

Synopsis of CAMTC meeting held 10/24/13

The group, (8 therapists and 1 guest), had a lovely potluck dinner and a thoughtful discussion about the differences between Certification and Licensure, the scope of practice in massage therapy, and the limitations that the State and County authorities have with monitoring and discouraging the practice of massage therapy by non-certified persons. Mr. Thomas said that County officials are aware of organizations that are skirting the fringes of propriety, but implied that it is not within the purview of the County to monitor the qualifications of every person/group that applies for a business license. He suggested that the group report any relevant concerns to Sgt. Sean Hackney of the Albemarle County Police Department, and Betty Mooney agreed to do that. Lucia also volunteered to follow up with the Board of Nursing with regard to how to best discourage businesses from providing “massage services” by persons other than properly certified therapists.

Although we had hoped to meet again prior to the end of the calendar year, the group – via email after the meeting itself – agreed to hold off until January of 2014 to reconvene.