

Coalition of Massage & Bodywork CE Educators

www.coalitionofmbceeducators.com

Meeting Wednesday, January 22nd at 9:30AM at the Courtyard Raleigh
Midtown, 1041 Wake Towne Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609

9:30-9:50am	Reasons for gathering and plan for the day
9:50-10:20am	Background (Summary of recent events and pertinent information)
10:20-11:45 general discussion & break out groups	Address the 3 critical questions that have not yet been answered.
11:45-12:30	Purpose & Structure of this organization Communication between ourselves and with other organizations
Lunch 12:30-2:00PM	
2:00-2:30PM	1. Address by the NC Board
2:30-3:00	2. Q&A for the Board
3:00-3:50	3. Address by NCB; Q&A
3:50-4:00	4. Conclusion

The 3 critical questions:

- 1. Why CE is essential to the ongoing protection of the public?**
- 2. What is appropriate CE for massage therapists in terms of ensuring ongoing protection of the public?**
- 3. Is it possible for an approval process to provide quality assurance in CE and what would that approval process consist of- who should provide the regulation?**

Notes from Rick Rosen

1. Should continuing education be mandatory for renewal of state licensure – and is it essential for the ongoing protection of the public?
2. Given the reported inconsistencies in the instructional design and delivery of CE courses, is it even possible for an approval process to provide quality assurance?
3. Does the cost of compliance for CE providers (both in terms of time and money) bring an equal or greater benefit to the massage therapy field, and to the public at large?

4. What kind of regulatory process – if any – is needed; and which organizational entity is best suited to perform this function?

Notes from Nancy Toner Weinberger

Problem: CE Provider oversight/approval (National Approval is better for CE Providers, but is an issue for state regulatory Boards in terms of reliance on a third-party organization.)

Problem: Evaluating and Maintaining quality in CE.

Course content

Sub-Problem: Ethics (the deteriorating worth of courses offered.)

Instructor

Problem: What is appropriate continuing education for LMBTs and why?

Sub-Problem- Self-Care category.

Sub-Problem- Distance learning vs. in class learning

Problem: When does CE become non-productive for 1) protecting the public
2) professional development ?

Hard to evaluate based on the number of years in practice when we don't allow inactive licensure. A good measure might be 500 total documented hours of massage/bodywork related CE, to include at least 50 hours in advanced (level 2 and higher) studies

Problem: Non-practicing LMBTs taking CE to renew their license. Thus looking for cheap credits, could care less- do we want these folks in our classes? Illness/injury, taking care of aging parents or family members, raising children, back to school full time for a degree or other.

Solution: Eliminate unnecessary CE requirements by allowing the license to be inactive. Charge a small fee, say \$25 and require current address and license every renewal period. Notice sent by email and postcard.

To reinstate: 24 CE live in class hands-on. OR 21 CE live in class hands-on plus 3 hours live class Ethics. And the Jurisprudence exam.

Questions for the Board

Are there any plans for re-opening the Practice Act?

If so when and for what purpose?

How would we be able to know if this is going to happen, and how can we make recommendations for law changes in synch with this action?

Is the /Board considering changes to CE requirements and if so, why?

Have there been problems with CE from the Board's perspective and if so, what are they?

Have there been complaints? If so, what have been the nature of those complaints? Has any action already been taken in regard to the complaints?

Are committee meetings private or is the public allowed to attend?

Notes from Linda McCrea

What would NC state approval of CE providers address a/o add to the already rigorous process that has been maintained and updated for our required completion for nearly 20 years through our existing national approval through NCBTMB? What function and purpose would additional NC state approval serve, since we as nationally approved CE providers already conduct our approved CE classes in NC, as well as in other states?

What other states currently require additional individual state approval, and what are their documented outcomes of improved quality of instruction over that already achieved by nationally approved CE providers?

Questions for NCB

Could the NCB administer the Approved Provider Program while being responsible to the State Board, perhaps similar to the way they are doing it for NY?

How is the NY program set up? Does the NY Education Department pay NCB for this service?

Questions regarding our function as a group

Is there value in identifying ourselves as a group?

Who would comprise our group and why?

Does it serve us to meet in person like this?

Communication issues- Email; Forum; Website.

What level of organization is right for us? Could we align with another established organization, such as the Alliance?

Do we need agreement and if so, how can we know if we have it? How much agreement do we need?

Do we need funds?

What actions can we take that will make a difference?

We want a Continuing Education standard that *produces consistent results that are recognized by both the public and health professionals.*(Rick Rosen)

Who is attending the meeting:

CE Teachers:

Amber Keithley

Arlene & Larry Green

Claire Marie Miller

Cynthia J. Loving

Dawn Weeks

Deborah Peters

Dianna Lee

Elizabeth Kirkland

Janice Marie Durand

Juul Bruin

Kelly Holland Azzaro

Kimberly A Perry

Laura Landsiedel

Maryska Bigos

Nancy Toner Weinberger

Robert Wootton

Sheila Alexander

Marsha Presnell-Janette

Larry Koliha

Bethany Ward

John Zeller

Lindsay Neese

Carmen Lazenby

Carrie W. Bodane

Pat Donohue

Christina Hagan

Julie Marciniak

Melissa Mosher

Mike Seufer

Kay Warren

Dianne M. Willett

Guests:

Kim Moore from the NC AMTA

Charles Wilkins from the NC Board of Massage & Bodywork Therapy

Donna Sarvello from the National Certification Board for therapeutic Massage & Bodywork

Logistics notes: Amber Keithley and Pat Donohue will take minutes for us and my husband, Mike Weinberger, will video the proceedings (this will be

an amateur video recording, but it will be recorded). Elizabeth Kirkland is bring a laptop projector for presentations as needed. The room comes with wifi, so we can look things up online if we need to. I will have a table out front with name tags- Please take a nametag, so that I can know who attended after the meeting. There will be a box for contributions towards the cost of the room.

Only 9 people signed up for the Coalition Forum I set up on www.massagprofessionals.com and there have been no suggestions, questions, no additional input of any kind as of yet, so I hope you will all have your thinking caps on for the meeting! Rick Rosen has not sent me any further information on what he is proposing to the NC State Board and the Federation of State Massage Boards.

See you there on Wednesday!

Nancy Toner Weinberger
Dynamic Equilibrium
309 Oakwood Court
Youngsville, NC 27596
919-562-1548; cell 919-618-2232
weinberger@mindspring.com
www.dynamicequilibrium.com