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February 13 & 15, 2019 Commission Meeting Conference Call
Commission Actions

The Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA) has concluded its February 13 & 15, 2019 Commission meeting. By action of the Commission, it wishes to announce the following:

Order of Show Cause

Educating Hands School of Massage (Miami, FL)

On February 12, 2019, the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA) issued a letter to Educating Hands School of Massage after receiving information that Educating Hands School of Massage was no longer in operation. The letter required an immediate response yet remains unanswered.

The matter was reviewed at the February 15, 2019 Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation conference call where the Commission placed the institution on **Show Cause as to why accreditation should not be revoked**.

Per COMTA Policies and Procedures, Section III, Subsection 7, p. 10 of 27:

Show Cause: Show Cause is an action taken by the Commission when the accreditation of an institution is out of compliance and subject to revocation. The institution will be provided in writing with the alleged deficiencies, and the institution is requested to “show cause” why its accreditation should not be revoked. The COMTA Executive Director automatically issues a show cause action against a COMTA-accredited institution or program. The Commission reviews the material provided by the institution/program, and renders a decision regarding revocation. As part of its decision to invoke show cause, COMTA will specify the means that will be used to determine whether the program or institution has come into compliance with applicable COMTA standards and policies. The Commission review may include further evaluation including, but not limited to, a special site visit. If a fact-finding visit is required, the program or institution will be responsible for all expenses. COMTA has the power to amend the specification during the show cause period. A school placed on show cause or probation shall not make substantive changes during the period of show cause or probation order, without written authorization from the Commission. An Institution on show cause may not apply for additional locations or credential changes unless upon receipt prior permission. COMTA retains the ability to revoke accreditation without issuing a show cause action

Educating Hands is required to respond no later than February 28, 2019.

Contact Acting Executive Director Dawn Hogue at dhogue@comta.org or 202-888-6790 x101 for additional information on this matter.