



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

April 18, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Board Chair, Krystal Lighty.

Call to Order

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:22 p.m. to engage in medical review committee deliberations regarding confidential information in applications for licensure and discuss other privileged matters in accordance with General Provisions Article, Section 3-305 (b) (7) and (13). Unless recused, all Board members and staff who were present for the open session were also in attendance for both the closed and administrative sessions.

Board Members Present:

Stephen Baur, PT
Rhea Cohn, PT
Meredith Levert, Consumer Member
Krystal Lighty, PT
Donna Richmond, Consumer Member
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA
Katharine Stout, PT
Sumesh Thomas, PT

Also Present:

Carlton Curry, Executive Director
Joy Aaron, Deputy Director
John Bull, Compliance Manager/ Investigator
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator
Desiree DeVoe, Investigator
Michelle Cutkelvin, Board Secretary

Guests:

Brandon Wright, Associate Director for Health Occupation Boards
Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist
Dave Thomas, PTA Consortium & 28 Students
Jean Wolford, PTA

Also Absent: Patricia Miller, Secretary

Board Chair, Krystal Lighty welcomed Board Members and guests. Board Members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

Welcome

The minutes of the meeting held on March 21, 2017 were approved.

Minutes

Carlton Curry, Executive Director apprised the Board that the session has ended and the bill signing phase has started. Mr. Curry thanked Kristen Neville and Brandon Wright for shepherding the Boards issues.

Legislative Update

Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator gave the licensure report.

Licensure Report

Mr. Curry states there will be elections for Chair and Vice Chair of the Board at the May meeting.

Upcoming Elections

The Board received an inquiry on the following: is it within the scope of practice for PTAs to do cupping. The Board tabled their response to this question. Further clarification is needed.

Scope of Practice

The Board previously responded to an inquiry regarding imaging. At the August 2012 meeting the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, concluded that it is within the scope of practice for physical therapist in Maryland to refer patients to a radiologist for radiological imaging and testing when appropriate. The interpretation of such tests must be done by a radiologist. The position of the Board was reaffirmed at the March 2014 Board meeting, with the Board confirming that a licensed physical therapist can refer patients for radiological tests, including, X- ray, MRI and CT scans.

Imaging

Terry McGee, PT requested feedback on the following: He states he would like to formally inquire if a PhD/ Athletic Trainer can give instruction on physical therapy practice as well as perform dry needling techniques for instruction purposes only. The Board has determined that a change in the faculty of a continuing education ("CEU") course requires resubmission of the course for approval. Board Member, Rhea Cohn suggests that the approval letter be changed. At the upcoming meeting the Board will review the CEU approval letter.

Scope of Practice, McGee

Terri Galligan, PT requested feedback on the following: She asks are PTs required to do everything the doctor has written on the orders or can we use our own judgment. Can the PTA add soft tissue work to an area that has been treated even if the POC by PT did not include that treatment? The Board's response is (1) a Physical Therapist should evaluate, use sound professional judgement, determine treatment, collaborate and clarify (2) PTAs cannot modify treatment it must be outlined in the plan of care.

Scope of Practice, Galligan

Mr. Curry states that for the Jurisprudence RFP a lead contract specialist has been identified for the Board. Board Member Katie Stout has language for Telehealth from APTA and ATI. Ms. Stout inquires if the Board will do a position paper, email blast or an announcement in the newsletter. The Board agrees to table their discussion.

Strategic Planning

Board Member, Sumesh Thomas would like to add Telehealth billing to the discussing for strategic planning.

Kristen Neville apprised the Board that there have been recent discussions in Annapolis regarding LGBTQ and diversity. Brandon Wright states that the Board should be mindful of the discussions and the recent emphasis.

The Board voted to **approve** the following CEU course applications:

'Lifeblood Understanding Common Types of Anemia' *'Weathering the Electrical Storm of AF'* and *'AMI and CABG Protocols for Clinicians'*.

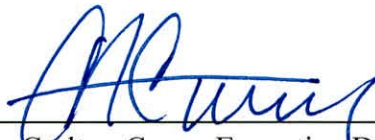
The Board voted to **deny** the following CEU course applications:

'LGBTQ Community Part 1 Perspectives in Healthcare' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'LGBTQ Community, Part 2 Healthcare Disparities'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Patient Empowerment Programs'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Youth Sports Current Concepts in Sport Safety'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Structure & Function Dry Needling'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Feed for Speed & Power'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice.

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The board meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlton Curry, Executive Director

5/16/2017
Date Approved



Krystal Lighty, PT, Chairperson