



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

John Baker, PT, NCS, GCS, DScPT
Chair, PT Board of Examiners

I often say “the only thing that seems to stay the same in healthcare is change, and this will continue for the near future.” As limited healthcare dollars collide with ever expanding needs nationally and in Maryland, navigating these waters will require a strong moral compass that points inevitably to answering these three questions: What does Maryland law say? What is in the client’s best interest? Am I using “best practice” principles?

Alignment of all three questions will likely result in a safe harbour to lay anchor in a sea of change that is constantly looking at the bottom line. This will require the clear exercise of professional judgment and client advocacy by therapists. Physical therapists and assistants who “get this” will help ensure their cli-

ent’s protection, improve cost efficiencies, and guarantee the viability of the profession into the future to be able to be of service for the next generation of Marylanders.

Much of what we do here on the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners revolves around those three central questions. We may not use the exact language, instead we use words like “competence, scope of practice, or regulation.” However, our focus is the protection and quality of care for the residents of Maryland relative to physical therapy services. We are fortunate to serve clinicians and Marylanders, alike, and are always open to ideas that would advance that charge. If you think we can improve in certain areas please give us a call or send an email.



FAQ

Rhea Cohn, PT
Board Member

Q: Will the MBPTE answer questions pertaining to insurance companies’ medical policies, CPT coding and ICD-9 coding?

A: The MBPTE receives many questions from licensees pertaining to the interpretation of insurance companies’ medical policies as well as CPT and ICD-9 coding for claims. The Board’s role does not include interpretation of payer policies or the provision of guidance as to proper coding for claims. Therefore, the Board’s response to these types of questions will be to reiterate the role of the Board and the boundaries of their work. The Board encourages licensees to contact the insurance carrier for clarification on insurance related issues.

Congratulations to Dr. John Baker on his recent reappointment to the Board by Governor O’Malley. Dr. Baker’s new term will extend from 2012 to 2016

Welcome Delores



In July, the Board welcomed Delores Alexander as the new Consumer Member.

Delores, a retired administrator with Baltimore City Public Schools, is currently a Lecturer at Morgan State University. She is very active in the community, serving as director of her church’s Vacation Bible School. Delores’ hobbies include traveling and reading. She resides in Baltimore County.

Have You Looked at the Practice Act lately?

COMAR 10.38.03.02 A.
The physical therapist shall:

(g) Reevaluate the Patient as the Patient’s condition requires, but at least every 30 days, unless the physical therapist, consistent with accepted standards of physical therapy care, documents in the treatment record an appropriate rationale for not reevaluating the patient.



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From the Desk of The Executive Director

Carlton Curry, Esq.
Executive Director

This newsletter coincides with my one year anniversary with the Board. In a year's time I have met and spoken with hundreds of licensees through the regional meetings for continuing competence and in addressing scope of practice questions. I have also had the opportunity to travel to both physical therapy programs within the state, and meet with several students from PTA programs. The Board has implemented a secure, electronic means of sharing information for Board meetings, implemented email notifications for general information and renewals,

and added an amplification system to ensure the public can hear and participate at monthly Board meetings. The Board remains vigilant of its mission to protect the public while being a resource to licensees. The Board works closely with the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT), the Council on Licensure Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) and the APTA. Board members Lori Mizell, PT and Krystal Lighty, PT, along with Licensing Coordinator Deborah Jackson and myself, attended the FSBPT Annual Meeting to discuss matters

related to the national exam and scope of practice matters. Both Joy Aaron, Deputy Director and John Bull, Compliance Manager attended the CLEAR Annual Meeting to discuss licensure oversight. I am in routine contact with the Maryland APTA chapter to discuss matters of relevance to the practice of physical therapy within the State. Please continue to check the Board's website for informational updates, and do not hesitate to email me directly at Carlton.Curry@maryland.gov.

Farewell Lois

In June, the Board bid farewell to Mrs. Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member. Lois served, with distinction, on the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners for eight years. Lois

initially received her appointment to the Board by then-Governor Robert Ehrlich in 2004. Due to her dedicated service to the citizens of Maryland, Lois was reappointed to the Board in 2008 by Governor Martin O'Malley.

Lois distinguished herself with her clear attention to detail and being the statewide voice for consumers. Without a doubt, Lois's contribution to public protection as a Consumer Member of the Board is noteworthy.



Left to Right: Nancy Staniel, Secretary, Joy Aaron, Deputy Director, Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel, Carlton Curry, Esq., Executive Director, Kimberly Rotondo, PTA, Dr. John Baker PT, Board Chair, Lois Rosedom-Boyd, Consumer Member, Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator, Dr. Rhea Cohn, PT, Ved Gupta, Consumer Member, Krystal Lighty, PT, Ann Tyminsky, Former Executive Director, Consultant, Eric Jordan, Investigator, John Bull, Compliance Manager, Investigator. Sitting: Brett Felter, Staff Attorney Not present: Lori Mizell, PT, Vice Chair, Dr. Donald Novak, PT

Continuing Competence

Krystal Lighty, PT
Board Member

The Maryland Board of Physical Therapy hosted four regional meetings during the month of June to engage licensees in the discussion of continuing competence. The power point presentation given during these regional meetings is currently located on the board's website for review. Over 600 licensees attended the meetings and provided helpful feedback related to the current continuing competence model proposal. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all licensees who participated in the public forums and shared their thoughts.

The Continuing Competence Committee has since reviewed all of the questions and suggestions posed by licensees. These were either submitted during the meetings and/or emailed to the board following the public forums. The committee has also assimilated information learned from other states who currently have a continuing competence model (North Carolina, Georgia, California). Vermont, Indiana and Michigan are currently converting to a continuing competence model, and shared their ideas and proposals during the Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy Annual Conference in September 2012.

The committee has recently partnered with the North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy and is now working to develop a more detailed document. This document will define each continuing competence activity and outline the value information linked to that activity. The committee also plans to provide detailed information

regarding what documents the licensee would need to submit in the event of an audit. By January 2013, we hope to provide licensees with a sneak peek via our website. As mentioned during the forums, finalizing the continuing competence regulations may be years away; however, we are excited about how well the process is going so far. The engagement and energy surrounding this topic

is unprecedented. We are working hard to develop a model that better reflects continuing competence and meets the goal of public protection.

"It takes a lot of courage to release the familiar and seemingly secure, to embrace the new. But there is no real security in what is no longer meaningful. There is more security in the adventurous and exciting, for in movement there is life, and in change there is power."Alan Cohe

2012 Disciplinary Actions

Entire Final Orders and Consent Orders can be viewed on our website at: www.dhmh.maryland.gov/bphte under Disciplinary Actions.

Please note that the orders can be modified by action of the Board.



Zimmerman, Scott PTA LN: A3257
Date of Order (8/21/2012)
Voluntary Surrender of License

Chapeyama, Ibrahim PT LN 21001
Date of Order (7/17/2012)
License Suspended for one year, all stayed, immediate probation for two years, \$5,000 fine

Bell III, Noel William PTA LN A1672
Date of Order (7/17/2012)
Temporarily denied application

Irani, Adil M. PT LN: 21496
Effective date of action (6/19/12)
Probation of two years. Fine of \$1000.

Yurganov, Boris PTA LN: A33178
Effective date of action (6/19/12)
Suspension of thirty days, all stayed. Probation of two years.

Goldstein, Jared S. PT LN: 19690
Date of Order (5/15/2012)
Reprimand, Fine of \$5000
Probationary period of two years.

Brown, Shelly D. PTA LN: A3141
Date of Order (5/2/12)
Summary Suspension.

Osnos, Alison PT LN: 19587
Date of Order (5/2/12)
Removed from probation effective 5/2/12.
License is active and in good standing.

Reznikov, Yefim PT LN: 19483
Date of Order (5/2/12)
Reprimand, Probationary period of two years

Zimmerman, Scott PTA LN: A3257
Date of Order (4/27/12)
Summary Suspension.

Rosener, Douglas PT LN: 18876
Reprimand (4/17/12)
\$1,000 fine

Reinhardt, David PTA, LN A1628
Date of Order (3/27/2012)
Released from probation.
License is active and in good standing.

Burns, Jessica PTA, LN: A3343
Date of Order (02/21/2012)
Released from probation.
License is active and in good standing.

Ekhtator, Cassius PTA Applicant
Date of Order (2/21/2012)
Application for License Denied.

Macauley, Florence PTA, LN: A3193
Date of Order (02/21/2012)
\$500 Fine.

Jones, Rhoda R. PTA, LN: A2744
Date of Order (02/21/2012)
Consent Order of Reinstatement

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BOARD MEETINGS

January 17, 2012	May 15, 2012	September 18, 2012
February 21, 2012	June 19, 2012	October 15, 2012
March 20, 2012	July 17, 2012	November 27, 2012
April 17, 2012	August 21, 2012	December 18, 2012

The Open Session of the Board meeting is open to the public

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