

Education/Scope of Practice Committee
March 27, 2009
1-3pm

Meeting was called to order at 1:10am at OBM. Present: Kat Watson (OBMT staff), Nick Chrones (chair), Lisa Barck Garofalo, Kathy Carlisle (board liaison). John Combe, and Jen Brady.

1. Portfolio Review

Kat explained the process she goes thru when presented with an application from a candidate who did not attend an Oregon approved program. She shared her tracking form. She makes the assessment based on classes from a school as opposed to continuing education classes. She then alerts candidate where they need to fill in their education to meet Oregon's current requirements. If candidate wants CE classes considered, Kat will take application to the Board. In the past Board has always supported Kat's decision and CE classes have not counted towards training hours. She sees many transcript reviews like this but only about 6 per year disagree with her decision and thus, are presented to the Board.

Committee discussed whom this Portfolio Review process would apply to with Kat. It was decided that there are 2 groups of people this would apply to:

1. Massage Therapists from an unlicensed state
2. Current LMT from a state with different training requirements.

Much discussion ensued about what would be acceptable in the Portfolio Review process. John, Lisa and Jen brought samples. Committee tentatively agreed on the following acceptable forms:

1. Training from a school if transcripts are provided. (Course descriptions may also be requested)
2. "____" hours of documented work experience may be submitted in lieu of classroom Clinic hours. Documentation may include employer contact information, current Clinic list, letters of recommendation, or recertification of NCBTMB certificate.
3. Documented CE classes up to 125 hours may be counted towards Massage and Bodywork 300 hour training requirement. Documentation must include contact hours, title of class, provider contact.

Action: Nick will research Clinic hours offered at Oregon approved schools to come up with an average for item #2. Committee agreed to bring final reflections about Portfolio Review process to next meeting.

2. Online classes

Committee is not clear about this charge from the Board. We discussed the vast differences between providers of distance education. Board could decide to only accept DETC approved providers or create their own list of approved providers. We discussed the roadblock in ORS (Chapter 687.051 (1) d) Oregon's massage training must be in **contact** hours). It was also mentioned that any kind of movement towards accepting distance education for training hours would need to be communicated to the schools early.

Action: Nick asked each committee member to create a continuum of methods of distance education from the most basic to the most advanced.

Committee members should also send websites of good providers of distance education to Kathy prior to April Board meeting.

Kathy agreed to ask the Board for clarity about this charge. Is there a push from somewhere that is driving this request? Does the Board really want distance education to be part of minimum training requirements?

3. Committee member application – Kimberly Storr

Committee agreed that adding Kimberly to the Committee at this time would weigh the members heavily towards Lane Community College associates. Kathy will be moving off as our liaison next year and perhaps Kimberly could come on at that time.

4. New topic

John asked that the Board be asked their position on requiring LMTs to have personal liability insurance. It seems that if an uninsured LMT were to be sued the Board, as licensing agency, might be involved. Washington State does require all LMPs to carry liability insurance.

Action: Kathy agreed to ask Board for their position at next meeting.

5. Next meeting

Scheduled for April 24 at 10am at OBMT.

Meeting was adjourned at 3pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Barck Garofalo, LMT