as it does impact massage therapy.

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SB1484 by Sen. Scott (R) has authored a bill that would move the Massage Therapy Advisory Board under the Chiropractic board out from under Cosmetology and Barbering. Laura and Sherry met with Beth Kidd, Director of the Chiropractic board on February 9. The cosmetology board wants to keep Massage Therapy if we can get establishment authority, but we are not against another board taking over. Ms. Grisso expressed her concerns that massage therapists still have a voice and would the Massage Therapy Advisory Board remain in existence. Also if Ms. Kidd speaks to Sen. Scott, we asked that they add licensure for students for 90 days, if grandfather clause is reopened we asked that it be expanded, we also asked that the board be expanded and terms be staggered. Mr. Moak added that the Massage Act would remain intact, it would simply transfer to the Chiropractic board if that Board were to take over.

1. New business which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to posting of meeting agenda 25 O.S. sec.311 (A)(9)

No new business was heard.

1. Board adjournment

Chair Grisso adjourned the meeting.

Laura Grisso, Chair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Pam Matherly, Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Marilyn Ihloff \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Kelly Lene \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Robert Rowe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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