



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

March 15, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by the Vice Chair, Rhea Cohn.

Call to Order

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:10 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
Rhea Cohn, PT
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA
Katharine Stout, PT
Sumesh Thomas, PT

Absent Board Members:

Krystal Lighty, PT
Meredith Levert, Consumer Member

Also Present:

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

Guests:

Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist
Lori Mizell

Board Vice Chair, Rhea Cohn welcomed Board Members and visiting guests.	Welcome
The minutes of the meeting held on January 19, 2016 were approved.	Minutes
Carlton Curry, Executive Director introduces Desiree DeVoe, the Board's new investigator. Mr. Curry thanked the Legislative Committee for their work. Mr. Curry apprised the Board of Senate Bill 1083. He states that a hearing is scheduled for March 16, 2016 at 1:00 pm. The Board voted for Mr. Curry to use his discretion as it relates to Senate Bill 1083. Mr. Curry states that he attended the Athletic Bill HB232 hearings and is concerned about the language.	Legislative Update
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator gave the licensure report.	Licensure Update
Brandon Asher requested feedback on the following: Can physical therapists dispense and bill on their own in Maryland, or do they need a medical doctor to sign off? The Board requested clarity for this question.	Scope of Practice, Brandon Asher
Ryan Zimmerman requested feedback on the following: Can a PT tech turn on the Vasopneumatic Device like a Game Ready? The Boards response is a physical therapist must turn on the vasopneumatic device.	Scope of Practice, Ryan Zimmerman
Hedy Rosman requested feedback on the following: As part of the stroke protocol at our hospital we need to complete the Modified Rankin each time a therapist sees the patient. Is the Modified Rankin something a physical therapy assistant able to complete? The Board's response is physical therapy assistants cannot administer the Modified Rankin because it requires ongoing assessment.	Scope of Practice, Hedy Rosman
The State Ethics Commission information regarding 2015 financial disclosure filings is informational.	2015 Financial Disclosure
Robert Germeroth requested feedback on the following: He states it is his understanding that patients are responsible for bringing in their own iontophoresis or phonophoresis solutions/gel respectively. The facility can then store the prescription in a secure location and the prescription is to be designated only for the patient who brought it. Have the rules changed and is this the correct interpretation of the state practice act? The Boards response is yes as per the previous response and patients can come under direct access.	Scope of Practice, Robert Germeroth
Tara Baur requested feedback on the following: In the school setting, if a physical therapist co-treats with an occupational therapist for 60 minutes in a week what would the physical therapist bill for that session? And for an individualized education plan that calls for 60 minutes of physical therapy and 60 minutes of occupational therapy weekly, would a 60 minute co- treatment session satisfy that requirement? The Boards response is that it does not address billing issues and the physical therapist should accurately document time spent with the clients. The Board states billing should align with documentation.	Scope of Practice, Tara Baur

A physical therapist requested feedback on the following: A physical therapist employed as a clinical specialist for another company, has a question about wearing a physical therapist badge when doing check swabs. The Boards response is to exercise sound professional judgment and do not use physical therapy license while acting as a clinical specialist.

Scope of
Practice

Rhea Cohn, Vice Chair proposed that *Strategic Planning* remain a standing item on the agenda. The Board agreed. Mr. Curry apprised the Board that the "Pin" for the new position is no longer available and there has been a freeze on hiring both new and contractual employees.

Strategic
Planning

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

Continuing
Education

'Assessing Driver Safety'; 'Mastering Lab Interpretation & The Implications for Patient Care'; 'Building Social, Emotional and Cognitive Development in Children'; 'Integrative Dry Needling for Pain Management and Sports Rehabilitation'; and 'Society of Trauma Nurse' (paper approved only).

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

'Brain Gym for Special Needs Providers' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; 'Core Leadership' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; 'CranioSacral Therapy & Immune Response' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; 'Nutrition for Sports Therapist' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; 'Patient Engagement – Optimal Outcomes' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; and 'Time Management' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice.

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:10 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.

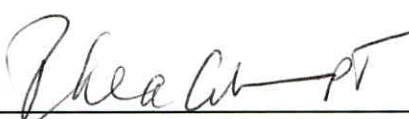
The board meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlton Curry, Executive Director

19 April 2016
Date Approved



Rhea Cohn, PT, Vice Chairperson