



D.C. Board of Massage Therapy



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Summer 2015

Greetings, from the Members of the District of Columbia Board of Massage Therapy. **The Board's mission is to protect the residents and visitors in the District.** Please take a moment to review our mission statement at the bottom of this page. The Board's mission is the basis for our actions against unsafe practitioners; our mission also serves as the guiding principle for the regulations we have established for the practice of Massage Therapy in DC. The Board is currently comprised of five members—one consumer member and four massage therapists:

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| Cary Bland, Board Chair | LMT |
| Darlene Jackson | LMT |
| Pamela Birchett-Street | LMT |
| Danielle Weatherford | LMT |
| Louis Ferguson | Consumer |



Cary Bland, LMT

The Board is supported by the following staff members: HRLA Senior Deputy Director **Rikin S. Mehta, PharmD, JD, LLM**; Allied and Behavioral Boards Executive Director **Robin Y. Jenkins**; Health Licensing Specialist **Thelma Ofosu-Mensah**; and Assistant General Counsel **Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Esq.** and Investigator **Leonard Howard**. For the contact information for Board staff, please see the last page of this newsletter.

Do you have any concerns regarding licensure or the regulation of massage therapy in the District? Share your concerns with the Board. The public is welcome to attend Open Session, which is held the first 30-45 minutes of the meeting. Attend the Open Session portion of our meetings to share your ideas and concerns with the Board:

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

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| July 16, 2015 | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm |
| September 17, 2015 | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm |
| November 19, 2015 | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm |
| January 21, 2016 | 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm |

YOUR MAILING ADDRESS

Changing your mailing address? Send your name, mailing address, and license number to:

Board of Massage Therapy
Processing Department
Address/Name Change
899 North Capitol St NE
First Floor
Washington, DC 20002

Board meetings are held at 899 North Capitol St., NE, Second Floor. If you have recommendations for topics you would like for us to address in this newsletter, contact us at (202) 724-8800.

Cary Bland, LMT
Chairman
DC Board of Massage Therapy

MISSION OF THE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

To protect and enhance the health, safety, and well-being of District of Columbia residents by promoting evidence-based best practices in health regulation, high standards of quality massage and implementing policies that prevent adverse events.”

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of
Massage Therapy meets
on the third Thursday
of every other month.
Meetings are held in
January, March, May, July,
September and November
at
899 North Capitol St NE
Second Floor
Washington, DC 20002
*Open Session begins
at 1:30 pm*

WHEN YOU MOVE (OR CHANGE YOUR NAME)

Licenseses sometimes forget to inform the Board of Massage Therapy when they move or change names. If we do not have your current address, you may not receive your renewal mailing because we may send it to your former address.

All name and address changes must be submitted in writing to our office within 30 days of the change.

Please include your name, address, Social Security number and license number, and email address.

If you have a name change, you must also enclose a copy of your certificate of marriage, divorce decree, or court order that authorizes the change.

Fax your request to (202) 724-8677, or mail your name and address change to:

DC Board of
Massage Therapy
Attn: Processing Department
Address/Name Change
899 North Capitol St NE
First Floor
Washington, DC 20002

RENEWAL FOR MASSAGE THERAPISTS

Current Renewal Cycle: February 1, 2015 – January 31, 2017

Next Renewal Period: November 1, 2016 – January 31, 2017

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR NEW APPLICANTS

All applicants are required to answer all screening questions truthfully. Failure to answer application questions truthfully may delay the processing of your application and may necessitate Board action.

RENEWAL TIPS

- CAREFULLY read all renewal screening questions.
- If you respond “Yes” to a screening question, you must explain fully and provide all pertinent documentation (including court records in the case of an arrest).
- If you respond “no” to the continuing education completion question, you MUST provide complete documentation before your license will be renewed.

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE/CEU) INFORMATION

Twelve (12) CE's must be taken between February 1, 2015 – January 31, 2017.

If you are renewing for the first time, CE's are not required.

All other Massage Therapists must complete twelve (12) hours of Board approved continuing education:

- Three (3) hours in Ethics
- Nine (9) hours in a massage-related course of which six (6) hours must be face to face instruction and the other three (3) hours may be online instructions.

AUDIT INFORMATION

After renewal you may be audited and required to submit continuing education (CE) documents and current **CPR** and **FIRST AID** certificates to the Board.

AVAILABLE FREE CPR/FIRST AID TRAININGS

District of Columbia licensed Massage Therapists and its surrounding jurisdictions can get **free CPR/ First Aid Training** at the Neighborhood Corp. For further information please contact Mr. Jason Williamson at the Neighborhood Corps.

Jason Williamson | Neighborhood Corps Program Officer
Government of the District of Columbia
Serve DC - The Mayor's Office on Volunteerism
Franklin D. Reeves Municipal Ctr.
2000 14th Street, NW Suite 101 | Washington, DC 20009
Phone: Office 202-727-7925 | Cell 202-341-7706
Email: jason.williamson@dc.gov

NEW MEMBERS OF THE DC BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

The Board of Massage Therapy welcomes four new members: Pamela L. Birchett, LMT, Louis Ferguson, Darlene Jackson, LMT, and Danielle M. Weatherford, LMT, and.



Board Member Louis Ferguson



Board Member Pamela Birchett-Street, LMT



Board Member Danielle Weatherford, LMT



Board Member Darlene Jackson, LMT

PAID INACTIVE STATUS

If you intend to retire your license, or if you would like to place your license on Inactive Status, you must explicitly inform the Board of your intention before the renewal date expires. If you fail to pay renewal fees on time, your license is not inactive; it is delinquent (expired). It is unlawful to practice as a Massage Therapist while your license is delinquent/expired.

PAID INACTIVE FEE: \$177 (one-time fee)

TIME LIMITATION: UNLIMITED

FEE TO REACTIVATE YOUR LICENSE: \$ 34

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE):

Licenses on Paid Inactive status must continue to meet the continuing education requirements; CE must be presented to the Board when applying for licensure reactivation.

Contact Customer Service at **1 (877) 672-2174**, or Ms. Thelma Ofosu-Mensah at: **(202) 478-5791** for further information.

BOARD ORDERS

FEBRUARY 1, 2013 - JUNE 26, 2015

Suspension

Michael Dickelson (12/08/2014): Suspension - CEU Non-Compliance.

Jamila Francis (01/28/2015): Suspension - CEU Non-Compliance.

Revocation

Min Chi Kwak (03/26/2015): Revocation - Unprofessional Conduct - Involvement in prostitution activities.

Kimi Ju Docherty (04/21/2015): Revocation - Unprofessional Conduct - Involvement in prostitution activities.

FILING A COMPLAINT WITH THE BOARD

PLEASE NOTE: To file a complaint against a licensed Massage Therapist, complete a complaint form from our website at <http://doh.dc.gov/service/file-complaint-health%20prof>

Please be advised that the health professional licensing boards do not have jurisdiction over fee disputes, except for billing for services that were not provided. If you have a fee dispute with a health professional, you can seek redress through the civil courts.

You may also write a letter to the Board that describes your complaint. To file a complaint against a licensed Massage Therapist, simply write a letter that describes your complaint. The letter must be signed, and you should attach copies of any pertinent documents that you may have. The letter must also include your address, so we may contact you as necessary and notify you of any findings.

You should mail the complaint to:

DC Board of Massage Therapy
899 North Capitol St NE
First Floor
Washington DC 20002

You can also fax the complaint to the Board at (202) 724-8677.

If your complaint alleges unlicensed activity, you should address your complaint to:

Supervisory Investigator
899 North Capitol St NE
First Floor
Washington DC 20002

You can also fax your complaint about unlicensed activity to (202) 724-8677.

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Attention: Thelma Ofosu-Mensah - Board of Massage Therapy

DC LICENSE REQUIRED

A licensed Massage Therapist from another jurisdiction who needs to perform Massage Therapy in the District for a one-time event must have a valid DC Massage Therapy License.

CE AUDIT RESPONSE FORM

The Board of Massage Therapy has implemented a new audit form for licensees selected during the CE Audit. **If you have been selected for Audit, please submit the form below** to the Board of Massage Therapy at:
DC Board of Massage Therapy, Attn: CE Audit, 899 North Capitol Street NE, First Floor, Washington DC 20002.

Name (please print): _____

License Number: _____ Total CE hours completed between **February 1, 2015 – January 31, 2017**: _____

Twelve (12) hours of approved CE credits required:

(a) Three (3) hours of professional ethics; and **(b)** Nine (9) hours of massage-related course work provided by a Board approved provider of which six (6) hours should be completed in a live classroom setting taught by an appropriate instructor.

All licensees are required to maintain an active CPR/FIRST AID certificate (mandatory).

| NAME OF COURSE | ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDED THE PROGRAM | Number of Contact Hours | Date course was taken |
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BOARD STATISTICS

The Board of Massage Therapy

has on record

705 Active Licensees

as of

June 26, 2015.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR LICENSE?

Contact Board of Massage Therapy's
Health Licensing Specialist
Thelma Ofosu-Mensah at
(202) 478-5791 or at email:
thelma.ofosu-mensah@dc.gov

BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY WEBPAGE: <http://doh.dc.gov/service/massage-therapy-licensing>



Government of the District of Columbia
Muriel Bowser, Mayor



Health Regulation and
Licensing Administration

Address

DC Board of Massage Therapy
899 North Capitol NE
First Floor
Washington, DC 20002

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(202) 478-5791

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(202) 724-8677

Webpages:

[Board of Massage Therapy](http://doh.dc.gov/service/massage-therapy-licensing)
[http://doh.dc.gov/service/
massage-therapy-licensing](http://doh.dc.gov/service/massage-therapy-licensing)

HRLA

[http://doh.dc.gov/service/
health-professionals](http://doh.dc.gov/service/health-professionals)

Department of Health

www.doh.dc.gov

DC Government

www.dc.gov

Current Members of The District of Columbia Board of Massage Therapy

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Board Chair

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Board Member

Pamela Birchett-Street, LMT

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Danielle Weatherford, LMT

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Louis Ferguson

Board Member

Director, Department of Health
LaQuandra S. Nesbitt, MD, MPH

HRLA Senior Deputy Director
Rikin S. Mehta, PharmD, JD, LLM

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