STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES
August 19, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Vice Chair, Krystal Lighty.

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 1:54 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:

Delores Alexander, Consumer Member
Rhea Cohn, PT
Ved Gupta, Consumer Member
Krystal Lighty, PT
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA
Sumesh Thomas, PT

Absent Board Members:

John Baker
Katharine Stout, PT

Also Present:

Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director
Joy Aaron, Deputy Director
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel
John Bull, Compliance Manager/Investigator
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator
Eric Jordan, Investigator
Patricia Miller, Board Secretary
Michelle Cutkelvin, Board Secretary

Guests:

Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist

The minutes of the meeting held on July 15, 2014 were approved with modifications. | Minutes

Carlton Curry, Executive Director informed the Board that the Dry Needling Bill has been signed by Joshua Sharfstein, Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene. Mr. Curry informs the Board that there was a change to the Dry Needling Regulations however it was not substantive. In addition, he informs the Board that if the proposal for Testing Limitations is successful in legislation, it will be effective as of October 1, 2015. He states that the Federation will begin communication with schools and applicants to apprise them of upcoming changes. Mr. Curry informs the Board that he will be sending the completed report of Jhonell Campbell. | Legislative Update

Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator, presented the statistics of applications received and licenses issued. | Licensure Update

Rhea Cohn, Board Member apprises the Board on the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. She states that the Physicians are moving forward with an interstate compact and notes that the same group will also be advising Physical Therapists. She informs the Board of a recently published article that may shed on discussions surrounding the compact. | Rhea Cohn, Interstate Medical Licensure

Jeremy Breden, requested feedback on the following: Is it within the scope of practice of a PT to perform a "Disability Test"? Are there any specific certifications or CEU's that are required? Additionally if the patient who is presenting the disability paperwork for social security or insurance is the PT allowed to complete the paperwork. The Board concluded that a Physical Therapist can perform a functional capacity examine. The Board further concluded that the licensee should consult with other agencies, such as the Worker's Compensation Commission, as to their requirements. | Jeremy Breden, PT, Scope of Practice

Michele Uhler, requested feedback on the following: When a therapist resigns from an office without the completion of a patient's discharge summary what can be done? Is it acceptable to have the Supervisor for the PT office complete the discharge summary or not? The Board concluded that it is appropriate for the supervising Physical Therapist to write in the record and state why the treating Physical Therapist did not complete the discharge summary pursuant to COMAR 10.38.03.02-1A(4). | Michele Uhler, Scope of Practice

Michele Berman, requested feedback on the following: In the practice of a Physical Therapists in home health clarity is needed regarding the following areas: (1) ability of a student to participate in patient care under the direct supervision of a physical therapist (2) ability for a licensed PT to perform medication reconciliation on the Oasis (3) ability to participate in wound care in home care (4) ability to perform a PT INR. The Board's response to inquiry #1 is that a physical therapist must provide direct supervision of a student per COMAR 10.38.03.02a(2)(h) in all practice settings. The Board's response to inquiry #2 is that if a physical therapist is the clinician responsible for completing the Oasis C for on a particular patient, the physical therapist | Michele Berman, Scope of Practice

should collaborate with other appropriate practitioners in order to complete the sections that fall outside their scope of practice. It is not within the scope of practice for a physical therapist to reconcile medications or the interactions of medications, but a physical therapist may collaborate with an appropriate practitioner to answer the question. The Board's response to inquiries #3 & #4, a licensee must exercise sound profession judgment and work within their competency pursuant to COMAR 10.38.03.02A(2)(a) and 10.38.03.02A(2)(f)

Heather Burnside, DPT, Scope of Practice

Heather Burnside requests feedback on the following: Is it possible or legal for a DPT/ CLT (Certified Lymphedema Therapist) to obtain a prescription pad to write an order for lymphedema garments, that the patient could take to their DME and have it possibly covered by their insurance company? The Board's response is that the Physical Therapist should coordinate with other health care providers as needed for the overall care of the patient, including prescriptions for medical garments. In addition, The Board's response is to contact Third Party Payor for further clarification and specific requirements for reimbursement.

Continuing Education

The Board voted to **deny** the following CEU course applications: '*Overcoming Compassion Fatigue: When helping hurts*' because the course is not substantially related to the Physical Therapy practice; *'Bulling Behavior in the Healthcare Workplace'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; and *'Managing Death, Dying and Grief'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice.

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The board meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director

9/16/2014
Date approved

John Baker, PT, Chairperson