

Minutes for May 4, 2016 GR Teleconference
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Present on call: Christen Corvington (AMTA), Garin Vorthmann (CLS), Tami Schumacher (AMTA), Deb Hatch (AMTA), Roger Patrizio (CSHA), Kathryn Stewart (AMTA), Susan Grubb (AMTA), Ed Jerzyk (AMTA), Dennis Simpson (CSHA), Charlotte Grill (AMTA), Laura Embleton (ABMP), James Specker (AMTA)

Update on HB 1320: House approved Senate version of bill last night, it now goes to Governor for his signature. The Governor will not veto the bill.

Phrase that “Dora director can judge on good moral character” good to make some response to that that it can work in therapists favor as well as saying something negative. We will ask DORA to provide a statement regarding that—it is not a unique sentence to massage therapy, it exists in various acts.

Discussion about moving forward after the damaging campaign against HB 1320

CCMT have a website, FB page, DORA involvement with disseminating information, also do outreach again to see if other schools/people want to be on GR distribution list that may not be on the list
All massage schools in state on DPOS website

Benefit of having a social media strategy going forward—also including membership polling to get a feel for their general input

Would like to sit down this summer with CML to draft language with cities so we can get rid of “massage parlor”/inflammatory verbage as well as work on education efforts (ie: with law enforcement-what they can/can’t do). The only county that has a problem with city and county rule is El Paso county.

Law enforcement would go in and try to prosecute somebody doing something illegal, and there was no mechanism for law enforcement to go after “owners” but they could go after the victim/the person performing the illegal activity (the victim of human trafficking/prostitution). Who they really want to go after are the people aiding and abetting/forcing these women into illegal activity. The “owners” would point to the statute of exempt modalities and say that’s what they were performing. They were using our act as an excuse to not be prosecuted, use of the loopholes. The vast majority of therapists are not performing illegal activity and will not be impacted by this bill.

National will reach out to AOBPA to consider being part of the rule making process that will define Asian Bodywork.

No more GR teleconferences planned at this time for the 2016 legislative session. We will send email updates regarding signing of the bill as well as DORA stakeholder meeting and education outreach efforts.