

BRAINTREE BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES

December 14, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Arthur Bregoli, Chairman
Dr. Philip Nedelman, Vice-Chairman
Laurie Melchionda, R.N., Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Marybeth McGrath, Director of ML & I

Dr. Bregoli called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES:

Motion By: Mrs. Melchionda to approve the meeting minutes of November 16, 2017.
Second By: Dr. Bregoli

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Request for Lifeguard Variance: Peak Physical Therapy/Hyatt Place-50 Forbes Road

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that this is a request for renewal of the lifeguard variance for Peak Physical Therapy. The Hyatt Hotel has an indoor semi-public swimming pool for guests and members of the health club. The hotel has lifeguards on staff for the operation of the pool. Peak Physical Therapy leases a pool lane space/time from the Hyatt Place Hotel to offer aquatic physical therapy to patients.

Eric Edelman, who operates Peak Physical Therapy is requesting a variance of the lifeguard provision for Peak Physical Therapy only, to provide physical therapy for their patients. The Braintree Hyatt has lifeguards, so this variance request would not be for the Braintree Hyatt in operation of the pool for guests and health club members. The physical therapist who will be providing aquatics physical therapy for patients is certified in CPR and first aid through the American Red Cross and is also an avid swimmer.

Ms. McGrath advised that when aquatic physical therapy is offered in the pool, there may or may not be a lifeguard on duty that is employed by the Hyatt Hotel depending upon if other persons are using the pool. If guests or health club members are utilizing the pool at the same time, then a lifeguard employed by the Hyatt must be on duty within the pool enclosure.

Motion By: Mrs. Melchionda to approve the variance request.
Second By: Dr. Nedelman
Unanimously Voted

2) Body Art Establishment & Body Art Practitioner Licenses:

Present: Jennifer Alves, Establishment owner and practitioner

(a) Eyebrow Glam-250 Granite Street (establishment)

(b) Jennifer Alves (practitioner)

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that Jennifer Alves is the owner, operator and will be the practitioner for Eyebrow Glam, which will be located at the South Shore Plaza, on the second floor just outside of Lord & Taylor.

Ms. McGrath advised that this matter is being heard before the Board tonight as two agenda items. Licenses must be approved for the establishment and for the practitioner. Ms. Alves, at present will be the only practitioner. Additional practitioners for this establishment may be coming before the Board in the future. The establishment is not opened yet. Ms. Alves is in the process of starting her construction to set the space up. She could be and hopes to be in operation before the next Board meeting.

Dr. Bregoli asked if additional persons want to work at this establishment, do they have to come before the Board.

Ms. McGrath advised that if additional individuals will be performing the practice of body art at this establishment, then they must provide documentation to prove they meet the requirements of the regulation and then come before the Board for license approval as a practitioner.

Ms. McGrath advised that Ms. Alves provided a complete and thorough packet of documentation for the Board. She has provided all of the protocols, medical waste contract, training requirements and exposure control plan for the establishment operation. She has provided her resume documenting experience, certificate of immunization documenting hepatitis B series, certificate of successful completion of microblading academy, and certification of completion of the City of Quincy Skin Course for Body Artists. Also, within Ms. Alves packet is an affidavit from Jose Moldanado, who owns a body art establishment in Chelsea, in which Ms. Alves was an apprentice and worked there for two years. Additionally, her CPR and First Aid certification, and her transcript.

Ms. Alves advised the Board that she received her education and training in aesthetics from Cape Verde, and additional microblading training from Phibrows. Microblading provides semi-permanent makeup to the eye brow. This procedure is for clients who have experienced hair loss or suffer from illnesses such as alopecia. This practice has become very popular.

Dr. Bregoli advised that some of the pigments have metal in them, so that if a client goes on to have an MRI they need to be careful.

Ms. Alves advised that all of the pigments that she uses are FDA approved and are organic, so they do not have any metallic compounds in them. Additionally, all of the equipment that she uses are disposable. She uses hand-held tools and nothing is electronic. Ms. Alves provided the Board a demonstration of some of the disposable equipment she uses. The equipment is all sterilized and is opened in front of the client when the procedure is offered. Ms. Alves further advised that she has contracted with a medical waste company for sharps disposal.

Ms. Alves advised that the pigment that is used in microblading is applied into the client's epidermis with little needles, and is semi-permanent. Depending on the client's skin type, it can last up to three years possibly, but fades over time. The microblading eyebrow procedure takes about two hours. The most difficult part is drawing the eyebrow. Once the client is happy with the drawn eyebrow shape, then the pigment is applied.

Mrs. Melchionda asked Ms. Alves if during the time she has been practicing and applying pigment, if anyone has had an allergic reaction.

Ms. Alves advised the Board that none of her clients have had an allergic reaction. She advised that she is renting her space from Simon Properties at the South Shore Plaza. She will have other employees that will offer body waxing and different eyebrow techniques. As of now, she will be the only person practicing microblading. She will have another individual coming before the Board for approval as a practitioner in January 2018 or February 2018, as that person is presently finishing up her apprenticeship.

Ms. McGrath advised the Board that prior to the year 2000-2001, tattooing was illegal in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In 2000-2001, it became legal again, and in order for cities and towns to regulate it, it was left to the local Boards of Health to create regulations, which the Braintree Board of Health did. Microblading at that time was not even thought of, but within the regulation it is defined as cosmetic tattooing, which requires that the Body Art regulation be met.

Ms. McGrath advised that Ms. Alves went before the Planning Board on December 13, 2017 and received approval for the location of her Body Art establishment, which is only allowed in a specific zone under the Zoning Bylaw.

Ms. Alves advised the Board that a client must fill out an extensive consent form to and must be at least 18 years of age.

(a) Eyebrow Glam-250 Granite Street (establishment)

Motion By: Dr. Nedelman to approve the body art establishment permit for Eyebrow Glam at 250 Granite Street.

Second By: Mrs. Melchionda
Unanimously Voted

(b) Jennifer Alves (practitioner)

Motion By: Mrs. Melchionda to approve the practitioner license for Jennifer Alves to practice body art from Eyebrow Glam at 250 Granite Street.

Second By: Dr. Nedelman
Unanimously Voted

Dr. Bregoli advised that the regulations encourage the Hepatitis B vaccination, and in the future the Board should consider changing the regulation to require the Hepatitis B vaccination.

INFORMATIONAL:

Ms. Melchionda advised Dr. Bregoli and Dr. Nedelman that she was able to offer the presentation by the Board at the most recent Town Council Ordinances and Rules Committee, which they were unable to attend; and again reiterated that the Board of Health does not support medical or recreational marijuana dispensaries or establishments.

Motion By:

Mrs. Melchionda to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Second By:

Dr. Nedelman