



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

March 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. by Board Chair, Krystal Lighty.

Call to Order

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:06 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:

Rhea Cohn, PT
Krystal Lighty, PT
Donna Richmond, Consumer Member
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA
Sumesh Thomas, PT

Board Members Absent:

Stephen Baur, PT
Meredith Levert, Consumer Member
Katharine Stout, 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
Patricia Miller, Secretary
Michelle Cutkelvin, Board Secretary

Guests:

Brandon Wright, Associate Director for Health Occupation Boards
Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist
Sharon Bloom

Board Chair, Krystal Lighty welcomed Board Members and guests. Board Members, Staff and guests introduced themselves. Brandon Wright, Associate Director for Health Occupations Boards gave a brief overview of the duties of his office.

Welcome

The minutes of the meeting held on February 21, 2017 were approved with corrections.

Minutes

Carlton Curry, Executive Director apprised the Board of “cross over day” in the Senate and House. He states that he testified against House Bill 14-71 which would establish an Office of Policy Analysis to review all Board bills. House Bill 14-74 has not moved thus far. Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist apprises the Board that N.C. Dental has crossed over. She states that she believes the bill is favorable.

Legislative Update

Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator gave the licensure report.

Licensure Update

Mr. Curry states there is an upcoming FSBPT training scheduled for June 9, 2017 in Alexandria, Virginia. He asks for interested Board members to attend.

FSBPT Training

Alisa Hurtle requested feedback on PT licensure. She states she was licensed in New York State however that license is not active due to living overseas. The Board’s response is based upon the Maryland Practice act, she must reinstate her NY license for licensure by endorsement.

Scope of Practice, Hurtle

Jennifer Miller requested feedback on the following: She states that she is a part of a research study at Johns Hopkins. The study is a multi-center trial. Veterans from a VA Facility in East Orange, NJ, with blast injury related multi-sensory impairment will also be tested and treated. (1) We are wondering if Maryland PT Licensure laws would allow us to provide video home instructions for the patients who are participants in the study? For the patients who are receiving care at Hopkins, we will provide the instructions in person. We would like the patients to have the videos as a supplement to verbal instructions (as periodically the patients are from out of state and we won’t be seeing them weekly). We will be assessing the patients after they have completed the standard rehab protocol and are returning for their Hopkins physician post-surgery follow up. (2) For the patients from the VA at East Orange, NJ, we are wondering if vestibular rehabilitation instructional videos we create at Hopkins may be distributed by the study team in New Jersey?

Scope of Practice, Miller

(1) The Board’s response is that it is within the scope of practice of Physical Therapy.
(2) The Board’s response is it cannot opine and to check with the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy for additional clarification.

Krystal Lighty congratulates the Licensure Team for a successful transition to Online Applications. Carlton Curry states he will send the Jurisprudence RFP to the Board Chair and Vice Chair for review. Mr. Curry states he will post an article regarding Telehealth on Board Portal. Consumer Awareness: Brandon Wright’s office

Strategic Planning

will update the general pamphlet that explains the role of the Boards. The Continuing Competency Committee meeting has been rescheduled to April 11, 2017 at 11:00 am.

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

Continuing Education

'Clinical Reasoning – Advanced Applications' and *'The Cancer We Forgot'*.

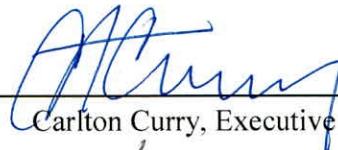
The Board voted to **deny** the following CEU course applications:

'Clinical Acupressure 1: Basic Applications' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Solving Food Refusal with Self-Regulation Strategies and Evidence – Based Nutrition'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Psychosocial Considerations in the Aging Adult'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Mindfulness to Cultivate Empathy, Resilience & Therapeutic Presence'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Tools for Successful Aging'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Women & Autoimmune Disease'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice

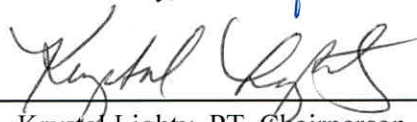
There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 1:46 p.m. to engage in **medical review committee deliberations regarding confidential information** in applications for licensure, in accordance with General Provisions Article, Section 3-305 (b) (7) and (13). Unless recused, all Board members 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 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlton Curry, Executive Director



Krystal Lighty, PT, Chairperson

3/21/2017

Date Approved