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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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*Board of Physical Therapy Examiners*

**BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES**

**October 20, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by the Chair, Krystal Lighty.

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 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  
Stephen Baur, PT  
Rhea Cohn, PT  
Meredith Levert, Consumer Member  
Krystal Lighty, PT  
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA  
Katharine Stout, PT  
Sumesh Thomas, PT

**Also Present:**

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

**Guests:**

Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist  
Sharon Bloom

Board Chair, Krystal Lighty, welcomed Board Members and visiting guests. Ms. Lighty welcomed new Board Member Stephen Baur. All Board Members and staff introduced themselves.

Welcome

The minutes of the meeting held on September 15, 2015 were approved.

Minutes

Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator, presented the statistics of applications received and licenses issued in September 2015. Ms. Lighty inquires if there were applicants affected by the 6 time testing limit. Carlton Curry states that 30 applicants were not able to test as a result of the testing limit. Mr. Curry states he spoke with some applicants that wanted further clarification.

Licensure Update

Carlton Curry, Executive Director, apprised the Board on status of the clean-up bill.

Legislative Update

Sarah Mooney requested feedback on the following: If the PT does an initial functional outcome measure such as a Berg balance test at the evaluation, can a PTA administer the functional gait assessment at the follow up visit and use that as a comparison tool that is not considered the initial functional outcome measurement used for the Medicare coding or does the physical therapist need to do the initial for all new tests administered? Can the functional outcome tests be used during interventions and still be used for comparison with follow up functional outcome tests? The Board's response is a physical therapist assistant can administer standardized tests as long as it is outlined in the Physical Therapist's plan of care, however physical therapist assistants cannot interpret the results. Please consult third party payor, clarification of Medicare coding.

Scope of Practice, Sarah Mooney

The Board discussed the proposed regulation for Dry Needling. The Board voted and approved the proposed amendments to the regulation.

Dry Needling

Krystal Federici, a physical therapist requested feedback on the following: As a physical therapist working toward my certification in hand therapy, seeing upper extremity patients, I will be working closely with an occupational therapist who is a hand therapist. Is there a way for us to exchange patients if we both cosign each other's evaluations and plan of care? The Board's response: in order to treat a patient there must be a physical therapy evaluation and plan of care.

Scope of Practice, Krystal Federici, PT

The Board voted to **approve** the following CEU course applications:

Continuing Education

*'Boston Brace Cranial Asymmetry Program'; 'The Bioness Integrated Therapy System'*

The Board voted to **deny** the following CEU course applications:

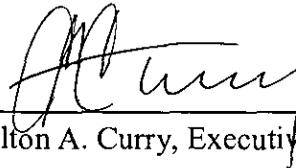
*'Emerging Opportunities for Occupational Therapy Practitioners in Home Assessments'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice;  
*'Nutrition for Endurance Athletes'* because the course is not substantially related to the

PT practice and '*Integrating Ayurveda into Clinical Practice*' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice.

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.

The board meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



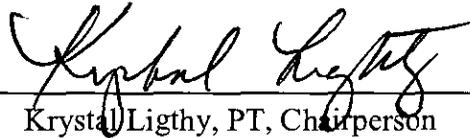
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Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director

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Date Approved



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Krystal Ligthy, PT, Chairperson