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*Board of Physical Therapy Examiners*

**BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES**

**October 18, 2016**

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

Call to Order

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 2:52 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  
Rhea Cohn, PT  
Meredith Levert, Consumer Member  
Krystal Lighty, PT  
Donna Richmond, Consumer Member  
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA  
Katharine Stout, PT  
Sumesh Thomas, PT

**Also Present:**

Carlton Curry, Executive Director  
Joy Aaron, Deputy Director  
John Bull, Compliance Manger/ Investigator  
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel  
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator  
Desiree DeVoe, Investigator  
Patricia Miller, Secretary  
Michelle Cutkelvin, Board Secretary

**Guests:**

Kristen Neville, Legislative Specialist

Board Chair, Krystal Lighty welcomed Board Members and new Board Member Donna Richmond.	Welcome
The minutes of the meeting held on September 20, 2016 were approved.	Minutes
Carlton Curry, Executive Director apprised the Board that Secretary Van Mitchell has signed the proposed Dry Needling bill which is now with AELR, the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive & Legislative Review. Mr. Curry states that the North Carolina Dental Workgroup meeting has been going well and the next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2016. Mr. Curry states that Secretary Mitchell has submitted a proposed bill to the Governor to reconfigure the Health Occupations Boards. A meeting is scheduled on November 17 <sup>th</sup> with Board Chairs and Executives.	Legislative Update
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator gave the licensure report.	Licensure Update
David Thomas, PTA Program Director at Anne Arundel Community College requested feedback on PTA documentation. Can a PTA document that a specific physical therapy goal is “achieved” and use this exact terminology? He states that they are transitioning to an electronic medical record (EMR) system within the PTA program. <i>The Board’s response is a PTA cannot complete assessments.</i>	Scope of Practice, David Thomas, PT
The Board discussed the alternate approval process with FSBPT. Krystal Lighty notes there is a possible complexity and conflict with the regulations. The Board tabled their discussion. Mr. Curry will get more information and invite an FSBPT representative to a Board meeting.	FSBPT Alternate Approval Process
The Board discussed Course Work Tool 6. The Board tabled their decision until the entire Course Work Tool 6 is available for review.	Course Work Tool
The FSBPT 2016 Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 3-5, 2016. Krystal Lighty, Steven Baur, Katharine Stout and Carlton Curry will be attending the meeting.	FSBPT 2016 Annual Meeting
Kristen Handy, requested feedback on Integrative Manual Therapy. She asks for clarification on whether this technique would be considered compliant with the physical therapy scope. The Board’s response is to exercise sound professional judgement and work within scope of competency per COMAR 10.38.03.02A(2).	Scope of Practice, Kristen Handy
Katharine Stout and Kimberly Rotondo apprised the Board of their pediatric physical therapy course. Ms. Stout and Ms. Rotondo will finalize a document for the newsletter and circulation.	Pediatric PT, Katharine Stout & Kimberly Rotondo
Mr. Curry has a meeting with Henry Harle, Lead Network Specialist to discuss the jurisprudence proposals. Online applications are slated to go live on November 1, 2016. Mr. Harle is in the process of loading the applications to the server. The goal is to do away with paper applications.	Strategic Planning

Mr. Curry proposes changing the meeting date for Board meeting in January to January 24, 2016.

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

*'Diner with a Doctor: Equestrian Medicine and Considerations'*.

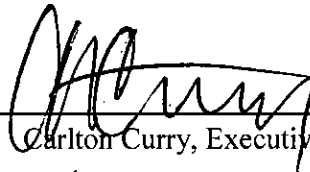
The Board voted to **deny** the following CEU course applications:

*'Sports Massage: Enhancing Training, Participation and Recovery for Today's Athlete'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'Aging and Exercise: Considerations and Special Needs of Older Clients'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice and *'Research for Allied Health Professionals'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; *'PHI Pilates Reformer Foundations I Training'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice and *'PHI Pilates Mat Level I & II Training'* because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice.

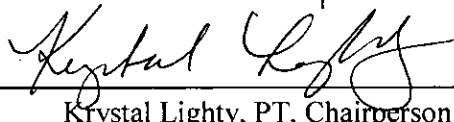
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The board meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlton Curry, Executive Director



Krystal Lighty, PT, Chairperson

11/15/16  
Date Approved