



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
*Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners*

**BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES**  
**April 17, 2012**

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

Call to Order

**Board members present:**

Rhea Cohn, PT  
Ved Gupta, Consumer Member  
Krystal Lighty, PT  
Lori Mizell, PT, Vice Chairperson  
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member  
Donald Novak, PT

**Absent Board Members:**

Kimberly Rotondo

**Also Present:**

Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director  
Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director  
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel  
Brett Felter, Staff Attorney, Board Counsel  
John Bull, Compliance Manager/Investigator  
Eric Jordan, Investigator  
Ann Tyminski, Consultant  
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator  
Nancy Stanciel, Board Secretary

**Guests:**

Kristin Neville, Legislative Specialist  
Students and faculty from the Chesapeake Area Consortium for Higher  
Education (CACHE)  
Mindy Sachs (former Physical Therapy Board Chair)  
Sharon Bloom, representing Senator Paula Hollinger

Dr. John Baker, Board Chairperson, welcomed students and faculty from Chesapeake Area Consortium for Higher Education (CACHE), and other guests.

Welcome

The minutes of the meeting held on March 20, 2012 were approved with modifications.

Minutes

Lee Miller, PT wrote the Board to request clarification on regulations regarding the storing of drugs for iontophoresis. The Board agreed that the patient has to bring the prescribed medication for the treatment, and the medication can be subsequently stored according to the facility's policies and procedures for storage of patient specific medication.

L. Miller, PT/Drug Storage

Jane Cunningham, PT wrote the Board to inquire if Soft Tissue Mobilization can be performed by a PTA on cash for service basis at the request of a patient. The Board discussed and agreed that services provided to a patient by a PTA must be part of a physical therapy Plan of Care with goals.

J.Cunningham,PT/  
Cash for Service

Richard Rigali wrote the Board to inquire whether his electronic patient notes meet the standard of practice for PTs and PTA. The Board will refer Mr. Rigali to the Practice Act for the specific requirements for documentation.

R.Rigali/  
Documentation

Carlton A. Curry summarized the issues regarding Trigger Point Injection. The Board discussed and agreed that further research is needed.

Trigger Point  
Injection

Angela Meinke, PTA wrote the Board for a clarification of services which are considered maintenance versus therapeutic treatments. The Board agreed that communication between the PT who is establishing the Plan of Care and the PTA is essential. This dialogue will serve to clarify the reasons for treatments that are therapeutically indicated in the treatment plan or maintenance plan written by the PT.

A.Meinke,PTA/  
Therapeutic and  
Maintenance  
Treatments

Deborah Jackson presented an update to the Board regarding the status of applications received and licenses issued in March 2012. She also advised the Board that there was a significant failure rate for the last test.

Licensing Update

Nominations for delegates to the FSBPT annual meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana in September are Lori Mizell, PT and Krystal Lighty, PT.

Delegates/FSBPT

Carlton A. Curry advised the Board that nominations for Board Chair and Vice Chair will be accepted via email. Mr. Curry will send a list of Board Chair responsibilities to each member. Voting will be completed at the May meeting.

Nominations/PT  
Board Chair

Shanna Sibiski, PT, wrote the Board to inquire whether there was a possibility of a reduced renewal fee for those who are required to renew their licenses within one year of obtaining it. The Board discussed and reviewed the policy which allows those licensees who are in that situation to receive the advantage of a "No CEU" requirement for renewal and agreed that no fees will be reduced at this time. They also agreed that clarification concerning the renewal requirements is warranted. Carlton A. Curry will draft a response and the clarification document.

S.Sibiski,PT/  
Renewal Fees

Carlton A. Curry reviewed the revised CEU application which will include a criteria checklist.

Continuing  
Education Update

Carlton A. Curry updated the Board regarding the Dry Needling committee's teleconference held on April 16, 2012. One suggestion the committee will consider is the possibility of collecting names of the therapists who are performing Dry Needling techniques in Maryland via a drop down list on the renewal form.

Dry Needling  
Conference Call

Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist, advised the Board of the bills which passed or failed to pass in the current legislative session.

Legislative Update

The Board voted to deny the following continuing education course applications: "*Patient Experience – Spring Conference*", because the course is not relevant to the practice of physical therapy. "*Sleep and Rest*" because the course is not relevant to the practice of physical therapy. "*End of Life Dementia Training*" because the course is not relevant to the practice of physical therapy. "*Becoming an Accessibility Consultant*" because the course is not relevant to the practice of physical therapy. Suggestion: To define/revise criteria to be added to the checklist for determining whether reading and review of articles can be approved for CEU credit. The Board will discuss at the next meeting.

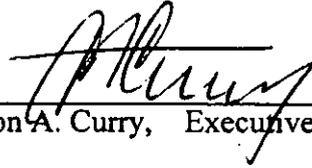
Continuing  
Education

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 3:13 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 4:20 p.m.

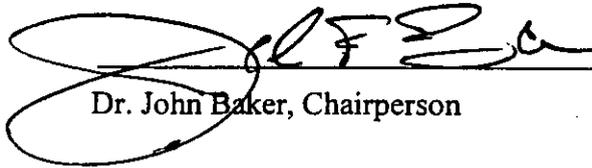


Respectfully submitted,



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Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director

5/15/2012  
Date approved



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Dr. John Baker, Chairperson