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## Exam Task Force Committee Meeting

March 10, 2014

Everest Institute

9600 SW Oak St 4th Floor

Tigard, OR 97223

### 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:** Geraldine Chevron

**CALL TO ORDER** – Kelley Rothenberger called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

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

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

#### 1. Public Comment:

**Chevron** noted that she sent in a letter in December and want to ensure that it was received. She noted that she find the practical exam too intimidating and stress inducing to pass. She has tried several times to take the exam and shared some ideas that will help other candidates in passing the exam.

**Rothenberger** recommended that Chevron review the practical exam video that is on the board website as well as on YouTube. The video was made to address the issue of stress and intimidation, the video goes over what to expect in a practical exam. The goal is to make it less intimidating, traumatizing and more transparent. With things changing throughout the country with respect to massage, the board is currently working to ensure that practical exam is in consistent with the ever changing world.

**Bennouri** the practical exam is evolving and is necessary for the type of contact that LMTs have with the public. Oregon has the practical exam as a mechanism to protect the public. The exam is for entry level and the task force is charge with setting the standard. There are different things the task force is looking for. Such as ensuring that the exam is presented in a manner that is simple, fair and still encompass the intent of safeguarding the public as well as addressing the intent of the Board and legislature.

**Chevron** noted that the exam is not fair because she has test anxiety and did pass other licensing exams and holds a national certification (NCB as of 2011) without any issues and she finds it to be so sad that she cannot work here in Oregon as an LMT and wonders if the Board can consider having levels of

licensing (e.g. spa therapists, medical therapists, chiropractic therapists and kinetic therapists among others).

**Moyle** asked what Chevron would suggest instead of a practical exam and how she felt about going to a state without a practical exam.

**Chevron** responded that the practical exam is fine as long as it does not have hands on. However, she noted that hands on is what defines a practical. Nonetheless, she would eliminate the ROM, origins, insertions and action.

**Rothenberger** on behalf of the task force thanked Chevron for coming in to speak with the task force, and. And asked her to take a look at the practical exam video and give the task force feedback.

**The Exam Task Force reviewed the minutes:**

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

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 4:33pm

**Completed Homework assignments:**

**Rock** - 1) come up with a proposed definition for, what is client consent? Also, what is harm?

Harm = emotional physical and financial

Client consent = verbal and written agreement or permission.

Next meeting 6:30-9:30pm, on April 7, 2014 @ Everest

Returned to public session @ 6:08pm

**Public Comments:** None in attendance

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm