



RESOLUTION

Title of Resolution: Continuing Education Approval for License Renewal

Member Board/Committee Proposing Resolution: Continuing Education Task Force

WHEREAS the mission of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards is to support its member boards in their work to ensure that the practice of massage therapy is provided to the public in a safe and effective manner;

WHEREAS there is a lack of consistency in the uniformity of requirements, standards and compliance for continuing education across jurisdictions;

WHEREAS there is currently no effective mechanism or appropriate source which member boards can rely upon to maintain proper delegation of authority and to verify attainment of quality and appropriate continuing education for licensure renewal purposes;

WHEREAS there is currently no effective standardized mechanism or source upon which licensed massage therapists can rely to seek instruction and relevant content acceptable to the regulatory community;

WHEREAS there is currently no efficient administrative process for the acceptance of continuing education sponsors and courses;

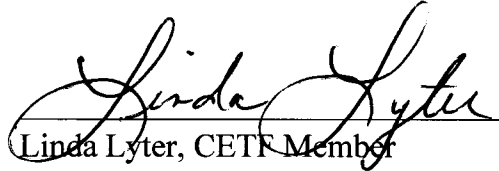
WHEREAS the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards established a Continuing Education Task Force to study the feasibility of expanding the organization's services to member boards, by designing a substantial program that provides reliable, unbiased, and appropriate vetting of continuing education providers and the classes offered to the consuming public;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards will expand the organization's services to member boards by implementing a program that provides reliable, unbiased, and appropriate vetting of continuing education providers and the classes offered to the consuming public;

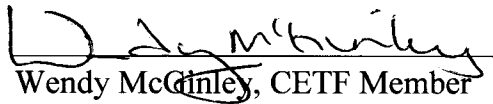
FURTHER, that the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards will adopt and utilize the FSMTB Standards for Continuing Education Courses.



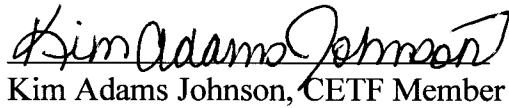
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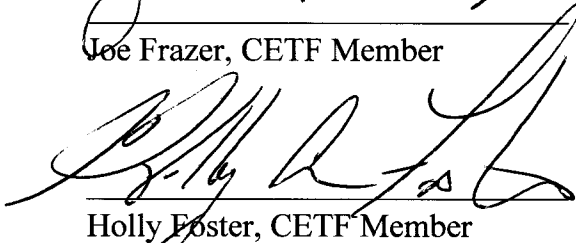
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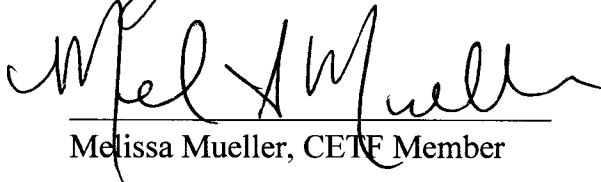
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Attachment to Resolution:

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

July 2014	End user testing FSMTB CE Sponsor Focus Group (storyboard group)
August 2014	CE Broker will be evaluated for procedure and relevant use policies developed.
September 2014	Summary of information about this resolution provided to CETF before the annual meeting.
July 1, 2014	Create White Paper to make the case and provide explanation.
August 1, 2014	Send Resolution and White Paper to Member Boards
October 3-5, 2014	CETF Chair will make presentation at the annual meeting and the Delegate Assembly will vote

Upon Approval:

October 6, 2014	Create a committee to produce the detailed work – use FSMTB Standards for CE Sponsors.
November 2014	Feasibility study to test process.
November 2014	Staff to create approval process to create hard evidence in order to demonstrate how much personnel and software would be needed to determine the cost for initiation.
March 2015	Launch process using a “phase in” approach

EFFECTIVE DATE: Monday October 6, 2014