



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

December 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 1:13 p.m. by the Chairman, John Baker.

Call to Order

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:04 p.m. to engage in medical review committee deliberations regarding confidential information in applications for licensure, in accordance with State Government General Provisions Article, Section 3-305 (b) (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
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA
Katharine Stout, PT
Sumesh Thomas, PT

Board Members Absent:

Krystal Lighty, PT

Also Present:

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

Guests:

Senator Paula Hollinger
Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist

Also Absent:

Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator

Board Chairman, John Baker, welcomed Board Members and guests.

Welcome

The minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2014 were approved with modifications.

Minutes

Carlton Curry, Executive Director apprised the Board of his meeting with Chairmen Peter Hammen, Chair of the Health and Government Operations Committee. Chairmen Hammen is looking for sponsors to support the proposed Testing Limit. Mr. Curry informs the Board of his upcoming meeting with Senator Joan Carter Conway, Chair of the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee, scheduled for December 17, 2014. Mr. Curry informs the Board of the upcoming meeting with Delegate Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk, who will be introducing legislation during the 2015 session regarding training requirements for dry needling. Delegate Peña-Melnyk has invited all stakeholders and one person empowered to speak and make decisions on behalf of the organization or Board. The Board voted to send John Baker and Carlton Curry to the meeting.

Legislative Update

Jeffrey Haines, PT requested feedback on the following: Clarify 'Direct Supervision' of PT aides. 1) Does the PT need to be 'personally present and immediately available within the treatment area'? 2) Does this mean within eye sight, in the same room, in the same office space, in the same medical building that includes other suites? 3) How far away from the patient/PT aide can a therapist be and still be within 'personally present and immediately available' and still be within the Code of Maryland regulations? The Board's response is a supervising Physical Therapist must be physically available in a common treatment area and within audible distance of the physical therapy aide, to immediately assist the aide, if necessary.

Jeffrey Haines, PT, Scope of Practice

Sarah Norton requested feedback on the following: Is kinesio- taping authorized to be performed by a licensed physical therapist under the scope of practice in Maryland? The Board's response is kinesio-taping is within the scope of practice and to consult with third party payors for billing.

Sarah Norton, Scope of Practice

Melissa Schillenberg, PT requested feedback on the following: 1) Is the SNF facility considered the "treatment area" meaning if a PTA was the Clinical Instructor of a PTA student and providing supervision, then the supervising PT would also need to be in the building readily accessible? 2) Would the exact location (ie. bedside) that the treatment is occurring be considered the "treatment area" meaning that both the students Clinical Instructor (PTA) and supervising PT would need to be present at the bedside? The Board's response is a supervising Physical Therapist must be physically available in a common treatment area and within audible distance of the Physical Therapy Assistant student, to immediately assist the student, if necessary.

Melissa Schillenberg, PT Scope of Practice

Carlton Curry presented the Board with changes to the regulations for requirements for licensure as a result of Article 13-302.1 (criminal history records check).

Carlton Curry, Requirements for Licensure

Carlton Curry apprised the Board that the General Assembly of Maryland will convene on January 14, 2015. The Inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor is scheduled for January 21, 2015.

Carlton Curry,
General
Assembly
Dates

Carlton Curry apprised the Board on the report of Jhonell Campbell titled "Physical Therapy Trained Individuals Being Licensed as Physical Therapy Assistants in the State of Maryland". The Board voted to take no action on matter at this time.

Jhonell
Campbell,
PT Trained
Individuals
Being Licensed
as PTAs in MD

Angela Homer, requested feedback on the following: (1) In a hospital setting where discharge planning takes places on a daily basis, can the PTA update/change the discharge recommendation from home care PT to SNF (or vice versa) if there is a need? And can they do this legally without discussing with the PT if it is in the chart? (2) Is a discharge recommendation for home PT or SNF part of the "plan of care" set by the evaluating therapist? The Board's response to question # 1 is no. The Board response to question # 2 is that the discharge recommendation is a part of the plan of care.

Angela Homer,
Scope of
Practice

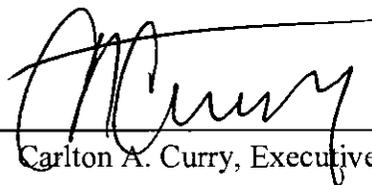
The Board voted to **approve** the following CEU course application: '*Advanced Dry Needling and Manual Therapy*'. The Board voted to **deny** the following CEU course application: '*Ethics in Working with Older Adults Who Hoard*' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice.

Continuing
Education

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:04 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.

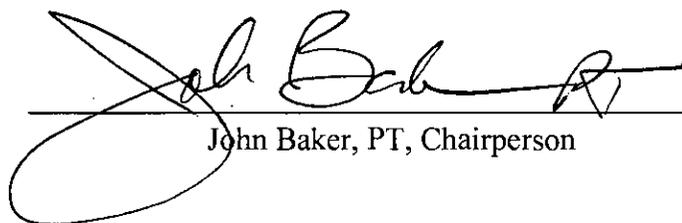
The board meeting was adjourned at 3:33p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director

03/17/15
Date approved



John Baker, PT, Chairperson