



MARYLAND
Department of Health
Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

January 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:58 a.m. by Board Chair, Krystal Lighty.

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:45 p.m. to engage in medical review committee deliberations regarding confidential information in applications for licensure and discuss other privileged matters in accordance with 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:

Stephen Baur, PT

Michelle Finnegan, PT

Karen Gordes, PT

Meredith Levert, Consumer Member

Krystal Lighty, PT

Donna Richmond, Consumer Member

Kimberly Rotondo, PTA

Board Members Absent:

Sumesh Thomas, PT

Also Present:

Carlton Curry, Executive Director

Joy Aaron, Deputy Director

Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel

John Bull, Compliance Manager/ Investigator

Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator

Michelle Cutkelvin, Board Secretary

Patricia Miller, Board Secretary

<p>Board Chair, Krystal Lighty welcome Board Members.</p>	<p>Welcome</p>
<p>The minutes of the meeting held on December 19, 2017 were approved.</p>	<p>Minutes</p>
<p>Carlton Curry states that there is a three week target for licensing, however with the online licensure system the Board has an 85% completion rate within ten calendars days. Mr. Curry thanked Joy Aaron, Deborah Jackson, John Bull, Patricia Miller and Michelle Cutkelvin for their work with implementing the new system.</p>	<p>Successes</p>
<p>Ms. Lighty states the goals for 2017 included pediatrics, dry needling, telehealth and continuing education. She states that a large part of the 2017 agenda was pediatrics, which should be noted as a success. Kimberly Rotondo, Board Member and Katharine Stout, former Board Member attended training and as a result the Board outlined how the standing regulations support and speak to pediatrics.</p>	
<p>Ms. Lighty states that it was the intent of the Board to meet with the Occupational Therapy Board to collaborate on telehealth. She states that Dry Needling was another 2017 success. In addition continuing competence will be counted as a success as soon as the online jurisprudence is completed. The change to the Board’s administrative process for investigations is another success. John Bull, compliance manger states that the new system has yielded fewer investigations. The Board plans to reevaluate the need for a disciplinary committee in June 2018.</p>	
<p>Mr. Curry states that he has a conference call scheduled with the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy later today. Electronic License Verifications are in progress. Mr. Curry states that a “primary source” statement will be added to the verification. He states there is a fiscal impact of \$18,000 which is an estimated average of 720 verifications. Board Chair, Krystal Lighty asks for a timeline. Mr. Curry states April 1, 2018 as the effective date for electronic verifications. He states the following will be accomplished before the launch: additional disciplinary information fields added to the database, a direct link to public orders, enlarge “primary source” and communication with other boards and jurisdictions.</p>	<p>Works in Progress -A Electronic Licensure Verification</p>
<p>Mr. Curry states that the RFP for the Electronic Jurisprudence is now with the Attorney General Office for review. He proposed beta testing the system with new applicants.</p>	<p>Works in Progress -B Electronic Jurisprudence Verification</p>
<p>Mr. Curry states that Desiree Devoe, Investigator has left the Board of Physical Therapy. He states the request to reclassify the investigator position was denied. In addition Kristen Neville’s position as Legislative Liaison, has not been filled as yet. Mr. Curry states that he will be acting as the interim liaison and reviewing bills daily.</p>	<p>Works in Progress -C Personnel</p>
<p>The Board voted that they are aware that Carlton Curry is responsible for the fiscal and fiduciary aspects of the Board.</p>	<p>2018 Critical Areas of Focus – A Fiscal and Fiduciary Responsibilities</p>
<p>The Board voted to request an amendment of the effective date for registering for the current Dry Needling regulation from June 2018 to January 2019. This will allow the</p>	<p>2018 Critical Areas of Focus –B Dry Needling</p>

Board time to formalize FAQs and course sponsor details. Brett Felter, Board Counsel states that the regulations for Dry Needling are in effect. He suggest keeping June 2018 as the *go live* date and begin registration for licensees before January 1, 2019. Mr. Curry states that the change is in the interest of the Board, protects the public and is fair to licensees. Michelle Finnegan, Board member states that having both processes will be helpful.

2018 Critical Areas of Focus –B Dry Needling

Regulatory Review Committee is comprised of Kimberly Rotondo, Sumesh Thomas, Michelle Finnegan and Krystal Lighty (Ex Ofico). The committee will meet before board meeting.

2018 Critical Areas of Focus –C Regulatory Review

Carlton Curry states that he is prepared to send out a reminder “e-blast” about Dry Needling and the regulatory review. The date and location for the town hall meeting is to be determined, however the Board is aiming for April 2018 and in Montgomery County as a central location.

The Board discussed the following areas for critical focus in 2018: Continuing Competence, Board collaboration, public engagement, Physical Therapy Board Q & A basics, health fair, data driven gap analysis – comparison of charges and complaints, year-end reports using infographics, and telehealth. The following items the Board has tabled: committee for disciplinary review, public brochure follow up (3/30/2018), discipline data reports (3/30/2018), and changes to ease process (4/2018).

Critical Areas of Focus

Kimberly Rotondo, Vice Chair apprised the Board of Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford’s meeting. She states the focus will be on transportation, the opioid crisis, finding more ways to decrease pain without prescribing pain medication and revamping the procurement system. Ms. Rotondo states that the new Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health as of January 6, 2018 is Robert Neall. Former Secretary Dennis Schrader, current Chief Operating Officer & Medicaid Director and Webster Ye, Director of Governmental Affairs offered their office for assistance and increased staff support.

Legislative Update

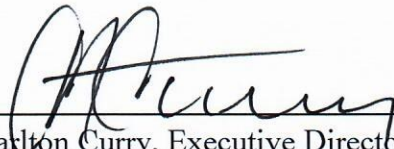
The Regulatory Review Committee will meet at 11:00 a.m. in February, March, and April on the scheduled Board meeting days. In addition, the Dry Needling Committee will meet in March, April (virtually), May and June at 11:00 a.m.

Open Discussion

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The board meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlton Curry, Executive Director

17 April 2018
Date Approved



Krystal Lighty, PT, Chairperson