

Minutes from Feb 15, 2017 CCMT/GR Teleconference
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In attendance: Christen Corvington (AMTA) Charlotte Grill (AMTA), Garin Vorthmann (CLS), Chris Smith (CSHA), Kris Will (CSHA), Laura Embleton (ABMP), Roger Patrizio (CIMT), Kathryn Stewart (AMTA), Tami Schumacher (AMTA), Susan Grubb (AMTA), Alfred Westlake (AMTA)

Meeting begins: 8:32

Charlotte: National update-trend toward less government oversight

Nebraska-bill sponsored by Gov Ricketts-bill to reduce hours for licensure from 1000 to 500 or 600. Nebraska is fighting the bill.

Indiana-bill for changing from volunteer certification to licensure

West Virginia-bill to terminate regulatory board, effectively de-regulate MT in West Virginia (saying it is a way to decrease cost and government control)

Kentucky-gov looking at executive order to de-regulate state, reduce size of government

MD-last year got an individual regulatory board from being regulated under chiropractic, now a bill looking at consolidating all regulation

Alaska-bill that would make exempt modalities registered—pay a fee and register, but are not licensed.

Idaho-criminal background check for lic; another bill regarding reviewing CE curriculum; one for board compensation

Garin:

Every day CLS (Colorado Legislative Services-AMTA's lobbyist) team goes through bills introduced the day before. This handful of bills we are speaking of today CLS has identified as potentially impactful to the MT profession

HB 1112-Immunity Unauthorized Practice of Profession

Written as broadly impacting all professions regulated by DORA. If a person practicing contacts DORA to see if what they are doing is in their scope and not be punished if it is not in their scope of practice.

Bill sponsor is going to add an amendment saying this bill only applies to unauthorized practice and will focus it on specific professions and essentially take massage therapy out of the bill.

Political reality: only has one sponsor (R), does not look like it is going to pass. Argument that allowing an individual to delve out of their scope it dilutes the practice act of that profession. One senator dislikes this bill because of massage in particular because it seems to allow a loophole for bad actors.

Discussion ensued.

Garin will go back to bill sponsor and let him know we had a good discussion and will provide him with information on unintended consequences to be aware of if a bill like this is proposed again in the future.

HB17-1175-Domestic Violence Awareness Barbers Cosmetologists

Currently it doesn't include MT, but do we want it to down the line?

Bill requires these professions to take a training on domestic violence and sexual assault.

Theory behind bill is that these technicians can often identify when these kinds of issues are happening with their clients and could potentially open the door for them to get help

Laura-ABMP's cosmetology clients do not like this bill
CCMT- decision to not pursue a bill like this for MT

SB17-118 Information on Private Occupational Schools

Expands what information schools must provide to prospective students
The bill died in committee largely for the argument that the bill was redundant and expensive.

What schools have to do currently: reporting that goes on constantly for National accreditation as well as for DPOS. Schools are glad to know this bill has NOT passed because it just adds another layer of reporting that the schools already do, the information is already aware for students and the schools are very transparent with the students.

The sponsor's intent was that the information was available but difficult to access-not in one spot. The higher ed department CCHE-Colorado Commission of Higher Ed- they oversee DPOS-- is working on a program to streamline the statistic information for prospective students. ETPL-Eligible Training Providers List-public and private schools that are eligible for funding (WIA) for certain students that qualify. ETPL is a qualification for programs that would like to be able to provide this funding for their students.

Garin: procedure and protocol

When people have ideas/discussion to be had about bills : DISCUSSION first. If we are going to be as effective as possible within the legislature, conversation first so we are efficient and giving the same message. The teleconferences bi weekly gives us the opportunity to discuss bills that come up and have the conversation about the bill and go forward.

After a conversation and we are clear with our message, Garin would go to bill sponsor and work with Sponsor to draft an amendment and fix language.

Discussion ensued about bill protocol and CCMT

HB17-1057 a physical therapy bill for reciprocity- Alfred brings up it might be an idea we might think of going forward if it passes

Our next call will be Wednesday March 1, 2017 at 8:30 am

Call ends: 9:40 a.m.