

**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS**  
**BOARD MEETING**

*December 9, 2010*

**GENERAL SESSION AGENDA**



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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

1. **Review, approval of Agenda.**
2. **Review, approval of Board Minutes of last meeting (November 18<sup>th</sup>).**
3. **Introduction of new Chiropractic Licensees and Supervising Chiropractors; they are taking their tests today – this is a “meet and greet” by Board Members.**
4. **Review of Administrative Staff Issues, Mr. J.J. Vallone, Executive Director:**
  - a) Chiropractic Assistants 2011-2013 Biennial Renewal Reminder Cards
  - b) Wrap-up: 2010-2012 Massage Therapy Biennial Renewal – Ms. Congo
  - c) Budget status and anticipated Legislative budget action
  - d) Issue of Expense Reports and delays
5. **Requests for chiropractic trade name approval:**
  - a) *Atlantic Chiropractic, P.C.* – Amir Arasta, D.C.
  - b) *Adler Chiropractic* – Beverley Adler, D.C.
  - c) *Montgomery County Chiropractic and Rehabilitation* – Cory Aplin, D.C.
  - d) *Atlantic Pain Center, Douglas Weaver, D.C.* – Douglas Weaver, D.C.
6. **Requests for massage trade name approval:**
  - a) *A Softer Touch Massage* – Grace E. Campbell, RMP
  - b) *Full Circle, LLC, Licensed Massage Therapist* – Susan Wachter, LMT (*mobile*)
  - c) *Blissful Bodyworks Massage Therapy* – Cellina A. Taormino, RMP
  - d) *Relax 4 Now Massage R.M.P.* – Bonnie Lynne Haines, RMP
  - e) *Elliot Abhau, LMT* – Elliot Abhau, LMT
7. **FYI – Miscellaneous correspondence for review/discussion.**

***BOARD WORKING LUNCH***

**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS**  
**MINUTES – GENERAL SESSION**

*December 9, 2010*

**Members Present**

Kay B. O'Hara, D.C., Board President  
Stephanie J. Chaney, D.C., Board Vice-President  
Michael Fedorczyk, D.C., Board Secretary/Treasurer  
Mary Anne Frizzera-Hucek, Consumer Member  
Ernestine Jones Jolivet, Consumer Member  
Daniel J. Kraus, D.C.  
Jonathan C. Nou, D.C.  
Duane R. Sadula, D.C.  
Clyde Anderson, LMT  
Karen Biagiotti, LMT  
Gwenda Harrison, LMT

**Non-Members Present**

J.J. Vallone, Executive Director  
Adrienne Congo, Deputy Director  
Grant D. Gerber, Esq., Board Counsel  
Maria Ware, Office Manager  
David Ford, Senior Board Investigator  
Marc C. Ware, Board Investigator  
The Hon. Senator Paula Hollinger  
Keith Scott, D.C.  
Cher Hunter, M.A., LMT, Dir., MT Prgm., CCBC  
Laudie Baer, Ph.D., LMT, Mont. Co. Rep./MT

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*Dr. Kay O'Hara called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.*

**Review of Agenda and Minutes**

The December 9<sup>th</sup> Agenda was amended as follows: 1) under no. 5b, amend to "Adler Chiropractic"; add "c. Montgomery County Chiropractic and Rehabilitation – Cory Aplin, D.C."; and add "d. Atlantic Pain Center, Douglas Weaver, D.C. – Douglas Weaver, D.C." Ms. Harrison motioned to accept the amended Agenda; Mr. Anderson seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted.

The November 18<sup>th</sup> Minutes were amended as follows: 1) page 3, correct misspelling to "Petition" from Mr. Valentin Ovcharski..."; and amend first sentence to read "in order to attain Maryland licensure in massage therapy." Ms. Jolivet motioned to accept the amended Minutes; Dr. Chaney seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted.

**Board Orientation with New and Supervising Chiropractic Licensees/Applicants**

The Board presented an open discussion/interview session for the supervising chiropractic and new chiropractic applicants who appeared today to take their respective jurisprudence examinations. Discussion included various regulatory, disciplinary, and ethical issues relative to practicing in Maryland.

**Review of Administrative Staff Issues, Mr. J.J. Vallone, Executive Director**

- Chiropractic Assistants (C.A.) 2011-2013 Biennial Renewal: C.A. Renewal Reminder Postcards will be mailed out in early January 2011. An advisory letter with instructions on accessing and processing the on-line C.A. renewal application will be mailed shortly thereafter. The deadline for renewal submission is March 31, 2011.
- Massage Therapy 2010-2012 Biennial Renewal Wrap-up: Ms. Congo reported that overall the renewal process went well. The Board continues to work with the IT staff regarding correcting various technical glitches experienced during the renewal. The beginning of December, the Board mailed 440 non-renewed letters to licensees/registrants who had not renewed or contacted the Board by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Any individual who elects to reinstate her/his license/registration can download the Reinstatement Form from the Board's website, and mail in with all applicable fees. As of this date, approximately ten (10) licensees/ registrants have reinstated. NOTE: An individual whose license/registration is in a non-renewed status for more than two (2) years is not eligible for reinstatement and must reapply as a "new applicant." The Board discussed that licensees/registrants who did not renew (approximately 11%) may be unlawfully practicing. However, as with previous renewals, the Board proactively publishes in its newsletters the names of individuals who have not renewed their licenses/registrations.
- Budget Issues: The Board is currently on target financially, primarily because of the success of the massage therapy renewal. In the upcoming year, the Board will move forward with the Netbook project. Netbooks for each Board Member will be stored here at the Board office and will be uploaded monthly with meeting and hearing materials; the cost will be approximately \$300-\$400 per unit.
- Issues Regarding Expense Reports: The Board addressed the issue of delays in Board Members receiving their per diems. Expense accounts will now be pre-populated before mailing to Board Members; signed forms will be submitted to the Fiscal Analyst for processing immediately following the meeting. Ms. Ware distributed a set of instructions from General Accounting, whereby an individual can log-on (using his/her social security number/personal password) and review all fees paid by the State (expense accounts, taxes, etc.).

**Requests for Approval of Chiropractic Trade Names**

The following chiropractic trade name requests were individually approved by Board motions. Dr. Chaney supported the motions; Dr. Fedorczyk seconded, and the motions were unanimously voted.

1. Atlantic Chiropractic, P.C. – Amir Arasta, D.C.
2. Adler Chiropractic – Beverley Adler, D.C.
3. Montgomery County Chiropractic and Rehabilitation – Cory Aplin, D.C.
4. Atlantic Pain Center, Douglas Weaver, D.C. – Douglas Weaver, D.C.

**Requests for Approval of Massage Trade Names**

The following massage trade name requests were individually approved by Board motions. Ms. Harrison supported the motions; Mr. Anderson seconded, and the motions were unanimously voted.

1. A Softer Touch Massage – Grace E. Campbell, RMP
2. Full Circle, LLC, Licensed Massage Therapist – Susan Wachter, LMT (*mobile*)
3. Blissful Bodyworks Massage Therapy – Cellina A. Taormino, RMP
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5. Elliot Abhau, LMT – Elliot Abhau, LMT

**Miscellaneous**

Ms. Cher Hunter, M.A., LMT, Director, Massage Therapy Program, The Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC), reported that for the second year, the CCBC AA Degree massage therapy students achieved a 100% first-time pass rate on their National Certification Examination. The Board acknowledged this was quite an achievement.

*Upon motion by Dr. Chaney, seconded by Dr. Sadula, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the General Session at 11:05 A.M.*

**Respectfully Submitted:**



**Michael Fedorczyk, D.C.**  
**Board Secretary/Treasurer**