

**Oregon Board of Massage Therapists  
Multi-Discipline Task Force  
January 14, 2011**

**Meeting Location**

East West College of the Healing Arts  
Portland, OR

**Attendance**

**Task Force Members**

Jon Grossart  
Shelly Stephenson  
Gary Vigeant  
Andrea Wiener  
Nick Chrones – Task Force Chair  
Sande Mullany  
Tina Rea  
Laura Magpali  
Todd Pennington

**OBMT:**

Kathy Calise (Chair)  
Kate Coffey (Executive Director)  
Melanie Morin – OBMT Board Liaison

**Guests**

Leah Bowder  
Lisa Garofalo

Kathy Calise introduced the new task force chair Nick Chrones. Nick wanted to find out where everyone was coming from and what their point of view.

Task force members went around the room and introduced themselves.

Andrea Wiener – Feldenkrais. Most efficient way of regulating certain practices is the self-regulating practices that are in place. She has drafted exemption language for Senator Johnson. If not broke then don't fix it.

Shelly Stephenson – Structural Integration – OBMT didn't recognize the training and required her to take additional hours to become licensed.

Tina Rea – Shiatsu practitioner – How do you know what is included or not. Interested in more information. If exempt from Massage Board then might fall under the Physical Therapist Board.

Sande Mullany – Shiatsu therapist.

Melonie Morin – Board Liaison to the committee.

Jon Grossart – Rolfer - Separate licensure or exemption. The official Rolfer point of view is appropriate licensure or exemption. Wants licensure that is structural integration as that practice is different from massage. Rolfing is a touching for healing and should be licensed by an appropriate body.

Laura Magpali – Bowen and Reiki practitioner. The focus is to assist the massage student to work with energy work. Have a keen interest in finding a balance between what exists now and how we feel it should be. Interested in helping to find a balance. Currently is an instructor and she has definite feelings about certification with some oversight. If the public doesn't have some place to go where do they go?

Todd Pennington – licensed since 1992 and practices deep tissue. There is also the inappropriate actions with the client and there are issues. If you don't have the massage board then the client has no where to go. The board also protects the practitioner.

Gary Vigeant – Myofascial release – Licensed since 1995. Licensed in Florida, WA, and Oregon. Exemption does not protect the public. OBMT has to protect the public and the therapist. When you become a large group you become a voting block. Appropriate licensure.

Discussion on what would occur if you are not under the OBMT. How would you perform insurance billing? If you are not licensed under the massage board then you might not be able to bill insurance. In addition, there might be issues with the Physical Therapists board. If exemption occurs under massage therapists then might receive unlicensed fine from PT board and that is 4 years of school. You also need to have some place where the public can go to complain if something goes wrong other than the police. Currently, can go to the OBMT for investigation.

Reiki of itself can not cause harm; however, the person on the table can have issues. You need to know what to do and the training does teach you what to do if there are issues with clients.

Chrones – The current board is very flexible and believes that many items are achievable.

What is the timeframe – This will not be doable for this legislative session.

Is there a modality that is not represented – Polarity not represented and Thia massage.

Board's view is to protect the public. It is not an intent to restrict a modality but is to protect the public.

Much discussion regarding what the certification entity will do regarding public complaints. An opinion was provided that if you do not maintain certification then you are not under their censure. What would occur if a person has been injured by a practitioner? If the public contacts that modality board and that person is not currently a member then what does the public do? An opinion was stated that the person would need to notify the police or file a civil complaint.

Discussion regarding having public complaints funneled through the OBMT.

Question from the Education and Scope of Practice Committee – Lisa Garofalo – Requested information on the exemption bill. Andrea Weiner - It has not been assigned a committee yet. Kathy Calise – It will be sent out to Lisa.

Google Docs. – Uses this as a collaboration tool. Jon Grossart is the person who is now the keeper of the on-line tool. Before the meeting ends have everyone get on the website to allow everyone the opportunity to review the documents.

Future meetings were scheduled. Friday afternoon is it comfortable? We meet once a month and perform work in Google Docs. between meetings.

Feb. 4, 2011

March 4, 2011

April 1, 2011

Purpose of the task force – 4 directives

Look at the statutory wording and make comments on Google Docs.

Task force meeting minutes were distributed, reviewed, and approved.

Closed at 3:50.