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*Board of Physical Therapy Examiners*

## **BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES**

**May 16, 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 2:17 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  
Meredith Levert, Consumer Member  
Krystal Lighty, PT  
Donna Richmond, Consumer Member  
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA  
Katharine Stout, PT  
Sumesh Thomas, PT

### **Board Members Absent:**

Rhea Cohn, 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

## Debra Parson, Baltimore City Community College &amp; 12 PTA Students

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

Welcome

The minutes of the meeting held on April 18, 2017 were approved with corrections.

Minutes

Carlton Curry, Executive Director apprised the Board that the final publication of the Dry Needling regulation was signed and will be effective on June 19, 2017. Mr. Curry thanked the Board Members. Brett Felter, Board Counsel apprised the Board of the Department name change, Department of Health, which is effective as of July 1, 2017. Brandon Wright, Associate Director for Health Occupations Boards states that the department name change is purposed for rebranding. Kristen Neville, Legislative Liaison states that Concept Papers are due May 24, 2017.

Legislative Update

Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator gave the licensure report.

Licensure Report

Mr. Curry states the NPTE Satisfaction Survey Report is informational.

NPTE Survey Report

Stella Kim, requested feedback on the following: She asks if pressotherapy would fall under a physical therapist's scope of practice. She states that Pressotherapy is a body suit type apparatus that is used for lymphatic drainage. 1.) Does a clinic need a licensed professional, such as a physical therapist, to operate the device on clients or can anyone who works at the clinic who knows how to operate it use it on clients? 2.) Would a licensed professional need to clear the client before this device can be used on a client? 3.) Does lymphatic drainage fall under a physical therapist's scope of practice? The Board's response is: 1.) A Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant can utilize pressotherapy if it is in the Physical Therapist's Plan of Care for the client. The Board cannot opine regarding other licenses. 2.) A PT and PTA should exercise sound professional judgment and perform evaluation to determine appropriateness. 3. Pressotherapy is within the scope of a trained licensee competent to use the device.

Scope of Practice, Stella Kim

Lisa Viscuso, Physical Therapist requested feedback on the following: She asks the Board's position on the daily monitoring and reporting of PT/PTA productivity by employers. Is there a range that is deemed appropriate? How may it be used for the employee's performance evaluation? The Board's response is that it does not regulate performance evaluations and does not give a range as it relates to productivity. Please see 10.38.03.02(ii).

Scope of Practice, Lisa Viscuso, PT

Michael Guzman requested feedback on the following: He asks whether it is appropriate for a PTA to participate in the documentation of progress notes. Using an electronic medical record which allows a PTA to document within the template of a progress note and later reviewed and co-signed by the evaluating therapist, is it within the scope of a PTA to document a resident's progress understanding that the PTA will not

Scope of Practice, Michael Guzman



create new goals? The Board's response is a Physical Therapy Assistant may document objective measures in the patient record. Please refer to third party payor resources.

Compact  
Licensure  
Update

Mr. Curry states that the Licensure Compact is now in effect in Oregon, Tennessee, Arizona and Missouri.

Telehealth  
Discussion

Katharine Stout, Board Member apprised the Board of Telehealth FAQs. Ms. Stout detailed the history and background to Telehealth.

Board  
Elections

The Board held elections for the position of Board Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Curry states that for the position of Board Chair, Board Member Krystal Lighty formally expressed interest. There were no nominations and no opposition. Krystal Lighty was elected as Board Chair. For the position of Vice Chair, Krystal Lighty nominates Katharine Stout. There were no additional nominations and no opposition. Katharine Stout was elected as Vice Chair.

Continuing  
Education

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

*'Human Trafficking: Identification and Assessment of Victims Essential'*.

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

*'Foundations in Dry Needling for Orthopedic Rehab and Sport Performance'*  
because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice.

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The board meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Carlton Curry, Executive Director

6/20/2017

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Date Approved

  
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Krystal Lighty, PT, Chairperson