



STATE OF MARYLAND

**DHMH**

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

*Board of Physical Therapy Examiners*

**BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES  
December 18, 2012**

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

Call to Order

**Board members present:**

Ved Gupta, Consumer Member  
Krystal Lighty, PT  
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA  
Delores Alexander, Consumer Member  
Lori Mizell, PT  
Rhea Cohn, PT  
Donald Novak, PT

**Also Present:**

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

**Guests:**

Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist

**Absent Staff Members:**

Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director  
Nancy Stanciel, Board Secretary

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The minutes of the meeting held on November 27, 2012 were approved with no modifications. Minutes

Licensing Coordinator, Deborah Jackson, presented an update to the Board regarding the status of applications received and licenses issued in November 2012 – Informational. Applicants/Licensee Update

Discussion on the question of documentation on modalities, was temporarily tabled at the request of Board Counsel, Linda Bethman. Tanya Hege-Maisel/ Documentation

Vernise Burs, PT, wrote the Board to question whether PTs are allowed to perform glucose and lipid screenings by pin prick to help identify patient risk factors for chronic diseases such as diabetes, etc., as a primary prevention tool. The Board's response is No, since it is not within the PT scope of practice. Vernise Burs, PT/ Wellness Screening

PT, Veronica Gales Short, inquired whether an occupational therapist can perform gait analysis and physical functions assessment. The Board will forward this inquiry to the OT Board. Veronica Gales Short, PT/OTs Performing Gait Analysis

Susan Davis, PT, inquired if PTs are permitted to supervise home health aides, and if not, is it permissible for PTs to set up the initial aide care plan before the RN takes over to supervise. The Board responded 'No' to both questions. Susan Davis, PT/ Supervision Inquiry

Jill Anderson of MedStar Health inquired about acceptable reasons to defer re-evaluations. Lori Mizell recused herself. We are unable to respond since a valid response must be based on additional information and requires a clinical judgment requiring additional objective data. Jill Anderson/ Documentation

Glascow Tennille, Jr., PT, seeks answers to questions involving providing pro bono services to uninsured and underinsured clients. HIPPA laws and state laws cover a huge range of topics and the law is the law. Due to the many possible variables on a case by case basis, this Board cannot respond more specifically to these questions. Glascow Tennille, Jr., PT/Pro Bono Services

The Board voted to deny the following continuing education course applications: "*Measuring Blood Pressure in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*" due to the fact that it is not specific to the practice of physical therapy. "*The Feldenkrais Training Program*" was denied since the application did not include enough information to determine the number of CEUs to apply. Continuing Education

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 1:45 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.

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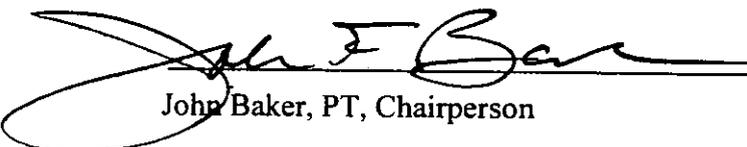
The board meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director

Date approved \_\_\_\_\_



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John Baker, PT, Chairperson