



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

September 15, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Chair, Krystal Lighty.

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 1:39 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
Meredith Levert, Consumer Member
Krystal Lighty, PT
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA
Sumesh Thomas, PT

Absent Board Members:

Katharine Stout, PT

Also Present:

Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator
Patricia Miller, Board Secretary
Michelle Cutkelvin, Board Secretary

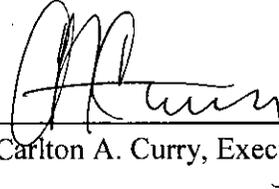
Guests:

Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist
Linda Horne, Maryland APTA

Board Chair, Krystal Lighty, welcomed Board Members and visiting guests.	Welcome
The minutes of the meeting held on August 18, 2015 were approved.	Minutes
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator, presented the statistics of applications received and licenses issued in August 2015.	Licensure Update
Carlton Curry, Executive Director, apprised the Board that he will attend the legislative committee meeting for the APTA of Maryland.	Legislative Update
Marcus Flom, requested feedback on the following: Is it within the scope of practice for physical therapy aides to perform an ice massage on patients. The Board's response is an ice massage is outside the scope of practice for physical therapy aides.	Scope of Practice, Marcus Flom
The Board discussed House Bill 179 and agreed that applicants on the basis of endorsement who have tested for the NPTE 6 or more times before October 1, 2015 can be licensed if all licensure requirements have been completed.	House Bill 179
A Physical Therapy Assistant student requested feedback on the following: The student states that he has been diagnosed with generalized tonic clonic epilepsy. He states he has been free of seizures with the combination of Cannabis and Keppra, however is concerned about the ability to practice physical therapy in the future. The student asks is there anything he can do without putting his health and future licensure at risk and would he be able to practice as a physical therapy assistant. The Board's response is to refer the student to the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission for additional information. The Board states that each individual is assessed upon application and the Board does not make pre-determinations, all applicants are required to complete a criminal history records check and there are no specific criteria.	Scope of Practice, PTA Student
The Board voted to approve the following CEU course application:	Continuing Education
<i>'Empowering Function & Health'</i> (approved for 2 hours only); <i>'Medicare Funding for CRT'</i> ; <i>'The Fundamentals of DME Equipment'</i> .	
The Board voted to deny the following CEU course applications:	
<i>'Club Level Workshop for Private Practice Entrepreneurs'</i> because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; <i>'Animal Assisted Interventions'</i> because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice.	
There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 1:39 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.	

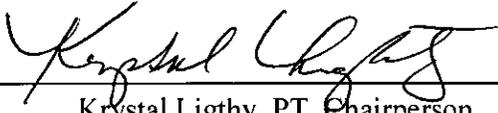
The board meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlton A. Curry, Executive Director

10/20/15
Date Approved



Krystal Ligthy, PT, Chairperson