

Minutes from Feb 17 2016 GR teleconference
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Present on call: Christen Corvington (AMTA), Garin Vorthmann (CLS), Chris Smith (CSHA), Dennis Simpson (CSHA), Roger Patrizio (CIMT), Deb Hatch (AMTA), Ed Jerzyk (AMTA), Laura Embleton (ABMP), Kathryn Stewart (AMTA)

8 am meeting begins

Garin: update on DORA bill status. They are still working on draft language, CLS meeting with DORA today at noon—hope this meeting will get some questions answered. Expect bill to be introduced in next week here, will send it to Christen for review. DORA is open to changing the language in Act of Massage Parlors to something like Adult Entertainment—getting massage out of the language of legislation regarding these other establishments.

DORA NOT interested in increasing hours of massage education—they don't think it fits within their mission of "regulating to lowest level."

An option is to run a separate bill to combat human trafficking/prostitution with massage education. We have a few years before sunset review comes up, so if we want to run a bill we can't wait for sunset review because it is too far away.

Rep Carver's bill—supposed to be a stakeholder meeting soon regarding her bill. With the DORA bill in the works, it is possible that is enough to address the problem of trafficking/prostitution—do we need her separate bill in addition or does DORA's changes sufficiently cover it

Roger: Carver's bill looking to give counties law enforcement access to go in to establishments to assure these places aren't imposing on legitimate establishments. The business license requirement would allow law enforcement to go in and check that they are legitimate

Laura: Some of the changes with DORA bill with a couple more changes will cover what the Carver bill is addressing

Discussion about Asian bodyworker exemptions and how the changes in language to the Act DORA is proposing and having the exemptions in Rule as opposed to Statute will give DORA more flexibility with dealing with individual cases

Discussion about raising the minimum level of hours required to practice massage—discussion about possibility of running a separate bill from DORA's current bill to address the change of minimum hours

Dennis: explaining the Title IV funding issue: the state looks at the entry level requirements for providing financial aid

Discussion about tiered system of massage education

9:03 meeting adjourns

Next teleconference will be Friday Feb 26th at 11