

Education/Scope of Practice Committee
January 30, 2009
10am to Noon

Meeting was called to order at 10:25am at OSM-Salem. Present: Nick Chrones (chair), Lisa Barck Garofalo, Kathy Carlisle (board liaison). John Combe participated through email but was unable to attend. Jen Brady was absent.

1. Meeting schedule

Patty has asked that Committee consider moving meeting day off of Friday mornings because of a conflict in her schedule. Those present find Friday mornings the most convenient. We agreed to check with other committee members about Mondays as a possibility. Kathy will check with Patty about the necessity of Patty's attendance at committee meetings. We will hold the next meeting as scheduled on Feb 27 at 10am. We had some confusion about the location of the meeting today and decided we would hold the February meeting at OSM-Salem.

2. Committee members

Committee was informed that there is an applicant for participation on Ed/Scope committee. We are open to more members. Nick agreed to contact OBMT staff for that applicant information. Nick also agreed to contact Jen Brady to assess her interest in serving on Ed/Scope committee.

3. Distance Education guidelines for licensure training

Committee discussed the research done by all on Distance Education standards. We recommend that OBMT use recognized accrediting bodies as one of the requirements for using Distance Education to meet entry-level requirements. We are researching agencies that would be on this list. We have identified Distance Education and Training Council as the one agency approved by the US Department of Education. It seemed simpler to use standards set by an agency OBMT can support than create a list of standards for OBMT staff to measure each class by.

We all agreed that hands on or tactile subject matter would not be eligible for distance education training. We identified the following as subject matter we would consider appropriate for distance education training: anatomy, physiology, pathology, and sanitation.

The Committee also identified that by rule (Chapter 687.051 (1) d) Oregon's massage training must be in **contact** hours. **The Board might want to discuss this rule as it seems it would have to be revised before Distance Education classes could be accepted for entry level training.**

Action: The Committee will continue to research agencies and standards for

Distance Education. We are open to any further direction from the Board.

4. Portfolio Review

Lisa and John shared their ideas around Portfolio Review Process. Committee felt it was important to define exactly who would use a Portfolio Review because the process might be different depending on applicant's history. We defined the following categories:

1. Current LMT from another state or country with equal or greater training hours but not in Oregon's categories.
2. Current LMT from another state or country with less training hours.
3. Lapsed LMT from another state or country with equal or greater training hours but not in Oregon's categories.
4. Lapsed LMT from another state or country with less training hours.
5. Massage therapist from another state or country with no licensing.
6. Massage therapist from another state or country with judicial licensing, i.e. county by county.

We thought lapsed Oregon licensee was already covered in rules so didn't add that category. **We ask the Board to review the categories at the February meeting and let us know if we are on the right track.**

We discussed points we want to be sure are in a Portfolio Review process. These include:

- No past disciplinary action against applicant
- Identify what written exam was taken, if any
- Consider apprenticeship hours
- Require verifiable documentation of classes and/or work experience.

We did not finalize Portfolio Review guidelines.

Action: Each committee member will write guidelines for each category and bring to next meeting. We will come to consensus then.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50am

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Barck Garofalo