



Department of Health Sciences- Massage Therapy Advisory Committee Meeting

Chairperson: Ginger Baldwin		
Meeting Date: 09 September 2024	Meeting Time: 2 P.M.	Meeting Place: Virtual/ Microsoft Teams
Recorder: Ashley Meloon	Call to Order: 2 P.M.	Previous Meeting: 30 November 2023

MEMBERS: (P = Present A=Absent) Add nonmembers present to bottom of table with heading "Others Present."

P/A	Name and Title (List all members)	Business Affiliation	Credentials
	Daniel Garcia, CTC CE Program Manager	Central Texas College	
	Kelli Kelly, Coordinator Instructional Program Support Services	Central Texas College	
	Rondalyn Ware, Massage Adjunct	Central Texas College	LMT, LMTI
	Sharma Nidhi	Hand & Stone Massage/Owner	
	Viola Crowder-Moger Director, Licensed Massage Therapy Program	Central Texas College	MBA, LMT, LMTI, CE Provider
	Ginger Baldwin Adjunct Professor/LMT Program	Central Texas College	MA, LMT, LMTI, CE Provider
	Laura Skarpa Adjunct Professor/LMT Program Owner/Orthopedic Massage Therapist	Tranquil Retreat Therapy & Massage Clinic, LLC	LMT, LMTI, CLT

OTHERS PRESENT (Ex-officio)

	Ted Gonzalez, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration	Central Texas College	Ph.D.
	Dr. Melanie Baak Dean of Career and Technical Instruction	Central Texas College	Ed.D.
	Veronica Martin, <i>Associate Dean, Career and Technical Instruction</i>	Central Texas College	MS
	Tammy Frew Chair, Department of Health Sciences	Central Texas College	Ed.D.
	Dr. Lori Forsyth Assistant Chair, Department of Health Sciences	Central Texas College	DNP
	Kim Simmons Clinical Coordinator, Department of Health Sciences	Central Texas College	MSN, RN
	Lesley McGough, Coordinator, Instructional Program Support Services	Central Texas College	
	William Jones, Career Development Specialist, Career Services	Central Texas College	
	Jinette Campbell, Director, Instructional Program Support Services	Central Texas College	

Agenda Item	Action, Discussion, Information	Responsibility
Introduction of Members and Guests	Attendees introduce themselves and state their position	V. Crowder-Moger
Establish Quorum	Quorum established? Yes/No	V. Crowder-Moger
Approve Minutes from Last Mtg.	Motion: 2nd by: Voted:	V. Crowder-Moger
Old Business:	Old Business	Responsibility
UPDATE: License Portability	<p>IMpact (Interstate Massage Therapy Compact). This project is funded by Department of Defense https://compacts.csg.org/compact-updates/massage-therapy/</p> <p>The Council of State Governments is partnering with the Department of Defense and the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards to support the mobility of licensed massage therapists by developing a new interstate compact. This additional licensing pathway will create reciprocity among participant states and reduce barriers to license portability.</p> <p>STATUS: The Interstate Massage Compact has been finalized and is available for enactment. A state must enact the Compact language into law to officially join the Interstate Massage Compact.</p> <p>CLARIFICATION:</p> <p>A massage therapist is eligible for a multistate license if they have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. An active, unencumbered license in the compact member state in which they reside; b. Completed at least 625 clock hours of massage therapy education; c. Passed the national licensing exam; d. No disqualifying criminal history. <p>The legislation has been enacted in two states – Ohio and Nevada.</p>	V. Crowder-Moger
UPDATE: Cohorts	<p>2023 Cohort (4 students; 100% completion)</p> <p>The 2023 Massage Therapy cohort (January through December) successfully completed their Internship on December 6, 2023. They completed 143 appointments totaling 183.5 hours of massage in 16 business days (Tuesdays through Saturdays) over four weeks. \$4,090 was deposited into the Central Fund. This was the 3rd for-credit cohort for the Massage Therapy Program.</p> <p>Two of the 2023 massage therapy graduates walked the stage at graduation – our very first!</p> <p>Two of these graduates took their national exam, became licensed, and are gainfully employed in massage therapy.</p> <p>One of these graduates works full-time doing rehabilitative massage therapy under his step-father’s chiropractic license doing workmen’s compensation work.</p> <p>One of the 2023 graduates works for CTC.</p>	V. Crowder-Moger

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	<p>2024 Cohort (original enrollment – 13 students; currently enrolled 10 students)</p> <p>The current cohort (January through December 2024) is in their final semester. The cohort completes on 12 December 2024. Their internship begins on 21 October. (4th for-credit cohort)</p> <p>2025 Cohort (January through December 2025)</p> <p>Applications, Orientations, and Registration Packets in progress</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 23 interested persons b. 9 have turned in their applications c. 4 applicants have attended the mandatory orientation d. 3 have started their Registration Packet 	
<p>VHA Directive 1137: Provision of Complementary and Integrative Health (December 13, 2022)</p>	<p>Whole Health Program</p> <p>Approved List of Complementary and Integrative Health Approaches. The Under Secretary has approved the following List 1 CIH approaches for Health, which must be made available to Veterans through a VA medical facility (in person or via telehealth), through CCN providers, or through Veterans Care Agreements (VCAs). Additional information about these approaches can be found on the IHCC SharePoint site: https://dvagov.sharepoint.com/sites/VHAOPCC/IHCC/SitePages/Home.aspx. NOTE: This internal VA website is not available to the public.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Acupuncture. (2) Biofeedback. (3) Clinical Hypnosis. (4) Guided Imagery. (5) Massage Therapy. (6) Meditation. (7) Tai Chi/Qigong. (8) Yoga <p>The VA Hospital Temple’s Whole Health Program is actively working on Massage Therapy and the hospital infrastructure to support it.</p>	<p>V. Crowder-Moger</p>
<p>Update</p> <p>Central Texas Veterans Health Care System Temple, Texas VA Hospital</p>	<p>Education Affiliation Agreement:</p> <p>VHA Directive 1400.03 Educational Relationships: The Office of Academic Affiliates (OAA) first requires the VA to create an infrastructure to support a massage therapy training program to make sure there is adequate space at VA facilities to meet the requirements of our clinicals/internship with the massage therapy program, including exam rooms, preceptors, training and conference space, and adequate equipment and supplies to meet educational needs.</p> <p>Upon assessment, the massage therapy program at CTVHCS lacked sufficient infrastructure to support trainees. CTX will be happy to</p>	<p>V. Crowder-Moger</p>

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	<p>update the affiliation agreement to comply with OAA once an infrastructure is in place at CTX.</p> <p>Whole Health Program Managers state that the infrastructure development is in progress but without an end date at this time. Until the infrastructure is in place, CTX cannot accommodate massage therapy trainees.</p> <p>UPDATE: We are still in communication with the new leaders/clinical directors of the Whole Health Program. We will meet again on 10 October 2024 during our Field Trip. This visit will allow us to discuss the status of the massage therapy training infrastructure progression at the VA Hospital Whole Health Center and determine how to support further movements towards satisfying the requirements for an educational partnership with the VA.</p> <p>Our POCs for this educational partnership agenda are John S Finnell ND, PhD (C), MPH, Dipl OM and Dr. Michael P. Goad, DC Clinical Director, Whole Health Central Texas Veterans Healthcare System.</p>	
<p>Update</p> <p>U. S. Department of Veteran Affairs Community Care Program and TriWest (VA MISSION Act of 2018)</p>	<p>Massage for Veterans Program</p> <p>The VA’s Community Care Program provides eligible veterans with access to healthcare services outside VA facilities.</p> <p>Massage therapy is an approved healthcare modality for veterans and service members. Massage therapy is prescribed to veterans or military members for musculoskeletal pain. In the community care program, VA physicians write massage prescriptions for lower back pain, neck pain, shoulder and knee pain, fibromyalgia, migraines, and other conditions. This greatly widens the range of possibilities for massage therapists in the healthcare field in the Central Texas area.</p> <p>WholeHealth Living is partnered with the VA to credential VA community care network providers. Licensed Massage Therapists can apply to become network providers themselves or work through other already credentialed network providers.</p> <p>UPDATE: Clinical Directors for the Whole Health Program state they are getting many referrals for massage therapy.</p> <p>TriWest Healthcare Alliance is actively recruiting Licensed Massage Therapists (LMT) for VA Community Care in this region.</p> <p>LMTs must complete WholeHealth Living’s contracting and credentialing process to provide services to eligible U.S. veterans. LMTs must have one year of licensed experience to be allowed into the network without a mentor.</p>	<p>V. Crowder-Moger</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>New Business</p>	<p>New Business</p>
<p>Wellness Lab</p>	<p>We are discussing creating a Wellness Lab based on this summer’s BioMat Stress Management and Relaxation event results. During this seven-week event, sixty-two appointments were completed with excellent results, after which discussions continued on how to do something like this regularly.</p>	

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	<p>The Wellness Lab must include massage therapy student participation and be tied into their curriculum.</p> <p>We are evaluating an empty suite in the CATE Center - bldg. 253 East Suite 6 – for use. Dean Baak is looking at another potential location.</p> <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Human Resources – Can wellness appointments at the lab be accounted for through the existing employee wellness program or modified to include these appointments? (Crowder-Moger) b. Location – a location has to be identified. (Dean Baak) c. College initiatives (Dean Starkey) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Texas Success Center’s Talent Strong Texas Pathways pillars 3 and 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Keeping Students on Path (3) b) Ensuring Students are Learning (4) 2. Minding College Minds- CTC has a team that participates in the community college learning community, which builds mental health support for faculty, staff, and students. This is through Pathways and the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute. 3. Caring Campus Initiative- CTC has submitted a success implementation grant with the THECB and has asked for funding to implement the caring campus initiative which creates a student-centered mindset within faculty and staff with an emphasis on self-care, kindness, customer service and student success. 4. Executive Skills Functioning- also a part of the success implementation grant, CTC has asked for funding to support an executive skills functioning program for students that will help students with planning, time management, organization, emotional control, stress management, and response evaluation. 	V. Crowder-Moger
Baylor Scott & White Health	<p>Department of Health Sciences has a Master Education Affiliation Agreement with Baylor Scott & White (BS&W) Health for students’ clinicals. A request for a Program Agreement for Massage Therapy has been submitted so that Massage Therapy Interns could do clinicals at BS&W Health.</p> <p>Margaret Oberhelman, MS, MLS(ASCP) Lab QA Specialist, Temple Region Pathology, has expressed an interest in hosting the massage therapy students for the section she supervises.</p>	V. Crowder-Moger
Curriculum Decision:	No new curriculum actions to present	V. Crowder-Moger
Other:		
Open forum		V. Crowder-Moger

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Survey	Advisory Committee Survey: Ashley Meloon will distribute an electronic survey with the minutes. Please complete and submit the survey via the web link within one week of receipt.	V. Crowder-Moger
Further Discussions	No further discussion	V. Crowder-Moger

GIPWE Required Functions:	How/when did the Committee address this function? At this meeting or a prior meeting? Previous meeting 23 October 2020
All below actions addressed in the Advisory Meeting Survey	Please add to "ACTION ITEMS" below if necessary to show that this function is or will be addressed.
Addressed	Evaluating the goals and objectives of the program curriculum
Addressed	Establishing workplace competencies for the program occupation(s)
Addressed	Suggesting program revisions as needed
Addressed	Evaluating the adequacy of existing college facilities and equipment
Addressed	Advising college personnel on the selection and acquisition of new equipment
Addressed	Identifying local business/industry leaders who will provide students with external learning experiences, employment, and placement opportunities
Addressed	Assisting in the professional development of the faculty
Addressed	Assisting in promoting and publicizing the program to the community and business and industry
Addressed	Representing the needs of students from special populations

Call for a Motion to Adjourn: Motion: 2nd by: Voted:	Meeting Adjourned:	Approved:
CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE (or designee): signed by:	DATE:	NEXT MEETING: Six months

Advisory Survey Website: <https://forms.gle/Bv872XoPrjZvaK3q7>



