

Massage Therapy Board Conference Call
January 6, 2010

Time: 10:00 am – 10:42 am

*Discussion of moving office to Little Rock

Chris Hart states that he looked at the ABA paperwork, and there did not seem to be any problems. Marilyn Graham agrees.

Faye Weeks makes a motion to terminate the Hot Springs lease and to move forward with the new Little Rock lease (with the Capitol Mall location: Suite 460). Audra Findley seconds the motion. None oppose. Motion carried.

*Discussion of new PO Box address. New address is below:

ASBMT
P.O. Box 2019
Little Rock, AR 72203

Marilyn Graham tells the board that the mail being delivered to the Hot Springs P.O. Box is being temporarily forwarded to the new Little Rock P.O. Box. Therapists will need to start sending their mail to the new Little Rock P.O. Box instead of the Hot Springs address.

*Marilyn Graham informs the board that she will be meeting with the Dept. of Corrections in Hot Springs on Tuesday -December 12, 2010.

The prisoners from the Department of Corrections will move everything from the Hot Springs building to the Massage Therapy Board's new location at the Capitol Mall.

The Hot Springs lease ends on January 31, 2010. January 31, 2010 is a Sunday. The board members, Marilyn Graham, and Chris Hart talk about trying to ask the old landlord if he will give one extra day to get everything out on February 1, 2010.

Gregg Benefiel makes a motion to allow extra money to go towards the extra day (February 1, 2010) to pay the expenses to the landlord. Faye Weeks seconds the motion. None Oppose. Motion Carried.

*Marilyn Graham quickly discusses that the Hiring Freeze for the secretary position has already been sent to the Governor's office.

*Discussion of hiring a temporary help employee

Lisa Douglas makes a motion to give Marilyn Graham authority of funds to hire a temporary employee if she needs the extra help. None oppose. Motion carried.

Lisa Douglas also makes a motion for Marilyn to get the secretary supplies, a computer, etc. within their budget means. Gregg Benefiel seconds the motion. None oppose. Motion carried.

*Chris Hart quickly discusses disciplinary actions and the need to form the complaint committee to review complaints. The committee will consist of Marilyn Graham, Chris Hart, and Naomi Hall.

*Gary Jones discussion of continuing education

Jones has had a very difficult time, and he simply asked the board if they would review his hours. He wants to know if he needs to quit practicing for now or if he is okay to continue.

Jones previously dropped his hour certificates off to President Naomi Hall - for her and the board to review.

Naomi Hall states that Gary Jones has 16 hours that are already approved by the Arkansas Massage Therapy Board. He just needs 2 more continuing education hours to complete his 2009-2011 renewal.

He also has a Texas massage therapy license. So he took a mandatory class in Texas to go towards his Texas massage therapy instructor license. The class was 30 continuing education hours and was titled "Teaching Adult Learners.....". Since the class is mandatory in Texas, it is (of course) approved by the Texas Board.

Faye Weeks makes a motion to approve the Texas class to fulfill Gary Jones's remainder renewal hours. None oppose. Motion Carried.

*Chris Hart brings up that the DFA renewal form does not actually agree with the law.

The DFA renewal form says that massage therapists have to get their renewal packets postmarked by the last day of the month before their birthdays. BUT the law states that the renewal packets need to be postmarked the first day of the month before their birthday.

Comment is made that the forms will need to be changed - (BUT Naomi Hall adds) that they will need to still honor the forms that originally went out.

*Before everyone hangs up, there is a quick reminder of the next board meeting:
January 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.