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Agenda Item # & Subject Matter

Healing Hands degree application

For or Against or Neutral: For

Oral/Written Testimony: Written

Written Testimony

My name is Joy Stewart. I own and run massage businesses in DFW. I'm writing to support Healing Hands Massage Institute's application to offer an AAS in Massage Therapy.

I hire massage therapists often, and HHMI graduates are the best I see. They understand anatomy better, their hands-on skills are strong, and they provide a higher level of professionalism with patients and staff.

Because HHMI graduates have stronger knowledge, I've been able to expand my business to handle clients with more complicated needs, and in situations where we may be coordinating care with other healthcare providers. When people ask me where to go to become a massage therapist, HHMI is my only recommendation.

Approving this AAS matters because it can help HHMI credits transfer to other schools. HHMI already has many add-on advanced courses that my staff needs, however it would be beneficial for therapists to be able to take advantage of the anatomical, healthcare and business classes offered by Texas Colleges and Universities.

Please approve HHMI's AAS Massage Therapy program.