Coalition Letter in Support of Music Therapy Licensure in Minnesota

Dear Minnesota Legislator,

We, the undersigned organizations and institutions, write to express our unified and enthusiastic support for the proposed legislation to establish licensure for music therapists in the state of Minnesota.

Music therapy is a clinically grounded, evidence-based profession that plays a vital role in the health, education, and well-being of individuals across the lifespan. From hospitals and rehabilitation centers to schools and senior care facilities, board-certified music therapists provide essential services that address physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs through structured therapeutic interventions.

Licensure will ensure that Minnesotans receive services from qualified professionals who meet rigorous standards of education, clinical training, and ethical practice. It will also protect vulnerable populations by preventing misrepresentation and promoting accountability within the profession.

The following organizations and institutions stand in strong support of this licensure initiative:

Adapta

Augsburg University: Music Therapy Program

Becca Elliott

Breida Hill

Cardinal Psychotherapy, LLC

Children's Minnesota

Community Healing Arts Initiative (CHAI)

Dannell Shu, RedBird Time

Ecumen Hospice

Etude LLC

Family Service Rochester

Healing Rhythms Music Therapy, LLC

Kristin Linde-Brown

Lauren Schaff

MacPhail Center for Music

Maple Grove City Council

Minneapolis Area Senior Workers Association

Minneapolis Public Schools

Music On Grand

Note-Able Music Therapy Services of MN, LLC

Osseo Area School Board

Progress Valley

Right at Home Twin Cities & South Suburbs

St. Croix Hospice

Struthers Parkinson's Center

Twin Cities Music Therapy Services, LLC

Weston Russek

Zivix

Due to HIPAA regulations and our commitment to protecting personal health information, we are unable to disclose individual names or contact details of those served by or affiliated with supporting organizations.

Together, we urge you to support this important legislation and help Minnesota take a meaningful step toward recognizing and regulating a profession that contributes significantly to our communities' health and resilience.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to the well-being of all Minnesotans. We are open for questions, further clarification, and willing to connect you to any of these organizations listed above.

Sincerely,

Ericha Rupp & Todd Schwartzberg
Co-Chairs
Minnesota Music Therapy Recognition Task Force
minntaskforce@gmail.com

Ericha Rupp, MA, MT-BC

(She/Her/Hers)

Co-Chair of Minnesota State Recognition Task Force

Member at Large - Music Therapy Association of Minnesota

Great Lakes Representative of the AMTA Assembly of Delegates

CEO & Owner - Note-Able Music Therapy Services of MN, LLC

Lakeville, MN 55044

Direct (952)378-4189

Email: erichar@noteablemusictherapy.com

Edward Todd Schwartzberg, PhD, MT-BC
(He/Him/His)
Past-President, Great Lakes Region of the American Music Therapy Association
Co-Chair MN State Recognition Task Force

Assistant Professor and Clinic Coordinator
Music Therapy Program
School of Music | University of Minnesota
100 Ferguson Hall | 2106 - 4th Street South
Minneapolis, MN 55455
Phone - (612) 624 - 6016 | email - schwa155@umn.edu

Due to HIPAA regulations and our commitment to protecting personal health information, we are unable to disclose individual names or contact details of those served by or affiliated with supporting organizations.