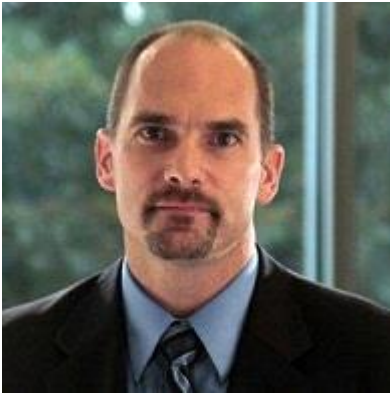


**Academic Collaborative for Integrative Health (ACIH)**

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# **Hospital Based Massage Therapy Task Force Presentation**



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## **Academic Collaborative for Integrative Health (ACIH)**

The Hospital Based Massage Therapy Task Force (HBMT-TF) was formed to address the issue that although massage therapy is frequently used in hospitals, there are no standardized competencies for practice in this environment. Schools may not know how to best prepare students and hospitals often don't know what to look for when hiring massage therapists. The HBMT-TF believes there is a need for standardized competencies for HBMT.

# Academic Collaborative for Integrative Health (ACIH)

## *Timeline*

2012 – Hospital Based Massage Therapy Task Force Formed; Presentation made at the International Congress for Educators in Complementary & Integrative Medicine in Washington, DC

2013 – Information gathering survey developed and sent to almost forty HBMT programs to assess the need for competencies; analysis of findings, draft report

2015 –HBMT specific competencies developed based on survey findings and ACIH Competencies; Survey sent asking for feedback on HBMT competencies

2016 – Poster presentations at the International Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health, Las Vegas, Nevada (May) and at the Massage Therapy Foundation's 19th annual poster session during the AMTA National Convention in Milwaukee, WI, October 26-29, 2016.

Interview with MK Brennan about the project in June print issue of Massage Magazine with a link to the HBMT article:

<https://www.massagemag.com/hospital-based-massage-therapy-call-competencies-37084>

## **HBMT TF Focus areas**

- Standard competencies to prepare practitioners for practice in this environment
- Hospitals are often unsure about what to look for when hiring massage therapists
- Hospitals are often unsure how to fund massage therapy programs
- Hospitals are often unsure how to orient and supervise massage therapists

## **HBMT TF Goals**

- Determine if there was a need for competencies
- If so, develop a standardized group of competencies for effective practice in hospital environments

## **HBMT Conference Call to Discuss Competencies**

Conference call scheduled on September 29 to discuss the HBMT draft competencies with practitioners, supervisors, educators and administrators involved in HBMT programs.

## **Sept. 29 HBMT Call AGENDA**

Welcome / Review of Agenda (5 min-Beth)

ACIH overview / resources (5 min-Dale)

HBMT-TF Background (5 min-Carolyn)

Discussion (5 min-Carolyn set up; 30 min MK facilitate)

Strategies for dissemination (7 min-Dale)

Wrap-up (3 min-Beth)