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**ADVISORY BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
PUBLIC MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 2017 MEETING**

8/16/17

Members present: Jeff Mahadeen (JM), and Doreen Rossi (DR). Absent was Joseph Frazer
Also present were Peter Danles, Kathryn Wantuck, and Janet McCully.

Meeting called to order at 9:15 pm.

DISCUSSIONS:

The Board reviewed HB 586 and the changes made to the massage therapy statute. The temporary permit section was changed to only require one year of work experience and the documentation of NH residency is no longer required. The Commissioner reference was also changed to Executive Director of the OPLC. The expiration date of the licensees has been changed to expire on the last day of the birth month of the licensee in the even numbered year. All licensees that expire on a June 30, 2019 will be reissued or corrected to expire in their birth month of 2020.

The Board reviewed an initial proposal for rule updates. The Board did not have any objection to the 100 and 200 sections as written. The 300 section was discussed and some changes are needed. In Plc 302.02, the hours required for initial licensure shall remain at 750. The Board agreed to allow 25 hours of educational credit for each year of verified hands-on practical work experience. The work experience will be verified by a notarized letter written by a client, co-worker, or employer to verify the years of experience.

The Board reviewed the FSMTB resolutions.

The Board reviewed an inquiry from Roland Curit relative to breast massage. Mr. Curit requested to know if the client gives informed consent and is done in a non-sexual manner, if the service can be performed. The Board stated there is nothing in the rules which prohibits breast

massage and if proper education is received, non-sexual massage is used, and informed consent is given, the service can be performed.

The Board reviewed an online CPR and First Aid course from Protrianings for approval of continuing education. The Board voted to approve the course.

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The Board discussed Therapeutic Cannabis and the use of cannabis oil in relation to massage. The Board Administrator shall contact DHHS and inquire if massage therapists are able to use the oils in a massage treatment. The Board discussed the possibility of promulgating rules relative to cannabis oil usage.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Upon the motion of JM and the second of DR, The Board, by roll call vote, resolved to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing alleged licensee misconduct and licensees' criminal convictions. Non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3 II (c), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. The Board voted as follows: Jeff Mahadeen and Doreen Rossi voted yes. The Non-Public session began 10:35 am and ended at 10:37 am.

Upon the motion of JM and the second of DR, the Board, by roll call vote, resolved to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and to render the proposed action ineffective. The Board voted as follows: Jeff Mahadeen and Doreen Rossi voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

