



STATE OF MARYLAND

**DHMH**

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

*Board of Physical Therapy Examiners*

**BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES**  
**September 20, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by the Board Chair, Krystal Lighty.

Call to Order

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 3:04 p.m. to engage in medical review committee deliberations regarding confidential information in applications for licensure, 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  
Meredith Levert, Consumer Member  
Krystal Lighty, PT  
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA  
Katharine Stout, PT  
Sumesh Thomas, 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:**

Greta Battaile, APTA  
Sharon Bloom  
Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist

Board Chair, Krystal Lighty welcomed Board Members and visiting guests.	Welcome
The minutes of the meeting held on August 16, 2016 were approved with corrections.	Minutes
Carlton Curry, Executive Director apprised the Board of the North Carolina Dental Workgroup meeting that convened on September 13, 2016. Mr. Curry apprised the Board of key discussion points from the meeting which included a proposal that is narrowly tailored, legally sufficient, non-political oversight, a non-legislative fix and a memorandum of understanding. Mr. Curry states that the goal is to have a written document by December 2016. Mr. Curry also met with Senator Joan Carter Conaway.	Legislative Update
Krystal Lighty apprised the Board of the July meeting with key members of the Board of Acupuncture. Board Members, Rhea Cohn, Sumesh Thomas, Brett Felter, AAG, and Carlton Curry attended. Ms. Lighty states that the overarching theme discussed was the quality of education. She states that the "HumRRO Report" was shared with the Board of Acupuncture. In addition, Ms. Lighty attended the Board of Acupuncture's board meeting on September 13, 2016, in which the Board voted for a letter of support for the Dry Needling regulations. Ms. Lighty states this is a "historic collaboration." Mr. Curry states next steps include resubmission of the regulations with the letter of support before the moratorium begins.	Dry Needling Update
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator gave the licensure report.	Licensure Update
The Board discussed the Interstate Licensure Compact. The Board voted to move forward with conversations in support of the compact.	Interstate Licensure Compact
Mr. Curry reviewed the Board's Financial Statement. He states that the Board is fiscally strong. He states that the approximate cost of the online jurisprudence exam is \$60K. He also notes that the Department of Legislative Services conducted an audit and found that there are overlapping duties in the office.	Financial Statement
Mr. Curry states that Online Applications are in the final phase of beta testing. Ms. Lighty suggest using the October applicants as "beta testers". The Board voted to begin beta testing on October 1, 2016. Mr. Curry states that the meeting request with the head of procurement was denied. He states that he was provided with 3 examples of successful proposals. Mr. Curry states that he is working with Henry Harle, Lead Network Specialist to complete the proposal. Mr. Curry will be attending the Citizens Advocacy Meeting for the telehealth agenda.	Strategic Planning
Rhea Cohn attended an APTA meeting, which included a discussion of Telehealth and FTC vs. NC Dental. Ms. Cohn apprised the Board on parity law. Mr. Felter, states that he is not familiar and will do further research.	



Katharine Stout and Kimberly Rotondo have completed a pediatrics training CEU. They plan to present to the Board in October and hope to have further discussions with stake holders in December.

Susan Avjian, PT requested feedback on making adaptive items for special needs individuals during her treatment of them and other students in the classroom if needed. She states there would be no charges, all labor and items will be provided. Additionally, she states she has a request to make a device for a child who is not a patient. The Board's response is to follow the practice act, evaluate all patients, work within competency and exercise sound professional judgement.

Scope of Practice, Susan Avjian, PT

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

Continuing Education

'EP3'.

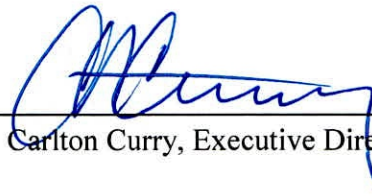
The Board voted to **deny** the following CEU course applications:

*'An Introduction to ALERT Program Therapy and Activities'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Specialized Brain Gym and Ocular Motor Workshop'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice and *'Visceral Manipulation: Listening Techniques : An Integrative Approach to Evaluation (LTI)'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Successful Rehab Leadership & Management in and Evolving Healthcare World'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Identifying, Understanding and Treating Chronic Pain Patients'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Psychotropic Medications'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Body Mechanics: From Effort and Strain to Ease and Flow'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; and *'Drug Abuse in Western Maryland'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice.

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The board meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Carlton Curry, Executive Director

Oct. 18, 2016  
Date Approved



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Krystal Lighty, PT, Chairperson