



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

February 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by the Chairperson, Dr. John Baker.

Call to Order

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:25 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.

Board members present:

Rhea Cohn, PT
Lori Mizell, PT
Krystal Lighty, PT
Ved Gupta, Consumer Member
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA
Katharine Stout, PT

Absent Board Members:

Delores Alexander, Consumer Member

Also Present:

Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Brett Felter, Staff Attorney
John Bull, Compliance Manager/Investigator
Eric Jordan, Investigator
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator
Patricia Miller, Board Secretary
Raymond Thomas, Board Secretary

Guests:

Senator Paula Hollinger
Debra Parson (BCCC faculty), and students from BCCC PTA Program

Absent:

Joy Aaron, Deputy Director

Dr. John Baker, Board Chairman, welcomed Ms. Deborah Parson, faculty member from the Baltimore City Community College and approximately 19 students from the PTA program there.

Welcome

The minutes of the meeting held on December 17, 2013 were approved without modification.

Minutes

Carlton Curry informed the Board that the issue of a PT working as a PTA will be rescheduled on the agenda for May.

PT working as a PTA

Mr. Curry discussed the response letter from the APTA regarding a letter received from National Center for Acupuncture Safety and Integrity (NCASI) and the use of filiform needles by physical therapists

Response to NCASI letter

Mr. Curry presented an update on FSBPT news regarding policy changes. There are still many questions to be discussed such as the rules pertaining to first timers sitting for the NPTE; whether or not foreign educated applicants who subsequently graduate from U.S. PT schools will now be considered *U.S. educated*, etc. Mr. Curry informed the Board that once enacted, there will be about a four month window from effective date to compliance and the specifics are yet to be determined.

2014 NPTE Policy/Change:

License Coordinator, Deborah Jackson presented an update regarding the status of applications received and licenses issued in January 2014.

Licensure Update

Marisa Carey, D.C., inquired whether PTs are permitted to perform certain manipulations which she described as high velocity thrusts. Board Counsel will work with Mr. Curry to draft a response that if that PT is competent, they are allowed to perform the particular manipulation.

Marisa Carey, D.C./Inquiry

Julie Behm, PT inquired as to whether an Occupation Therapist performing Gait Training is practicing beyond their licensed scope of practice. After some discussion it was decided that we would forward this inquiry to the OT Board and request they copy us on their response.

Julie Behm, PT/Inquiry

Ken Crivelli, PT submitted two questions to the Board: 1) Can a PTA be permitted to perform mobilization of the peripheral joints/spine. The answer is 'Yes' if competent to do so. 2) Can PTAs perform dry needling techniques? The answer is 'No.' Dry needling requires continual assessment, which is outside the scope of practice of a PTA.

Ken Crivelli, PT/Inquiry

Jennie Gaskill submitted a question asking what are the requirements for PTs and/or PTAs to perform Dry Needling? The Board responded a PTA may not perform

Jennie Gaskill/

dry needling due to the continued assessment that is required for the technique. Physical Therapists must operate within their competency in utilizing dry needling technique. The Board also suggested frequent visits to the Board Website for updates regarding the Promulgation of dry needling regulations.

Amelia Iams, PT, is teaching a Therapeutic Exercise course at a community college and is asking if she can earn CEUs for this since the course is therapy related, similar to earning CEUs for presenting a seminar?

Amelia Iames,
PT/Inquiry

Marylou Poblete, Pt, wrote to the Board asking if splinting for upper extremity is under the scope of practice/responsibility of physical therapy or is it only OTs who use splinting as an intervention for the upper extremity? The Board answered that is within our scope provided the PT/PTA is competent – as per regulations.

Marylou Poblete,
PT/Inquiry

Margie Ridgely wrote to the Board with questions regarding whether or not nurse practitioners/physicians assistants are allowed to write orders/referrals for physical therapy. The Board responded that PTs in Maryland have direct access and therefore do not require referrals and if she requires more specifics, she should consult the third party payor for their requirements.

Margie Ridgely/
Inquiry

PT Maria von Kollmar is inquiring about what date to use on a discharge note. The Board responded that the correct date to use would be the date the discharge note is written.

Maria von
Kollmar/Inquiry

The Board reviewed and approved the draft of the upcoming February Newsletter, soon to go to print. Mr. Curry commended Licensing Coordinator Deborah Jackson for her hard work and commitment to excellence in the production of the newsletter.

Board
Newsletter

PTA Karen Flowers is looking for clarification and guidance in her efforts to practice as a guild certified Feldenkrais practitioner. The Board responded that she may do so as long as she understand it is separate and cannot have anything to do with her as a Physical Therapist Assistant. The separation must be abundantly clear to patients.

Karen Flowers/
Feldenkrais

Mr. Curry presented the Final update to the Dry Needling Regulations to the Board. The Board voted unanimously FOR this final version.

Dry Needling
Regs Update

Anne Reicherter, PT inquired to clarify the Board definition of “student” regulations. Additionally, she inquired as to how the Board reviews students in “developing” programs that do not have CAPTE approval. The Board discussed this matter and a response will be drafted and reviewed.

Ann Reicherter,
PT/Inquiry

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

Continuing
Education

'Functional Dry Needling Part A: Introduction, History, Legislative Issues, and Basic Technique;' *'Functional Dry Needling Part B: Clinical Application; Manual Trigger Point Therapy (MTT) Program MTT-1: The Top 50 Muscles;'* *'Manual Trigger Point Therapy (MTT) Program MTT-2: The Upper Body Muscles;'* *'Manual Trigger Point Therapy (MTT) Program MTT-3: The Lower Body Muscles;'* *'DMA Level I & II Certification Course;'* and *'Upper Extremity Course.'*

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

'Rehabilitation Educational Series 2014 Meeting the Complex Needs of Patients Across the Rehabilitation Spectrum.' Mr. Curry will communicate directly with the course sponsor regarding the partial approval and send to the Continuing Education Committee a proposal regarding approval hours.

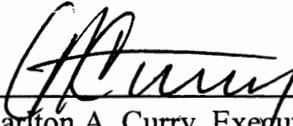
The Board voted to **deny** the following CEU course applications:

'Balneotherapy' because the course is not substantially related to the clinical practice of physical therapy; *'Hydrotherapy: Watsu'* because the course is not substantially related to the clinical practice of physical therapy; *'10214 Nutrition Timing: A to Z'* because the course is not substantially related to the clinical practice of physical therapy; *'Certification Exam Prep Course (OASIS - C),'* because the course is not substantially related to the clinical practice of physical therapy; *'PTSD, Trauma, & Anxiety Disorders,'* because the course is not substantially related to the clinical practice of physical therapy; *'Stress, Anxiety, & Depression'* because the course is not substantially related to the clinical practice of physical therapy.

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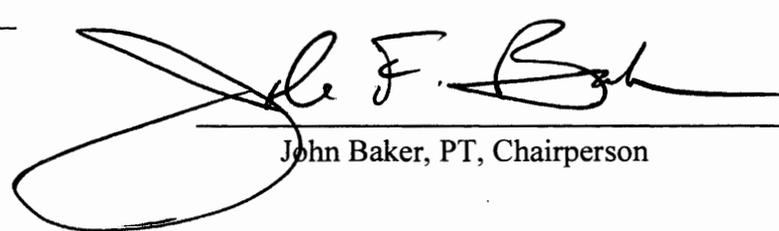
The board meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director

3/18/2014
Date approved



John Baker, PT, Chairperson