

Education/Scope of Practice Committee
April 24, 2009
10-12 noon

Meeting was called to order at 9:55 am at OBMT office. Present: Kat Watson (OBMT staff), Nick Chrones (chair), Lisa Barck Garofalo, Kathy Carlisle (board liaison). John Combe, and Jen Brady. Public: Deja Knight

1. April Board Meeting Report

Kathy shared the Board's answers to our questions from the March meeting. At this point the Board has asked the Committee to table the discussion on distance education for core competencies. The Board will direct us to begin again when they are ready.

When asked about requiring LMTs to carry liability insurance, the Board responded that they are planning a job task analysis and the survey of Oregon LMTs will include this issue.

The Board discussed our progress so far with the Portfolio Review process. They do want the Committee to come up with a suggested process and present it to them for approval or revision. There was much discussion at the meeting about the Clinical/Work experience hours. Patty suggests we consider what the Oregon requirements were when a Portfolio candidate was licensed in their state. Board reminds us to use "jurisdiction" instead of "state."

2. Portfolio Review

Using Jen's Portfolio Review Worksheet, the Committee discussed the Portfolio Review process with Kat's input.

We all agreed on the following points:

1. The Portfolio Review will use the current 500-hour minimum with 200 hours health sciences and 300 hours massage and body work for these candidates regardless of when they were licensed or began practicing massage.
2. Portfolio Review will accept 40 hours of work experience performed within 5 years in lieu of Clinic instruction. Documentation of the Work Experience will include Client's name, date and length of session, location and permission to contact; Employer contact information if applicable; and photocopy of appointment book. Chart notes/records may be audited.
3. Written exams taken before 7/1/08 from NCBTMB, HI, NY, FL will be accepted. Proof of passing must be attached.

4. Portfolio Review will also accept up to 40 apprenticeship hours done under the supervision of a massage therapist or other licensed healthcare professional with the last 5 years. Documentation will include a letter of verification from the supervisor with contact information.

5. We agreed to split the proof of training/experience section of the form into Health Sciences and Massage/Bodywork for clarity of what qualifies for what.

Action: Jen will take our suggestions and bring a second draft of the Portfolio Review Worksheet to our next meeting for fine-tuning.

Kat agreed to bring 2-3 different real life examples of candidates who would be using Portfolio Review (if we had it) to test the worksheet and process.

3. Online classes

This issue is tabled for the present.

Action: Nick asked each committee member to send any work already completed on this – sample online classes, websites, etc – to him and he will make a Distance Education binder for use when we need it.

4. Next meeting

Scheduled for May 15 at 9:30am at OBMT.

5. Public Comment

No public comment – all her questions were answered during course of the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Barck Garofalo, LMT