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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2010

The August 17, 2010 meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Chairperson, Shirley Leeper, PTA.

Call to Order

Board members present:

John Baker, PT
Ved K. Gupta, Consumer Member
Krystal Lighty, PT
Lori Mizell, PT, Vice Chairperson
Donald Novak, PT @ 1:15
Stephen Ryan, PT
Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member

Also present:

Ann E. Tyminski, Executive Director
Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director
Patricia Miller, Licensing Coordinator
Sandra Kurland, Board Secretary
Deborah Jackson, Secretary
John Bull, Investigator
Ernest Bures, Investigator/Compliance Manager
Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel
Francesca Gibbs, Staff Attorney
Kristen Neville, Regulations/Legislative Coordinator
Paula Hollinger
Sharon Bloom
Sharon Opdyke, PTA
Dargan Ervin, President, FSBPT
William Hatherill, CEO, FSBPT

Shirley Leeper, PTA, Board Chair, welcomed Dargan Ervin, President of FSBPT, and William Hatherill, CEO of FSBPT. Mr. Ervin and Mr. Hatherill gave a presentation on National Exam issues and changes in reference to cheating. There was also open dialogue between Mr. Ervin, Mr. Hatherill, board members and staff.

Welcome to
FSBPT

The Open Session minutes for the July 20, 2010 Board meeting were approved as amended.

Minutes

Ann Tyminski received an e-mail inquiry from Trina Monty, PT, asking if a PTA may write a progress note to a doctor, if the PT reviews. The Board stated that a PTA can be a scribe, however, the PT should write the progress note to a physician. Finally, the Board requested that she explain her question in more detail before a response is given.

PTA Writing
Progress Note

Ann Tyminski received an e-mail inquiry from Jennifer Gurka, PT, asking if it is permissible for a PTA to document in a treatment assessment that a goal, set by the evaluating PT, has been met. The Board's response is that it is not permissible for a PTA to make any assessment whether a goal is met.

PTA and
Assessments

Lorraine O'Neill sent Mrs. Tyminski an e-mail asking how "direct supervision" is defined, (in line of sight, in building, or within calling distance). The Board stated that she will be referred to the regulations for a definition.

Direct
Supervision

Azedah Leland, PT, sent the Board two e-mails. She requested the Board consider implementing again the regulation that required a physical therapist to conduct a supervisory visit with the PTA every 10th treatment performed by a PTA. She felt this was necessary to ensure quality of care. She also mentioned discharge summaries being performed by PTAs. She will be referred to the documentation regulations found at COMAR 10.38.03.02-1. The Board also suggested she might benefit from taking the board-approved law and ethics course.

Reimplementing
a Regulation

Stephen Huntsman, PT sent an e-mail asking if discharge summaries are required for patients being transferred from a clinic that is closing. The Board agreed it was appropriate to write discharge summaries for those patients being transferred.

Discharge
Summaries

An e-mail inquiry from Alicia Smith, Rehab Program Manager, as to whether it is within PT regulations to supervise OT staff with modalities after their training so they may become certified. Ms. Bethman advised that so long as a person is licensed to perform those modalities the OT regulations seem to allow such supervision. It is not addressed in the Physical Therapy regulations.

Supervising
OT Staff

Ann Tyminski received an e-mail from Deborah Barrow, PTA, asking if it is appropriate for a PTA to document under the "assessment" portion of the clinic fee ticket. The Board agreed that a PTA can write objective information but cannot make an assessment, no matter where that information is placed on paper.

PTA and
Assessments

Mrs. Tyminski reported that APTA of Maryland has requested the PT Board provide labels and lists without charge. The Board agreed.

Lists for
APTA

Another inquiry from APTA, asks if we could post upcoming APTA meetings and other information on our website. Ms. Aaron was requested to find out if the IT rules allow us to place a link to APTA's website.

APTA
Meetings and
Information

CEUs

“**Managing the Fieldwork Pendulum**” was denied by the Board on the recommendation of the Continuing Education Committee, as the course is generally geared to clinical instructors, not physical therapy.

“**MDS 3.0 & RUG IV**” was denied by the Board as recommended by the CEU Committee. The course is geared toward nursing, and is not PT specific.

Validation & Dementia: Empathetic Listening” was denied by the Board as not being appropriate to the practice of physical therapy.

Reports

Month to Date Revenue Information for July 2010 was given to the Board members. Month to Date Revenue

Year to Date Revenue Information was given to the Board members. Year to Date Revenue

APTA of Maryland, Inc. Government Affairs Committee Minutes were presented by Shirley Leeper, PTA, Board Chair. Ms. Leeper stated that APTA has specific agenda items such as making a concentrated effort to change the laws that allow Chiropractors to practice physical therapy under the PT Act. APTA

Information:

A copy of the letter sent to FSBPT by Shirley Leeper, PTA, Board Chair, regarding their temporary halt to the NPTE for graduates of programs in India, Egypt, Philippines and Pakistan was presented to the Board. FSBPT

A copy of the FSBPT Exposure Draft from Guardian Healthcare was given to Board Members. FSBPT

The updated Board Member list was distributed to Board Members. Board Members

Mrs. Tyminski reported that the Board office had not received further information from Belinda Blough, PTA applicant, as requested. PTA Applicant

The proposed action on COMAR 10.38.05 Hearing Regulations was provided. Comar

A copy of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board Summer 2010 Newsletter was provided. Newsletter

