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**ADVISORY BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY  
PUBLIC MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2018 MEETING**

Members present: Jeff Mahadeen (JM), Doreen Rossi (DR), and Julie Smith (JS).

Meeting called to order at 9:10 am. The Board approved the minutes from the June 28, 2018 meeting.

**APPEARANCES:**

The Board welcomed Vickie Branch from the NH chapter of the AMTA. Ms. Branch gave an explanation of the association. The Board and Ms. Branch discussed the proposed statute changes. Ms. Branch asked what the motivation was for the changes. The Board explained the Human Trafficking Task Force and the unlicensed individuals performing massage. Ms. Branch also had questions relative to interns performing massage outside of a school. The Board will further review the rules at future meeting.

**DISCUSSIONS:**

The Board reviewed the most current draft of the proposed statute changes. There were no further changes needed.

The Board also reviewed a draft of rules for establishments. A renewal and single practitioner section will be added and changes will be made to the fee requirement.

The Board reviewed a question from Amy Stone asking if percussion instruments were within the scope of practice for a massage therapist. The Board reviewed the question and rules and concluded that massage therapists may use percussion instruments.

The Board reviewed a question from Sarah Carlisle asking if it is legal to practice Thai massage and/or Ayurvedic modalities without a license. The Board reviewed the question, statute, and rules and concluded that there is no licensure required for Ayurveda. The Board further concluded that the term 'massage' may not be used unless the person holds a massage license per RSA 328-B:3. In the Board's opinion, the phrases Thai yoga or assisted yoga or body work do not violate RSA 328-B.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 am.

Meetings for 2018 are as follows: Sept 12