



STATE OF MARYLAND

DHMH

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

June 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by the Chairperson,
Dr. John Baker.

Call to Order

Board members present:

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

Also present:

Joy E. Aaron, Deputy Director
Grant Gerber, AAG, Substitute Board Counsel
John Bull, Investigator
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator
Nancy Staniel, Board Secretary
Paula Hollinger
Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist
Sharon Bloom

The minutes of the meeting held on May 17, 2011 were approved with 2
changes.

Minutes

The minutes of the Legislative Committee meeting that was held on May 24,
2011 were approved with one change.

Minutes
Legislative
Committee

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Dr. Baker reviewed the Board organizational chart and board member responsibilities list.

Chart/Member
Responsibilities

Dr. Baker presented the committee and Chairperson assignments for each Board member, except the consumer members.

Board
Committees

The committee agreed to discuss the possibility of appointing one or more members to the panel responsible for writing the regulations for this procedure.

Dry Needling
Committee

Ms. Kristen Omanwa wrote the Board re: clinical care decisions by PTAs. She submitted two scenarios. The Board discussed the scenarios and agreed that while the PT establishes the plan of care and should be consulted by the PTA, there was not enough information presented to make a decision specific to the scenarios presented. These are clinical decisions and need to be addressed on a case by case basis.

Kristen
Omanwa/PTA

The Board agreed that a PT or PTA is allowed to display a copy of their original license if they have a second workplace.

Roger
Wade/License
display

The Board reviewed the inquiry from Brenda Riley-Gipe re: PTA manipulation of vaginal and rectal tissues if supervised by a PT. The Board agreed that the PTA can perform whatever procedures, except dry needling, that the PT has entered into the patient's care plan, as long as they are adequately trained. The Board also agreed that evidence of training is required. Grant Gerber will assist with the response.

B. Riley-
Gipe/Internal
Manipulation of
Tissues

The Board reviewed the inquiry from Dave (no last name provided) re: Medicare billing for procedures when a PTA is not under the direct supervision of a PT. The Board agreed that the issue was outside of the scope of the Board and that Dave should consult his Medicare contract for guidance.

Medicare Billing
Issue

Ms. Palmer wrote to the Board to inquire whether CRNPs are allowed to write orders and certify plans of care for Part B therapy services. The Board agreed to refer Ms. Palmer to her Medicare Benefit Policy manual.

Michelle
Palmer/Part B
Therapy Services

Mr. Adams wrote the Board inquiring whether special certification is needed to perform PT in a private therapy pool. The Board does not render advice or opinions or referrals on pool operators' licenses. Licensees need to be sure they are competent in doing pool therapy. There is no certificate for pool therapists.

M. Adams
Therapy Pool

The Board agreed that this inquiry was a billing issue, but that the documentation should accurately refer to the services performed by the PT.

T. Cogley/
Reimbursement

The Board received an inquiry from David Shulman re: advising people, over the internet, about problems that are musculoskeletal in nature. He also asked if he could treat patients while he is in another country. The Board agreed that Mr. Shulman could not give treatment advice over the internet, but he can refer patients to their normal source of healthcare. The Board also advised him to check the

David Shulman/
Dispensing
advice over the
Internet

country where he intends to practice for their guidelines. Licensees are permitted to give a speech or lecture without offering patient specific advice.

The Board received an inquiry from Dr. Amon re: hiring college students to chart and help patients with exercises. The Board discussed and agreed that college students can be trained as aides and they must be under the direct supervision of a licensed PT per COMAR 10.38.04.

Dr. Amon/Hirin
of College
Students

Ms. Aaron presented the income summary for FY 2011.

Renewals Update

The Board reviewed the FSBPT newsletter.

FSBPT News
Brief

The Board agreed to table this issue until the next Board meeting.

CSEA

Ms. Jackson presented statistics as regards to testing for students born and educated outside of the United States.

Applicants
Update

The Board reviewed the submitted articles. The articles will be referred to Ms. Bethman for review prior to publication of the newsletter.

Newsletter
articles

Ms. Aaron discussed a presentation by the Office of Information Technology, where in all DHMH administrations will be together and will be under www.dhmfh.maryland.gov. The Board was advised that all the state websites are being upgraded to have a more consistent look. The Board has control over content only.

Share Point
Website

The Board voted to deny the following continuing education course applications: "Therapeutic Reflexology", because the course is not relevant to the practice of physical therapy. "Tibetan Kunye Massage Theory and Practice: Learning the Basics," because the course is not relevant to the practice of physical therapy. "The Workers Compensation Rehabilitation Specialist...Defined" because the course was not relevant to the practice of physical therapy.

Continuing
Education

The Board voted to approve four hours of "Alzheimer's & Other Dementias: Strategies to Empower Patients & Promote Involvement in Life" because there is only four hours in the course which is relevant to the practice of physical therapy.

The Board reviewed income statements from the previous month.

Informational

Ms. Leeper, PTA presented information she had obtained which involves a ruling by the APTA House of Delegates regarding the issuance of temporary licenses during a natural disaster or emergency. The matter has been referred to the Legislative Committee for further review.

APTA Ruling

The Board unanimously voted to close the open session at 2:58 p.m. to engage in medical review committee deliberations regarding confidential matters in license applications, and to discuss the appointment of an Executive Director in accordance with State Government Article, Section 10-508 (a) (1) and (13). Unless recused, all Board members

who were present for the open session participated in both the closed and administrative sessions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Aaron, Deputy Director

Date approved

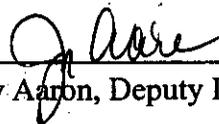
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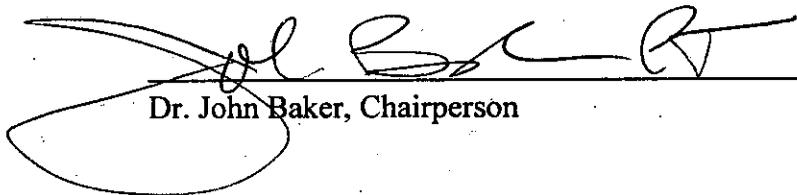
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7/19/2011
Date approved



Dr. John Baker, Chairperson