



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

May 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by the Chairperson, Dr. John Baker.

Call to Order

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:07 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:

John Baker, Board Chairperson
Rhea Cohn, PT
Ved Gupta, Consumer Member
Krystal Lighty, PT
Lori Mizell, PT
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA

Absent Board Members:

Delores Alexander, Consumer Member
Katharine Stout, PT

Members Also Present:

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

Guests:

Senator Paula Hollinger
Kristen Neville
Sharon Van Bloom
Donna Beck, John Hopkins
Denise Wagner, John Hopkins

- Board Chairman, Dr. John Baker, welcomed the visitors and explained proper protocol to follow during the meeting, in order to be recognized to make comments and/or speak on an issue. Welcome
- The minutes of the meeting held on April 15, 2014 were approved with some modifications. Minutes
- Kristen Neville informed the Board Members of the legislative bill concerning criminal history checks that was officially signed into law last week. Per Ms. Neville, a one page concept paper must be submitted by May 30, 2014 detailing changes for testing limitations and qualifications for consideration. Mr. Curry apprised the Board Members that he will be putting forth a "clean up bill". Linda Bethman reminds the Board that "clean up bill" changes are not substantive. Ms. Bethman also suggests further research on Physical Therapists testing for Physical Therapy Assistant to be included in the exam bill. The Legislative Committee will meet to discuss the exam bill. Lori Mizell has taken the charge to lead the committee on this task. Legislative Update
- License Coordinator, Deborah Jackson presented the statistics of applications received and licenses issued in April 2014. Licensure Update
- Mica Grace, DME inquiry: 1) what conditions, if any, the PT needs to meet in order to provide non-custom diabetic shoes (A5500) and inserts (A5512) Additionally, can the Certified Physical Therapy Assistant provide these same services under the Supervision and direction of the licensed Physical Therapist, and any conditions they might need to meet? The Board's response is that it can be within the scope of PT if it is a part of the Treatment Plan which needs to be documented and followed; however individuals who work for sales DME/Supplier cannot represent themselves as PTs if the work performed is not a part of physical therapy. Mica Grace, Scope of Practice
- Byran C. Werner, MD inquiry: 1) If a patient has active prostate cancer is it acceptable and consistent with Maryland licensed Physical Therapists standard of practice to perform ultrasound to their low back? 2) If a patient has cervical fusion with hardware and multilevel laminectomy extending from C3 to C7 is it acceptable and consistent with Maryland licensed Physical Therapists standard of practice to perform ultrasound "2.0 watts/cm squared for 7 minutes to neck" 3) Is it appropriate and consistent with Maryland licensed Physical Therapists standard of practice to dispense a TENs unit and a back brace to a patient with instructions to wear both "all day while at work". 4) Is it appropriate and consistent with Maryland licensed Physical Therapists standard of practice to provide ultrasound treatment to "R arm and shoulder" of the Bryan C. Werner MD/Scope of Practice

following patient with Orthopedic plate and screw fixation of the right humerus? The Board concluded that Physical Therapist must exercise sound professional judgment in the use of modalities.

Bryan C. Werner
MD/Scope of
Practice

Rhea Cohn, PT Board Member- Interstate Licensure Compact: Ms. Cohn states that the purpose of the licensure pact is to alleviate barriers between states. Ms. Cohn likens the pact to having a driver's license in which you can use across the states. Ms. Cohn states that all states are not represented and logistical details such as fees and the right of discipline were also discussed.

Carlton A.
Curry, Executive
Director/CLEAR
Executive
Leadership
Program

Executive Director, Carlton A. Curry presents the CLEAR Executive Leadership Training Program which is scheduled for September 8-10, 2014 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The CLEAR Association will present investigator, executive and board member training. Mr. Curry states that vendors specializing in digital software will be present which he hopes will help with the Continuing Competence Project. The Board votes in favor of Mr. Curry, John Bull, Compliance Manager /Investigator and Eric Jordan, Investigator attending the CLEAR Executive Leadership Training Program.

Carlton A.
Curry, Executive
Director/Chair
Elections

Chairperson, Dr. John Baker was reappointed as chairperson with no opposition. Board Member Krystal Lighty was elected as Vice Chair with no opposition as well.

The Board voted to **approve** the following CEU course applications: '*Clinical Certification*', '*Healthcare Leadership*' and '*Trigger Point Level 2*'.

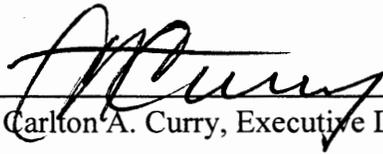
Continuing
Education

The Board voted to **deny** the following CEU course applications: '*Adventist Healthcare*' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; '*Caregiver Support*' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; '*Elder Abuse*' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; '*Level 1 Golf*', '*Warding off Obesity*' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; '*When Your Young Client is Defiant*' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice.

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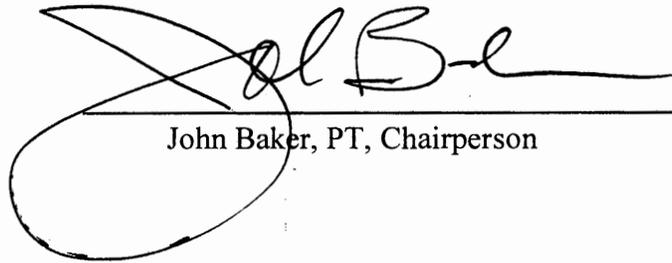
The board meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director

6/17/2014
Date approved



John Baker, PT, Chairperson