



State Medical Board of Ohio

**Massage Therapy Advisory Council
February 7, 2022**

The meeting was held at the State Medical Board of Ohio offices
Rhodes Tower, 3rd floor, Columbus Ohio

Members Attending: Jack Beacon, LMT Jennifer Cull, LMT Kenneth Morrow, LMT Heather Mello Roenker, LMT Jacqueline Wolfe, LMT	Staff: Jill Reardon, Deputy Director of External Affairs Kimberly Anderson, Chief Legal and Policy Counsel Joseph Turek, Director, Licensure & Licensee Services Brycen Hatfield, Administrative Professional
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Ms. Reardon called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm

Attendance was taken and all members were in attendance. Each member was asked to introduce themselves and talk a minute about their background. Dr. Saferin, State Medical Board of Ohio board member, expressed congratulations to the council on its first meeting and expressed his appreciation for being asked to serve alongside them.

Ms. Reardon opened the first meeting of the MTAC by welcoming the members who represent the 11,000 massage therapy professionals licensed by the board. She discussed the role and responsibilities of the MTAC and its relationship to the SMBO.

Legislative Update

Ms. Reardon gave the legislative update of pending legislation that could be interest to the council and could impact the SMBO and licensed massage therapists.

Rule Review Update

Kimberly Anderson, Chief Legal Counsel for the Medical Board, gave an update on SMBO administrative rules impacting massage therapy. The Board had decided not to file rules that impact LMT's and waited to obtain comments from the MTAC. The state administrative rule process was explained. The rules were provided ahead of time to the MTAC for review and to allow them to be ready to provide comment. Ms. Anderson explained that rules are promulgated to implement the statutes and so the rules are limited in scope. She also explained the five-year rule review process.

Ms. Anderson discussed the impairment rules that impact LMT's regarding evaluation and treatment requirements.

Council members voiced concern that HB 432 was passed by the Ohio General Assembly , changing educational requirements without input from licensed massage therapists.

A memo from Ms. Anderson to the MTAC (dated 12/22/22 attached below) explaining rules 4731-1-15 were discussed at length by Ms. Anderson and Mr. Turek, and input was sought from the MTAC to take to the Board at its April meeting. The council was also encouraged to provide comment by email after the meeting.



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The complete SMBO rule sheet had been given to the council for reference.

An update was given by Laura Embleton, Government Relations Director of Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals, Melissa Ryan, President of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA), Ohio Chapter, and James Spector, Senior Director, Government & Industry Relations for the AMTA.

Dave Salisbury, lobbyist representative for the Ohio AMTA spoke briefly and thanked everyone for their efforts in getting legislation passed to have this council.

Ms. Reardon indicated that the next meeting will be held on May 10, 2022. The council was congratulated for a productive first meeting and adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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