

**Education/Scope of Practice Committee**  
**February 27, 2009**  
**10am to Noon**

Meeting was called to order at 10:10am at OSM-Salem. Present: Nick Chrones (chair), Lisa Barck Garofalo, Kathy Carlisle (board liaison). John Combe, and Jen Brady.

**1. Committee members**

Committee is still open to more members. Nick contacted OBMT staff for the applicant information but has not yet received it.

**2. Report from Feb Board meeting/All Schools meeting**

Our report was included in the Board packet. Discussion of our report came 3 hours into the meeting and suffered some from the hour of the day. Patty asked that Kathryn Watson from Board staff attend our meetings as she is one to deal with Portfolio Review process. The Committee definitely wants her input and will look at scheduling Ed/Scope meetings at OBMT office to have her available. Kathy felt that the Board needs more information about the types of Distance Education available. The Board has placed this item on their April work session. The Committee agreed to help Kathy with presentation materials at our next meeting.

At All Schools meeting OBMT shared with schools more info about Legislative concerns. Practical exam was also discussed. OBMT plans to put a video on website that shows the exam process.

**3. Distance Education guidelines for licensure training**

Committee decided not to spend too much time discussing Distance Education for entry level competencies until clarity around ORS (Chapter 687.051 (1) d) has been addressed or we receive more direction from the Board. We did identify some questions for the Board:

- Does OBMT have a sense of urgency re: Distance Education and entry level competency?
- Does OBMT want to be on the cutting edge of re: Distance Education and entry level competency or wait for guidelines from Federation?

**Action: Each committee member agreed to bring an example of an on-line class with the guidelines listed showing what type of learning is included i.e. blogs, chat rooms, live video classroom, etc.**

**4. Portfolio Review**

Lisa and Nick shared their ideas drafts of a Portfolio Review Process. There was a lively discussion of the pro and cons of applying Portfolio Review to lapsed, licensed and unlicensed massage therapists and what education or

experience would be accepted. We didn't reach consensus on all points but did settle on the following guidelines:

1. Portfolio Review Process enables a candidate to take Practical Exam. It would not waive that requirement.
2. All candidates must have had no disciplinary action in the massage or healthcare field.
3. All candidates must have taken and passed either the MBLEx or NCBTMB written exams.

We are still discussing who this process applies to – anyone who wants to ask for it or only certain categories like practicing therapists from an unlicensed state.

**Action: We need Kat's input on what type of therapists would fall into Portfolio Review.**

Still also discussing the combination of education, work experience, and dates/documentation of same. **Lisa and Nick agreed to email their drafts to all committee members for draft #2.**

**Action: Each committee member will bring a draft of Portfolio Review process to next meeting to use in discussion with Kat.**

We also discussed that the Committee would be willing to review Portfolio Review candidates to take this job off of Board staff.

## **5. Next meeting**

Lisa has a conflict to the morning of March 27 at 10am. Committee agreed to move the meeting time to 1pm that same day at the Board office. Nick will check with Kat to see if she can attend.

Meeting was adjourned at Noon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Barck Garofalo