



MARYLAND
Department of Health
Board Of Physical Therapy Examiners

BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES

June 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Board Chair, Kimberly Rotondo.

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 1:50 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.

Stephen Baur, PT

Michelle Finnegan, PT

Karen Gordes, PT

Donna Richmond, Consumer Member

Kimberly Rotondo, PTA

Sumesh Thomas, PT

Board Members Absent:

Rebecca Holsinger, PT

Meredith Levert, Consumer Member

Also Present:

Carlton Curry, Executive Director

Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel

Andrew Rosenfield, Investigator

Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator

Patricia Miller, Board Secretary

Michelle Cutkelvin, Board Secretary

Eric Hebron, Administrative Specialist

Also Absent:

John Bull, Compliance Manager/ Investigator

Guests:

Kelly Brakiwa, PTA Student, Howard Community College

Kim Lang, Director of Boards and Commissions

Lillian Reese, Legislative and Regulations Coordinator

JD Sheppard, APTA of Maryland

Board Chair, Kimberly Rotondo welcomed Board Members and guests. Board Members and staff introduced themselves. Welcome

The minutes of the meeting held on May 15, 2018 were approved with amendments. Minutes

Carlton Curry Executive Director apprised the Board that the regulations review is completed and the proposed changes will be available for review at the next Board meeting. Mr. Curry states that the dry needling document available on the Boards website provided clarity for frequently asked questions. Legislature Updates

Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator gave the licensure report. Licensure Update

A licensee is seeking clarification on whether a physical therapist practicing in Home Health may develop the Home Health Aide (HHA) care plan and supervise the care provided according to the CMS Conditions of Participation. Specifically, can they supervise the care provided by the home health aide using general supervision, for example, both when the aide is present as well as when not present? The Board's response is that it cannot opine on CMS requirements and the matter was referred the Board of Nursing. Scope of Practice Y. Buford

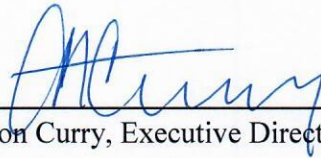
A licensee is seeking clarification on laser therapy class 4. The licensee states he is looking into the provision of laser therapy class 4 to patients and wanted to be sure he would be doing so within the scope and treating modality safely and correctly. Is this a modality that is considered in the PT scope of practice? Does all training have to be provided by the manufacturer or can we utilize clinicians that have been deemed competent by the manufacturer for training additional staff members? Can a PTA provide this treatment as part of the PTs care plan? Some physician offices are utilizing non-professional staff to assist with providing the services in suite with them, can this model be adopted by PTs if the patient is referred by a physician? The Board has tabled their response. Mr. Curry will survey other Physical Therapy Boards at the upcoming leadership issues forum. Scope of Practice C. Cunningham,

Mr. Curry apprised the Board that Dr. Sheldon and Dr. Russ are not available to present to the Board, however Dr. Russ is available to meet electronically. In addition, Mr. Curry states the results of a recent trend analysis show a significant increase in CEU Strategic Planning

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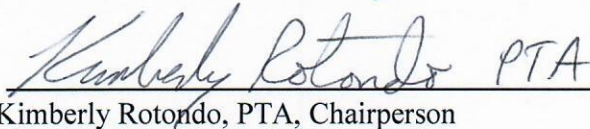
The board meeting was adjourned at 2:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlton Curry, Executive Director

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Date Approved

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Kimberly Rotondo, PTA, Chairperson

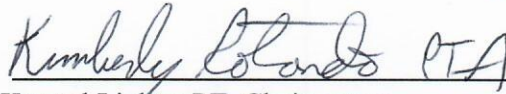
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Krystal Lighty, PT, Chairperson