

**Oregon Board of Massage Therapists
Multi-Discipline Task Force
December 17, 2010**

Meeting Location

East West College of the Healing Arts
Portland, Oregon

Attendance

Task Force Members:

Jon Grossart
Sabra Marcroft
Shelly Stephenson
Gary Vigeant
Andrea Wiener

OBMT:

Kathy Calise (Chair)
Kate Coffey (Executive Director)

Guests:

Todd Pennington
Cara Orscheln

Kathy Calise calls meeting to order at 2:35 pm and welcomes participants. Participants introduce themselves.

Kathy Calise provides update. John Combe resigned as chair after last meeting, and Crystal Collier stepped down from role as Board Liaison. The next Board Liaison is being selected. Recommendations for Chair position should be sent to Kathy or to Kate Coffey.

Kathy, Kate Coffey and Chris Montenegro met with the Senate Human Services and Rural Health Policy Committee, and gave a report in response to the Committee's 2009 directive. The report included a proposal for revising ORS 687. Kathy would like the Multi-Discipline Task Force (MDTF) to review the proposal and make recommendations.

Shelly Stephenson: Asks why exemption was not proposed.

Kathy: With exemption, the public would not have a place to go if they had a complaint.

Jon Grossart: Georgia has exemption for Structural Integration, and is not included in report.

Kate Coffey: What would public do if there was not a Board to complain to:

Shelly: Structural Integrators could go to IASI (International Association of Structural Integrators®).

Kate: Does it have a compliance section? (Answer was not recorded)

Gary: The professional associations have no authority over members to achieve compliance nor do they have any authority to fine them. That the professional association could only pull their membership and the practitioner would not be able to claim they are affiliated with that organization. There would be no protection to the public with a complaint to a membership association, or license to have revoked, which goes on permanent record, no mark on a license, no fine, nothing to stop a practitioner from getting a massage license, or simply changing states. The injured party has no recourse, other than civil suit, no record for any future clients to review. Our first job is public protection. [Thank you to Kate and Gary who provided detail of Gary's remarks by email.-AW]

Discussion continued, including following topics:

- Importance of protecting public
- How would public be protected if practices were exempted? What happens if someone is harmed, if there is no regulation?
- How is information accessed about how various disciplines regulate themselves
- The professional relationship does not only involve touch, but also involves a power relationship
- How do you decide where to draw the line- what needs to be regulated, and what does not?

Andrea Wiener: Offers to resign from MDTF, because she is participating in drafting a legislative concept for exempting certain professions, for the upcoming legislative session.

Kathy: Is still hoping for a recommendation from MDTF.

Discussion continues:

- Where should the MDTF go from here?

Sabra: Idea to create a foundation level standard for "people handling" where people who met that standard could receive a card. Further educational requirements could be treated as an internal professional matter.

Kathy: Board has tasked staff with staffing the MDTF meetings, taking minutes and transcribing.

Agreed to set tentative date for next meeting: January 14.

Agreed to pick up where left off with review of statute on Googledocs. Members of Education/Scope of Practice Committee can be taken off of Googledocs list. Board contact should be owner, to keep access as MDTF members change.

Todd: Split out hydrotherapy, don't require of all?

Sabra: could we agree on what anyone who uses touch professionally should know?

Meeting adjourned 4:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wiener
Secretary