

**Oregon Board of Massage Therapists  
Scope of Practice Committee  
July 8, 2011  
Oregon School of Massage Portland, OR**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Committee Members**

**Nick Chrones – Committee Chair**  
**Todd Pennington, Medical Massage**  
**Pratiti Fullerton, Bowenwork**  
**Tina Rea, Shiatsu**  
**Jon Grossart, Rolfer**  
**Gary Vigent, MFR-NMT**  
**Shelly Stephenson, KMI/IASI**

**OBMT**

**Kathy Calise – Board Chair**  
**Kate Coffey - Executive Director**  
**Christine West – Policy Analyst**

**Public In Attendance**

**Michele Boyle, LMT**  
**Kim Cottrell, Feldenkrais**  
**Marty Dawson, Trager Approach**  
**Diana Vitells, Alexander Technique**  
**Fay Putnam, Alexander Technique**

Called meeting to order at 1:02

The committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the June meeting.

**Chrones** - Encouraged Scope of Practice members to apply to join the committee.

**Public Input – Mardy Dosen** - Would like to know where Trager is in the exempt process. **Michelle Boyle** - requested clarification regarding why there are three modalities being exempted in this rule. **Chrones** - Senate Bill 454 was brought forward by the three modality organizations. This committee has begun discussions to exempt those practices, create rules for SB 454 and to develop an exemption process for other modalities.

**Development of Exemption Rule** –Scope of Practice committee reviewed the draft exemption rule as a starting point. A discussion surrounding verbiage used in the rule and verbiage used by other states. Montana legislation has similar exemption language.

**Chrones** – Requested that when this rule takes effect, a notification be sent to National Organizations stating that they are now exempt and have to remain in their scope of practice. **Rae** - Also request from to National Organizations notification of all disciplinary actions taken on practitioners in Oregon. **Coffey** - The OBMT will investigate all complaints; if the modality is exempt the complaint will be forwarded to the National Professional Organization or Credentialing Agency for discipline, if not exempt and/or practicing outside of their scope the OBMT will retain authority.

A discussion surrounding setting minimum levels of training requirements for each exempt practice, just below the already required hours, continued. A suggestion was made to set these so the OBMT does not have to guess when exempting practitioners. We are not trying to create restrictions, but a process for people requesting exemption.

**The committee agreed upon these changes:**

**Remove** 334-010-0027(1)(a)(i) Reflexology.

Re-number 334-010-0027(1)(a)~~(ii),(iii),(iv)~~ (i), (ii), (iii)

334-010-0027(1)(a)(i-iii) Remove modality name from start of sentence and add at the end: **Examples include but are not limited to the (i)Feldenkrais Method of Somatic Education, (ii)Bowenwork and/ or the Bowen Technique, (iii)Polarity Therapy.**

Re-number 334-010-0027~~(2)(a),(b),(c)~~ (b)(i),(ii),(iii)

Reworded: 334-010-0027(b) **Practitioners shall hold an active certification from a national professional organization or credentialing agency that:**

Add **334-010-0027(2) It is the exempt practitioner's responsibility to insure they meet the criteria for being exempt and to remain within their exempt scope of practice. Practitioners may be sanctioned by the Board if:**

(a) **A practitioner refers to themselves or implies they are a massage therapist; or**

(b) **Practices outside of the exempt scope of practice; or**

(c) **Is practicing without an active certification from a national professional organization or credentialing agency.**

(4) **Practitioners, Disciplines and/or Organizations who believe their practice meets the exemption criteria shall contact the Board of Massage Therapists to request a review and upon meeting all exemption criteria be added to the exemption rule, 334-010-0027(1)(a)(i-iii).**

**Public Comment – Mardy Dosen** (Trager) Thanked the Board and asked if there is anything else Trager can provide, she has included her contact information on the sign in sheet. Respects what the Board is going through trying to protect the public and create these rules. **Michelle Boyle** – Expressed concerns regarding online learning/mail order schools to avoid licensure. Also expressed that would like to require the organization to have training around Oregon laws and requirements. **Diana Vitells** – was on the MDTF, she appreciates this process and the committee discussions. Thank you.

**Chrones** - The online learning, etc has been an ongoing discussion, which we will review again.

**Calise** - thanked the committee for their work.

**Homework** - **West** will updated the rule and upload to Google Docs. Committee review Google Docs. **Goal** - Have recommendations done by 7/29.

**Coffey** - will verify with DOJ if we have the authority to request people that practice in the state of Oregon register with the OBMT.

The next committee meeting will be on August 5, 2011 at 1:00 pm, located at the Oregon School of Massage – Portland Campus.

Meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm.