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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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*Board of Physical Therapy Examiners*

## **BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES**

**December 20, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by the Board Chair, Krystal Lighty.

Call to Order

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:24 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  
Katharine Stout, PT  
Sumesh Thomas, PT

### **Board Members Absent:**

Kimberly Rotondo, PTA

### **Also Present:**

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

### **Also Absent:**

Joy Aaron, Deputy Director

### **Guests:**

Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist

Board Chair, Krystal Lighty welcomed Board Members and guests.	Welcome
The minutes of the meeting held on November 15, 2016 were approved with corrections.	Minutes
Carlton Curry, Executive Director apprised the Board that the formal comment period for Dry Needling has ended as of December 14, 2016. Mr. Curry states that the NC Dental workgroup had its final meeting on November 30, 2016 and a proposal has been submitted to the Attorney General. He states that the APTA has not decided if a licensure compact bill will be submitted for the upcoming legislative session. Brett Felter, Board Counsel suggest adding the Licensure Compact to the agenda if the APTA does not make an advance.	Legislative Update
Rhea Cohn, Board member states that the meeting she attended with other health occupation Board Chairs and Executive Directors went well. Krystal Lightly reiterates that she hopes there will be another meeting in the future.	
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator gave the licensure report. Rhea Cohn asks for a visual graph of the licensure report.	Licensure Update
Mr. Curry states that as per the FSBPT test survey the Board has a high satisfaction percentage.	FSBPT Test Survey
Naomi Gunter requested feedback on the use of TED hose stockings. She asks are Physical Therapists allowed to initiate the wear of TED hose stockings for patients with low blood pressure limiting upright position or acute DVT prior to ambulation (after provided the appropriate medication) without the order of a physician when they are inpatient in a facility. The Board's response is nothing prohibits initiating the use of TED hose stockings however the Physical Therapist should exercise sound professional judgment and follow facility guidelines.	Scope of Practice, Naomi Gunter
Jeanne Moyer, PT requested feedback on referrals. She asks who Physical Therapists can accept referrals from. The Board's response is the language of the statute does not delineate; the Practice act is silent due to direct access. Please check with Boards and third party payor as they may have their own rules.	Scope of Practice, Jeanne Moyer, PT
Ms. Lighty asks Board members to take a second look at Continuing Competency. She states that the online jurisprudence exam must be operationalized first before moving forward with regulation.	Continuing Competency
Mr. Curry states that he and Joy Aaron, Deputy Director have met with providers and the approximate minimum cost to develop a Jurisprudence Exam is 100K. He states the lower rate is with FSBPT. Mr. Curry states that a request for proposal draft (RFP) needed to be developed and then converted to the State of Maryland RFP language.	Jurisprudence Education & Examination



Ms. Lighty states that having the metrics is key to comparatively assess disciplinary actions after pre and post the jurisprudence exam.

Jurisprudence  
Education &  
Exam

The Board tabled their response to this inquiry.

Scope of  
Practice,  
Sansare

Ms. Lighty asks the Board members for feedback on agenda items they would like to see accomplished in 2017. Katharine Stout states that last year Telehealth was discussed as it relates to the Licensure Compact, what are next steps? Ms. Lighty suggest continuing the discussion or an independent stance. Mr. Curry suggest a position statement. Donna Richmond asks how the Board is defining Telehealth. Ms. Cohn suggest putting communication via applications/ electronics and confidentiality on the radar. Consumer awareness and State website challenges were also suggestions. Sumesh Thomas suggest discussing Physical Therapists ordering Imaging.

Strategic  
Planning

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

Continuing  
Education

*'Shifting Pain with Wholistic Intervention- On Demand/DVD'; 'Post Traumatic Stress Disorder'; 'Identification and Response to In Clinic Emergency Conditions' and 'Rehabilitation Leadership & Management: A Vision for Success - on Demand/DVD'.*

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

*'VisceroEmotional Relationships (VMT)'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice.

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:17 p.m. to engage in **medical review committee deliberations regarding confidential information in** applications for licensure, 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.

The board meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

2/21/2017

Date Approved



Carlton Curry, Executive Director



Krystal Lighty, PT, Chairperson