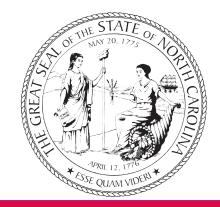
# NORTH CAROLINA BOARD of MASSAGE & BODYWORK THERAPY

Regulating the practice of massage and bodywork therapy and its educational institutions, for the protection of the public.



#### 2018 NEWSLETTER

# Message from the Board Chair, Nancy Harrell, LMBT

The North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy began 2018 with a Strategic Planning Conference in January. The Conference provided the Board members an opportunity to anticipate issues that may arise in the near future and discuss how the Board would align its resources to accomplish its mission to "regulate the practice of massage and bodywork therapy in the State of North Carolina to ensure standards of competency and to protect the public health, safety and welfare".

This past year the Board continued licensing individuals to practice massage and bodywork in this State, granting license renewals, approving massage and bodywork therapy schools, investigating complaints of improper practice by licensed individuals and conducting hearings. In 2018 the NCBMBT licensed 867 new licensees and renewed 4,446 licenses. Of the 19 approved schools in North Carolina, 7 renewed and were approved in 2018. The remaining 12 schools are scheduled to renew in 2019.

Disciplinary issues, often associated with unlicensed or illicit activity, continued to take much of the Board's time for investigations and hearings. To help combat illicit practice, in April the Board held a hearing to take public comment on its proposed rules for licensing massage and bodywork establishments. An Ad hoc committee of the Board was appointed to review all of the public's comments and suggestions. In June the proposed rules were amended and approved by the Board and sent to the Rules Review Commission. The rules were approved by the Rules Review Commission in October. Following further legislative review and approval, we anticipate these rules going into effect in 2019. In addition to the establishment rules, the Board has also approved several other rules changes to expand the scope of Continuing Education activities, also anticipated to begin in 2019.

None of this work could be done without the tireless efforts of Board staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff whose dedication and hard work on a daily basis allows the Board members to be informed and productive at our meetings.

As we move forward into 2019, let us strive to remember that we are all working toward the same goal, the professional and safe practice of massage and bodywork therapy in North Carolina.

#### NCBMBT's Top 10 List of Reminders for all LMBT's

- 1. Please keep the Board informed of any changes to your mailing address and email address so you will be sure to receive all pertinent information, such as renewal reminders, newsletters, etc.
- 2. For all up-to-date information, as well as Board contact information and/or questions regarding licensure, please refer to the NCBMBT website at www.bmbt.org.
- 3. The Board meets every other month on the 13th floor of the Wells Fargo Capital Center, 150 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, NC 27601. The current meeting schedule is posted on the website under 'Board Information'. All Board meetings are open to the public.
- 4. You can file a complaint online by going to the File a Complaint tab on the Board's website.
- 5. Online renewals will be required beginning August 1, 2019. You can access the online renewal system on the Board's website under the Renew Your License tab.
- 6. All online renewals end on December 31 at midnight. Any renewals submitted past this date will need to be mailed and include a letter stating whether or not you have been practicing massage and bodywork therapy in NC since your license expired.
- 7. To keep your license current, all LMBTs must complete 24 hours of continuing education, including a minimum of 3 hours of ethics, through an approved provider. You may take a maximum of 12 hours of distance learning and a maximum of 8 hours of business management, should you choose to do so.
- 8. Any LMBT who has completed all of the required CEU's during the year of their renewal may apply any additional CEU's taken after August 1 of that year to their next renewal period, as long as they were not submitted for the prior renewal period.
- 9. You can verify a LMBT's license is valid in NC by accessing the Board's website, clicking on the Verify A License tab and searching by their last name or license number.
- 10. Licensees are required to notify the Board within 15 days if they know a person is practicing without a license, is violating the Practice Act/Rules and Regulations, is charged with certain criminal offenses, or is a defendent in a civil lawsuit related to the practice of massage and had words the reaction.

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### **NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Governor Roy Cooper appointed Kay Warren of Guilford County to the position previously held by Holly Foster. Her term began on October 25, 2018 and will end June 30, 2019.

### Kay Warren:

Kay Warren was born in Atlanta and began massage therapy training after high school. She started her career in 1984 in an orthopedic surgery office working primarily with surgical recovery. She traveled west and spent 9 years practicing in Arizona where she worked with several doctors. She did legislative work and helped rewrite the City of Phoenix massage therapy codes. She also began teaching in Arizona. California was next, primarily in clinical practices, where she continued her legislative work. In 2005, Kay and her partner moved to NC where she spent 10 years working with a chiropractor. She currently owns her own clinical practice. Kay is focused on helping people get their lives back, often after serious injuries or surgeries, using muscle specific therapy and multiple modalities to get results. Kay is an approved provider of continuing education (#411). Her classes focus on using muscle specific techniques, like trigger point and reciprocal inhibition to reduce pain and restore movement.

#### **NEW BOARD OFFICERS**

The Board, at its June 2018 meeting, elected the following officers:

Chair - Nancy Harrell

Vice Chair – Kim Turk

Treasurer – Dianne Layden

### KEEP INFORMATION UP TO DATE

To optimize communications between the Board and licensees, please update your current email address at the Update Your Record tab on the Board's website www. bmbt.org.

#### 2019 BOARD MEETING DATES

February 14, 2019 April 18, 2019 June 20, 2019 August 15, 2019 October 17, 2019 December 12, 2019

Board meetings are held in the large conference room on the 13th floor of the Wells Fargo Capitol Center at 150 Fayetteville St., Raleigh, NC 27601. Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. and are open to the public. There is a 15 minute period of Public Comment at the end of each meeting. Those interested in addressing the Board during Public Comment must sign up in person before or during the meeting.

# ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Licenses currently active...... 8,835 Licenses issued through 12/31/2018....... 17,831

# **CBD Oil**

Many therapists have been calling and writing to find out if they can use CBD oil in their massage and bodywork therapy practices.

When the farm bill allowed growing of hemp in North Carolina that seemed to open the door to use CBD products in this State. However, there has been no ruling that CBD can be legally used or sold in North Carolina by LMBTs. The Board has been advising individuals and businesses that the use of CBD oil in North Carolina is not yet legal except in cases of prescription from a doctor for epilepsy.

Taken from an article written February 6, 2019, Ben Smart for WBTV states: "Joe Reardon, assistant commissioner for Consumer Protection with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, explained: "CBD is now a drug, so it is illegal to add a drug to food," said Reardon, adding that FDA approval of the CBD-based drug Epidiolex to treat severe epilepsy changed how the chemical was regulated."

We are advised the North Carolina Department of Agriculture plans to start sending warning letters to businesses selling CBD-infused food and beverages, making unapproved health claims about CBD, or selling CBD in nutritional supplements in violation of Food and Drug Administration rules about the compound.

The Board is concerned about the efficacy of CBD oils. What would be the proper, optimal dosing of CBD for each client complaint? Where are the studies that show the percentage of CBD to carrier base to be the most effective? Most products on the market seem to have a large percentage of menthol and camphor, with very little CBD. If one is seeing 6 clients a day, and each client asks for CBD infused products to be used, what is the effect on the therapist using this product for 6 hours a day?

There are many unanswered questions. This is not a question about whether the Board believes CBD would be beneficial to clients of massage and bodywork therapy. This is the Board advising therapists about the legality of using this product at this time.

Mr. Charles Wilkins, Legal Counsel to the Board, has advised: "I am aware of the recent passage of the Federal Farm Bill. The Farm Bill gives the states the power to legalize hemp products, but, at this time, I am not aware of any statute or case law in North Carolina that provides that CBD oil is legal to use as a lotion in a massage and bodywork therapy session in North Carolina or is legal for an LMBT to sell in North Carolina.

An LMBT is required to abide by local, State and Federal laws. An LMBT is not permitted to use or sell substances that are illegal. Until North Carolina passes a law that says CBD oil is legal to use as a lotion in a massage and bodywork therapy session in North Carolina or is legal for an LMBT to sell in North Carolina I cannot legally advise the Board that CBD oil is legal to use as a lotion in a massage and bodywork therapy session in North Carolina or is legal for an LMBT to sell in North Carolina.

We need someone with authority to say that CBD oil is legal to use as a lotion in a massage and bodywork therapy session in North Carolina or is legal for an LMBT to sell in North Carolina. That can come from the legislature, the courts or an opinion from the North Carolina Attorney General's office."

The Board has requested an opinion from the North Carolina Attorney General's office. The board will be keeping a close eye on developments in this field and will advise therapists of any change in the law.

# Licensure of Establishments

The North Carolina Legislature passed Senate Bill 548 in July 2017 that provided the NCBMBT is responsible for overseeing and licensing establishments that provide massage and bodywork therapy services. In September and October 2018, the North Carolina Rules Review Commission approved Rules for the Board to implement its licensing of massage and bodywork therapy establishments. On September 11, 2018, the approval of the Board's new Rules by the Rules Review Commission was objected to by one individual on behalf of a Massage Envy in Charlotte North Carolina and identical objection letters were sent to the Rules Review Commission by eleven additional persons apparently representing or being associated with various Massage Envy establishments in North Carolina. The persons objecting requested that the Rules be reviewed by the 2019 North Carolina Legislature.

The Rules proposed by the Board cannot go into effect until the 2019 Legislature takes action or fails to take action within 31 days of the Legislature convening. Attorneys for the Board are currently in discussions with attorneys for a coalition of Massage Envy Establishments in North Carolina regarding the objections to the Rules.

The Board's mission is to: "ensure the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this State receiving massage and bodywork therapy services". The Rules will assist the Board in complying with the Legislature's mandate to license establishments that provide massage and bodywork therapy services to the public. An Establishment license will require persons operating a business that provides massage and bodywork therapy services to meet the requirements set forth in Senate Bill 548 to ensure the safe and effective practice of massage and bodywork therapy. Some of those requirements are:

1. Adequate, safe and sanitary facilities
2. Compliance with building, fire, safety and health codes
3. Employees or independent contractors are currently licensed by the Board

Prior to and during the Rules review process, the Board heard from LMBTs across North Carolina, in phone calls, emails and letters, expressing concern over businesses that are operating in a manner that does not represent the true and legal massage and bodywork therapy profession. If the Rules are approved, the Board will be able to license and regulate these businesses.

# Privilege License Tax Required

Senate Bill 548 clarifies that a LMBT is required to obtain a privilege license from the North Carolina Department of Revenue: "Every individual in this State who practices a profession or engages in a business and is included in the list below must obtain from the Secretary a statewide license for the privilege of practicing the profession or engaging in the business. The tax for each license is fifty dollars (\$50.00) and includes a physician, a veterinarian, a surgeon, an osteopath, a chiropractor, a dentist, an ophthalmologist, an optician, an optometrist, a massage and bodywork therapist, or another person who practices a professional art of healing."

The need for, enforcement of and understanding of this privilege license has been spotty, at best, up until now. With this change, LMBTS are now considered healthcare professionals in the State of North Carolina. You can contact the North Carolina Department of Revenue regarding this information at www.ncdor.gov.

# DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD FROM JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018

The Board is authorized to investigate complaints and institute disciplinary actions, as set forth in Section .0900 of the Rules.

#### PERMANENT INJUNCTION:

**Rafael Smith** – Following a hearing on June 13, 2018, upon engaging in appropriate sexual contact with clients during massage and bodywork therapy sessions, the Wake County Superior Court Ordered that Mr. Smith surrender his license and he pay costs of \$1000.

#### **HEARINGS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

**Hong Jiang Cao** – Following a hearing on February 15, 2018, upon aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy activity, the Board Ordered that Mr. Cao's license be placed on probation for two years and he pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$1000.

**Tina Cao** - Following a hearing on February 15, 2018, upon aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy activity, the Board Ordered that Ms. Cao's license be revoked and she pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$1000.

**Dan Cui** - Following a hearing on February 15, 2018, upon aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy activity, the Board Ordered that Ms. Cui's license be placed on probation for two years and she pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$1000.

Carson Glass - Following a hearing on February 15, 2018, upon engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with clients during massage and bodywork therapy sessions, the Board Ordered that Mr. Glass' license be revoked and he pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$1000.

**Amber Hou** - Following a hearing on February 15, 2018, upon aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy activity, the Board Ordered that Ms. Hou's license be revoked and she pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of 1000.

**Shuli Johnson -** Following a hearing on April 19, 2018, upon aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy activity at her place of business, the Board Ordered that Ms. Johnson's license be revoked and she pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$1000.

Erhard Schoeffman - Following a hearing on August 23, 2018, upon providing insufficient draping and using excessive force while manipulating the client's extremities, the Board Ordered that Mr. Schoeffman complete additional CE hours and he pay a civil penalty of \$250 and costs of \$500.

James Webb - Following a hearing on August 23, 2018, upon engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with a client during a massage and bodywork therapy session, the Board Ordered that Mr. Webb's license be revoked and he pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$1000.

**Takara Davis** - Following a hearing on October 18, 2018, upon aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy at her place of business and failing to provide accurate and truthful information to Board staff, the Board Ordered that Ms. Davis' license be revoked and she pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$1000.

**John Howard** - Following a hearing on October 18, 2018, upon engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with a client during a massage and bodywork therapy session, the Board Ordered that Mr. Howard's license be revoked and he pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$500.

**Xiao Feng Qin** - Following a hearing on October 18, 2018, upon aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy at her place of business, the Board Ordered that Ms. Qin's license be revoked and she pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$1000.

Micah Christian - Following a hearing on December 13, 2018, upon failing to deliver treatment that ensured the client's safety, comfort and privacy, the Board Ordered that Mr. Christian complete additional CE hours and he pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$750.

**Zhenyang Guo** - Following a hearing on December 13, 2018, upon aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy activity at his place of business, the Board Ordered that Mr. Guo's license be revoked and he pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$500.

**Yong Huang** - Following a hearing on December 13, 2018, upon aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy at her place of business, the Board Ordered that Ms. Huang's license be revoked and she pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$500.

Edward Lowery - Following a hearing on December 13, 2018, upon failing to deliver treatment that ensured the client's safety, comfort and privacy, failing to maintain documentation and failing to assess the needs and expectations of the client, the Board Ordered that Mr. Lowery's license be placed on probation for two years, complete additional CE hours and he pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$750.

#### CONSENT ORDERS:

**Anthony Ariano** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for February 15, 2018, Mr. Ariano entered into a Consent Order for practicing massage and bodywork therapy without a current license wherein he agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500 and costs of \$200.

**Freddy Barrios** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for February 15, 2018, Mr. Barrios entered into a Consent Order for practicing massage and bodywork therapy without a current license wherein he agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500 and costs of \$200.

**Scott Mayo** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for February 15, 2018, Mr. Mayo entered into a Consent Order for engaging in inppropriate sexual contact with a client during a massage and bodywork therapy session wherein his license was revoked and he pay a civil penalty of \$1000.

**Drew Selisker** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for February 15, 2018, Mr. Selisker entered into a Consent Order for practicing massage and bodywork therapy without a current license wherein he agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$750 and costs of \$300.

Arnetta Sturdivant - Prior to a hearing scheduled for February 15, 2018, Ms. Sturdivant entered into a Consent Order for aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy at her place of business wherein her license was placed on probation for two years and she agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$100 and costs of \$500.

**Takara Davis** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for April 19, 2018, Ms. Davis entered into a Consent Order for aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy at her place of business wherein her license was placed on probation for two years and she agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$750 and costs of \$250.

**Justin Harrelson** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for April 19, 2018, Mr. Harrelson entered into a Consent Order for practicing massage and bodywork therapy without a current license wherein he agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500 and costs of \$200.

**Susan O'Neill** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for April 19, 2018, Ms. O'Neill entered into a Consent Order for aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy at her place of business wherein her license was revoked and she agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500 and costs of \$150.

**Jean Rowe** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for April 19, 2018, Ms. Rowe entered into a Consent Order for practicing massage and bodywork therapy without a current license wherein she agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$500.

**Stacy Striks** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for April 19, 2018, Ms. Striks entered into a Consent Order for failing to timely, correctly and properly sign and complete intake forms and SOAP notes wherein her license was placed on probation for two years and she agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$400 and costs of \$150.

**Rolando Zevallos** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for April 19, 2018, Mr. Zevallos entered into a Consent Order for practicing massage and bodywork therapy without a current license wherein he agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$500.

**Alithea Gailliot** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for June 21, 2018, Ms. Gailliot entered into a Consent Order for practicing massage and bodywork therapy without a current license wherein she agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$500.

**Julie Eberhardt** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for June 21, 2018, Ms. Eberhardt entered into a Consent Order for practicing massage and bodywork therapy without a current license wherein she agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$500.

Kemp Chalmers Jr. - Prior to a hearing scheduled for June 21, 2018, Mr. Chalmers entered into a Consent Order for practicing massage and bodywork therapy without a current license wherein he agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$750 and costs of \$300.

**Brady Preyss** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for June 21, 2018, Mr. Preyss entered into a Consent Order for aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy at his place of business wherein his license was placed on probation for one year and he agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$600 and costs of \$100.

Morgan Thomson - Prior to a hearing scheduled for June 21, 2018, Ms. Thomson entered into a Consent Order for practicing massage and bodywork therapy without a current license wherein she agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$500.

**Lixia Zhang** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for June 21, 2018, Ms. Zhang entered into a Consent Order for aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy at her place of business wherein her license was revoked and she agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$500.

**Nesha Nicholson** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for August 23, 2018, Ms. Nicholson entered into a Consent Order for practicing massage and bodywork therapy without a current license wherein she agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$750 and costs of \$250.

**Lindsey Gaby** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for August 23, 2018, Ms. Gaby entered into a Consent Order for providing massage and bodywork therapy services under the influence of alcohol wherein she agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500 and costs of \$150.

Shakir Simmons - Prior to a hearing scheduled for August 23, 2018, Mr. Simmons entered into a Consent Order for engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with a client during a massage and bodywork therapy session wherein his license was revoked and he agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$750 and costs of \$400.

**Bryant Whitehead** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for August 23, 2018, Mr. Whitehead entered into a Consent Order for engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with a client during a massage and bodywork therapy session wherein his license was placed on probation for two years and he agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$750 and costs of \$350.

**Charlotte Koh** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for October 18, 2018, Ms. Koh entered into a Consent Order for aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy at her place of business wherein her license was revoked and she agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$500.

**Vito Siconolfi** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for August 23, 2018, Mr. Siconolfi entered into a Consent Order for engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with a client during a massage and bodywork therapy session wherein his license was placed on probation for one year and he agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$750 and costs of \$350.

Anne Sturgis - Prior to a hearing scheduled for October 18, 2018, Ms. Sturgis entered into a Consent Order for engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with a client during a massage and bodywork therapy session wherein her license was revoked and she agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$250.

**Tai-Kim Spencer-Colon -** Prior to a hearing scheduled for October 18, 2018, Ms. Spencer-Colon entered into a Consent Order for aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy at her place of business wherein her license was placed on probation for two years and she agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500 and costs of \$250.

**Bianca Scott** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for October 18, 2018, Ms. Scott entered into a Consent Order for practicing massage and bodywork therapy prior to being issued a license wherein she agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500 and costs of \$250.

**Frank Recco** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for October 18, 2018, Mr. Recco entered into a Consent Order for engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with a client during a massage and bodywork therapy session wherein his license was revoked and he agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$750.

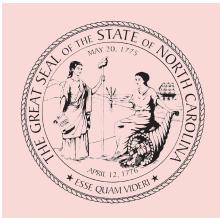
**Stephen Pollock** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for October 18, 2018, Mr. Pollock entered into a Consent Order for engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with a client during a massage and bodywork therapy session wherein his license was revoked.

**Betty Hill** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for October 18, 2018, Ms. Hill entered into a Consent Order for engaging in an inappropriate personal relationship with a massage and bodywork therapy client wherein her license was revoked and she agreed to pay a costs of \$500.

**Sean Kim** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for December 13, 2018, Mr. Kim entered into a Consent Order for aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy wherein his license was placed on probation for one year and he agreed to pay costs of \$500.

**Hai Lin** - Prior to a hearing scheduled for December 13, 2018, Mr. Lin entered into a Consent Order for aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy at his place of business wherein his license was surrendered and he agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$500 and costs of \$500.

Carrie Rosenberger - Prior to a hearing scheduled for December 13, 2018, Ms. Rosenberger entered into a Consent Order for engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with a client during a massage and bodywork therapy session wherein her license was revoked and she agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$500.



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Elizabeth Kirk Newsletter Editor Ronald Ross - Prior to a hearing scheduled for December 13, 2018, Mr. Ross entered into a Consent Order for engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with a client during a massage and bodywork therapy session wherein his license was revoked and he agreed to pay costs of \$1500.

**Bryant Whitehead -** Prior to a hearing scheduled for December 13, 2018, Mr. Whitehead entered into a Consent Order for engaging in inappropriate sexual contact with a client during a massage and bodywork therapy session wherein his license was revoked and he agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$1000 and costs of \$750.

Minglan Xia - Prior to a hearing scheduled for December 13, 2018, Ms. Xia entered into a Consent Order for aiding and abetting illegal massage and bodywork therapy at her place of business wherein her license was revoked and she agreed to pay costs of \$500.

#### LETTERS OF REPRIMAND:

There were five (5) Letters of Reprimand issued to therapists for Non-Sufficient Funds (bounced checks) and seven (7) Letters of Reprimand issued to therapists for inappropriate activity during a massage and bodywork therapy session.

#### NOTICE OF POTENTIAL VIOLATION:

There were fourteen (14) Notices served on persons for allegedly practicing without a license and twelve (12) Notices served on businesses upon information they were allowing a person to practice massage and bodywork therapy without a North Carolina license.

#### INDIVIDUALS:

Daniel Simmons	Asheville
Rolando Zevallos	Concord
Jason Barclay	Raleigh
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#### **BUSINESSES:**

Unity Healing Arts	Asheville
Five Elements of Healing	Concord
Kbsoul Sanite Wellness	Greensboro
Serenity Wellness Day Spa	Asheville
Still Waters Massage	Indian Trail
Warren Wilson College	Swannanoa
The Urban Woman	Carthage
Raleigh Massage Pro	Raleigh
Guardian Alliance	Asheville
Evermore Custom Tattoo	Conover
L.I.F.E. Academy	Hickory
The Elevated Body Boutique	Durham

#### DENIAL OF LICENSE:

The Board denied licenses to five (5) applicants. Three (3) applicants were denied a license because the curriculum of the massage school they attended did not meet the Board's minimum requirements: Jiang Du, Juan Juan Song and Cynthia Taylor. Two (2) applicants were denied a license due to lack of moral character: Brian Cole and Ashley Scott.

#### CONDITIONAL LICENSES:

The License Standards Committee of the Board issued twenty-three (23) Conditional Licenses to persons whose applications showed evidence of past minor criminal behavior, possibility of practicing without a license, education deficiency or other minor improper conduct.

# CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE! www.bmbt.org

# The Board Website is your Online Source for Information

The website provides an easily accessible source for information on the licensing program and activities of the Board. There are individual pages which give you information about:

- Applying for Initial Licensure
- License Renewals
- Licensure by Endorsement
- Online License Verification
- Update your Personal Profile
- How to Contact the Board
- Board Members and Professional Staff
- Board Meeting Schedule
- Board Approved Schools
- How to File a Complaint
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Links to Other Agencies and Organizations

A feature, called the **DOCUMENT CENTER**, is a popular page on the site. From this location, you can view and/or download many of the important documents which are part of the licensing program. These include:

Practice Act and Rules

Modalities Requiring Licensure in North Carolina
License Information and Application
License Renewal
Massage Therapy Schools
Duplicate License Request
Name Change Form
Formal Complaint Form