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What skills or strengths do you bring to FSMTB?

Prior to working as the Compliance Manager and Executive Director for the Oregon Board of Massage Therapists, I worked as a compliance officer for the Oregon Board of Nursing, and I served as a Public Safety Officer for over two decades. I served in the US Military and while in High School volunteered my time to the Special Olympics and worked as a volunteer cadet for a public safety office. I have dedicated my life and career to public safety.

I believe in being accessible, specifically, I strive to be an approachable resource to the massage industry, stakeholders, and the public.

I believe in Accountability. Being Accountable for the safety, health and welfare of the public, the integrity of the profession and our massage therapists

I believe in Collaboration. Specifically, a willingness to approach others with openness, to be open to the ideas of others and to be willing to shift off-point. Willing to craft compromise and ask questions, identify outcomes that are desired but be open to influence.

I believe in communication and endeavor to listen, reflect and partnership with those we serve.

I believe in integrity, and I am dedicated to soundness of character and ethical principles.

I believe in transparency, being open and honest is paramount to the effectiveness of any team or team member.

How have you served with FSMTB in the last few years?

I have worked closely with FSMTB over the past several years and have served as a member of the Technical Advisory Panel for the massage therapy compact committee. I have been a presenter at the FSMTB Annual Meeting and a facilitator and presenter at the FSMTB Executive Summit. I was also on the panel to assist the FSMTB in updating its strategic plan and I currently appointed to the FSMTB Board of Directors to fill a vacated position.

What do you see as the important issues facing FSMTB?

I see human trafficking under the guise of legitimate massage as a very important issue facing FSMTB and the massage industry. I also believe that exam security and school legitimacy are very important issues facing FSMTB and the massage industry. I have been very impressed with how FSMTB has approached these issues and would be honored to assist FSMTB and its stakeholders with future strategies.