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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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*Board of Physical Therapy Examiners*

## BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

July 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by the Board Chair, Krystal Lighty.

Call to Order

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:29 p.m. to engage in medical review committee deliberations regarding confidential information in applications for licensure, in accordance with State Government 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:

Delores Alexander, Consumer Member  
Stephen Baur, PT  
Krystal Lighty, PT  
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA  
Katharine Stout, PT  
Sumesh Thomas, PT

### Board Members Absent:

Rhea Cohn, PT  
Meredith Levert, Consumer Member

### Also Present:

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

### Also Absent:

Joy Aaron, Deputy Director

**Guests:**

Shirley Devaris, Director of Legislation Board of Nursing  
Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist

Board Chair, Krystal Lighty welcomed Board Members and visiting guest.	Welcome
The minutes of the meeting held on June 21, 2016 were approved.	Minutes
Carlton Curry, Executive Director apprised the Board of the upcoming meeting with the Board of Acupuncture scheduled for August 2, 2016. Mr. Curry states that the FTC will be presenting at the Citizens Advocacy meeting: Modernizing the Telehealth Framework scheduled on September 15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> in Portland, Oregon.	Legislative Update
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator gave the licensure report.	Licensure Update
Josh Plummer requested feedback on purchasing equipment. He states that their clinic is interested in blood flow restriction training as a means of combating muscle atrophy and strength deficits. Mr. Plummer asks does the use of blood flow restriction require advanced credentialing other than someone from the clinic attending the seminar? The Boards response pursuant to COMAR 10.38.03.02A (2) The physical therapist shall:	Scope of Practice, Josh Plummer, PT
(a) Exercise sound professional judgment in the use of evaluation and treatment procedures; and	
(f) Work within the physical therapist's competency in physical therapy evaluation and treatment.	
William Arthur requested feedback on using his Orthopedic Residency Program to fulfill his continuing education. The Boards response is a physical therapist shall earn 1 CEU per credit hour.	Scope of Practice, William Arthur, PT
Representatives from FSBPT will be in attendance at the August Board meeting to present information regarding the Licensure Compact.	Licensure Compact
Krystal Lighty and Carlton Curry will be attending the FSBPT 2017 Leadership Issues Forum in Alexandria, Virginia. Continuing Competency is on hold until online applications and the jurisprudence exam are in place. Online Applications are projected to go "live" by December 2016. Ms. Lighty proposes to the Board a 2016 Wrap Up of the following: Dry Needling, Pediatrics and the Licensure Compact. The Board is aiming for October 2016 to begin an informed discussion about Pediatrics. The 2017 Board agenda will include Telehealth and Continuing Competency. The Board hopes to collaborate with the Board of Occupational Therapy and the Board of Audiologists /Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech Language Pathologist.	Strategic Planning
Katharine Stout, Board Member apprised the Board of some of the pros and cons associated with Telehealth. Ms. Stout states how the Board addresses Telehealth	Telehealth, Katharine Stout



will be dependent on the Licensure Compact. She states that public protection and Maryland residents having the best access to care are paramount.

Shirley Devaris, Director of Legislation Maryland Board of Nursing apprised the Board of the Nurse Licensure Compact. Ms. Devaris shared details about the compact.

Nursing Board  
Compact,  
Shirley Devaris

Continuing  
Education

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

*'Touch Therapy: An Introduction to Infant Massage'*.

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

*'Rocksteady Boxing Program'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Somato Emotional Release 2'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice and *'Developing and Deepening CranioSacral Presence (DDCSP)'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Zontago'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Addressing the Challenges of Developing a Rehab Dining Program'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Maximizing Your Leadership Skills and Effectiveness in the Rehab Director Position'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Leadership Guide to Handling Conflict, Giving Feedback and Engaging Your Team'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Aromatherapy for Health Professionals'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; and *'Leadership Skills in Healthcare'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice.


There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:29 p.m. to engage in **medical review committee deliberations regarding confidential information** in applications for licensure, in accordance with State Government Article, Section 10-508 (a) (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 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Aug. 16, 2016  
Date Approved

  
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Carlton Curry, Executive Director

  
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Krystal Lighty, PT, Chairperson