

South Carolina Massage/Bodywork Therapy Panel

June 2018



Hello, everyone!

I hope the warm weather is bringing you plenty of business. Remember to take some of these extra daylight hours for your own health - walk, bike, swim, or just stroll. A 20-30 minute leisurely walk in the evenings has been shown to have great health benefits. Stretch those anterior muscles that we shorten so much in our work. Expand the pectorals, anterior deltoids, abdominal muscles and hip flexors. Keep yourselves vibrant for a long and productive Massage career.

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S.C. Massage/Bodywork Therapy Chairperson

Your Massage/Bodywork Panel met on May 18, 2018. Below are some of the highlights from that meeting.

- *Businesses want information on what it takes to become a licensed massage therapist in S.C., so LLR is preparing a tri-fold brochure for them. This will help businesses understand the training and dedication required of the S.C. Licensed Massage Therapist.*
- *Our professional licensing exam is one of the top exam processes in the nation. The S.C. Panel was recently notified of an invalidated MBLEx test score. Test scores can be considered invalid if the examinee submits a fraudulent school transcript, a false identity, or cheats on the test. Once notified, it is up to the Panel to determine actions against the licensee. In this case, the license was permanently revoked.*
- *Your Massage Panel, law enforcement, and LLR staff are consistently working to keep our profession clean. A licensee was charged with, and pled guilty to prostitution, according to law enforcement. Along with a hefty fine and jail time, the Massage/Bodywork license was permanently revoked.*
- *The Panel encourages anyone with knowledge of professional or ethical misconduct by a Licensed Massage Therapist to contact LLR to file a complaint. This can be done through the Complaint Form on LLR's website (<http://llr.sc.gov/POL/MassageTherapy/index.asp?file=complaint.htm>). You may choose to remain anonymous.*
- *License renewals are due by 11:59 p.m. on June 30 (before midnight). Notifications have been mailed and e-mailed. Make sure your address is up to date with LLR. They may be e-mailed at Boardinfor@llr.sc.gov. Please remind your colleagues of the renewal. Twelve (12) CE credits are required to renew. They must have been taken between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2018. If this is your first renewal, you are not required to take CE. However, you must still renew your license. The Panel will conduct a CE audit to assure everyone is complying with the CE law.*

Task Force Progress

The Massage/Bodywork Panel Establishment License Task Force is making great progress.

Meetings are open to the public and the Task Force encourages professionals, educators, municipal authorities, and business owners to attend and provide input.