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Exam Task Force Committee Meeting

December 9, 2013

9600 SW Oak St 4th Floor

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Attendance

Committee Members:

Kelley Rothenberger, Chair/Liaison

Heather Bennouri, LMT

Glenath Moyle, LMT

Jenny Rock, LMT

Peter Szucs, LMT

Board Members & Staff:

Kate Coffey, Executive Director

Ekaette Udosenata, Policy Analyst

Public: Brandon Saggio, LMT

CALL TO ORDER – Kelley Rothenberger called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

INTRODUCTIONS: Present at time of introductions **Bennouri, Coffey, Moyle, Rock, Rothenberger, Szucs** who disclosed a potential conflict of interest and **Udosenata**.

1. Public Comment

Saggio noted that his concern and question is whether the kinesiology section is being looked at or is the board considering removing kinesiology from the practical exam. Kinesiology is very important and should remain as part of the exam. However, having more transparency is the key factor for the exam. It is important that the board empowers the exam candidates to look at the resources that are available for them on the website. The board needs to draw out a clear direction for the exam and the average massage therapist exam candidate looking to take the exam. Everything that is on the list of muscles should be applicable.

Rock added Kinesiology was something that the committee discussed with no intention of removing from the practical exam.

Rothenberger added that the exam is about safety and the kinesiology is the part that embodies safety.

Moyle noted that the committee is still in the process of deciding the matter. She also noted that there are different parts to the exam that needs considerable amount of focus and attention not just one part of the exam.

Bennouri noted that she spoke with the Executive Director of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) about Massage & Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEX). They discussed what applicants are doing to prepare for that exam and the line drawn between exams and preparation resources. The practical exam in Oregon can be attributed as one of the reasons why people with false diplomas have not received licenses in the state of Oregon. **Bennouri** went on to question if the preparation material that is out there is enough to compromise the practical exam.

Discussion - The Exam Task Force committees reviewed and briefly discussed the practical exam. The committee decided they will need some time to look it over.

2. Public and Visitors Excused

3. **Executive Session (no public) – Rothenberger** excused the public and entered into Executive Session to discuss the Oregon Practical Examination at 6:52pm

Homework assignments:

Coffey - 1) Provide the committee with the dental practical exam review (it is possibly it could be from another state)

Next meeting 4:00-7:00pm, January 6, 2014 – Everest

Returned to public session at 8:20 pm

Public Comments: None in attendance

The Exam Task Force reviewed the minutes:

Szucs moved that the minutes from previous meeting be accepted. **Second the Motion: Moyle In favor: Bennouri, Moyle, Rock, Rothenberger, Szucs Opposed: None. Motion carries.**

Bennouri moved to adjourned the meeting. **Second the Motion: Moyle In favor: Bennouri, Moyle, Rock, Rothenberger, Szucs Opposed: None. Motion carries.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm