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*Board of Physical Therapy Examiners*

**BOARD MEETING OPEN MINUTES**

**September 19, 2017**

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

Call to Order

There was a motion and a second to close the open session at 3:01 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  
Sumesh Thomas, PT

**Board Members Absent:**

Donna Richmond, Consumer Member  
Kimberly Rotondo, PTA

**Also Present:**

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

**Also Absent:**

Patricia Miller, Secretary

**Guests:**

Sharon Bloom  
Caroline Queale, PT

Board Chair, Krystal Lighty welcomed new Board Members and guests.	Welcome
The minutes of the meeting held on July 18, 2017 were approved with corrections.	Minutes
Carlton Curry, Executive Director apprised the Board of APTA issues to be addressed, which included the following: expanding the scope of Athletic Trainers, Physical Therapy Licensure Compact, Dry Needling, Board mergers and acquisitions as a result of NC Dental. Mr. Curry states that Kristen Neville is in Annapolis and excused for the meeting. He states that there may be a bill that changes how Board Members are chosen.	Legislative Update
Krystal Lighty and Kimberly Rotondo were chosen to complete the Open Meetings Act Training.	Open Meetings Act
Mr. Curry states that he will create a graph to further expound on fiscal items. Sumesh Thomas, Board Member congratulated Mr. Curry for his keeping the Board's funds. Mr. Thomas asks about the timeline for hiring additional staff. Mr. Curry states that the request was denied. Stephen Baur, Board Member asks if the surplus is at risk? Mr. Curry responded yes, if the Boards are consolidated. Mr. Curry states that there is a goal to implement a new board-wide licensure database system in which case funds would then be used. Mr. Thomas requested a recap on the Board's strategic plan. Mr. Curry states that the Board is on task for the RFP for October 2017. He states that the Board planned for more staff and additional conferences.	Fiscal Summary
Deborah Jackson, Licensing Coordinator gave the licensure report. The Board requested a graphic report comparing applicant licensure by exam, transfer and endorsement.	Licensure Update
Caroline Queale, PT requests clarification on participation in providing care at special events and promotions. She states Physical Therapist are often asked to be present at an event, like a race, to provide stretching and tissue work before/after the race. She is not sure if PTs are allowed to do this as they would not be performing a thorough history and evaluation first. The Boards response is if a physical therapist is performing treatment there must be an evaluation beforehand.	Scope of Practice, Carline Queale
As a point of clarification, FSBPT Procort attendees must be interactive with the instructor.	FSBPT Procort Guidance
Justin Elliot asks for clarification on a Dry Needling course. The Boards response is because Part 1 of the course is recorded therefore it is not applicable toward the required 40 hours of training for Dry Needling, however it can be used for credit for Continuing Education. The Board states that Part 2 of this course can be used for Dry Needling credit.	APTA Dry Needling Course, Justin Elliot, PT

The application for the physical therapy corporation name, Care Ready, was approved by the Board.

Corporation  
Name Approval,  
Lanita Mack, PT

Mr. Curry states that an adhoc committee is needed to modify and review the regulations. Board members Sumesh Thomas, Stephen Baur and Michelle Finnegan volunteer for the committee.

Practice Act  
Review

The Board reviewed question #6 & #12 on the current renewal and new licensee application. The Board agrees to change the renewal application question.

Application  
Questions

Krystal Lighty, suggests dry needling questions go before the Dry Needling Committee prior to the Board Meeting.

Dry Needling  
FAQs

Dry Needling Myopain Seminar agenda item has been tabled for the next Dry Needling Committee meeting.

Dry Needling  
Myopain  
Seminars

Mr. Curry states that he is working thru the RPF process which is very arduous.

Strategic  
Planning

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

*'Death and Dying: Attitudes, Causes, Process & Measures', 'Upper Quadrant Dry Needling', 'Creating a Culture for Student Success During Clinical Internships' and 'Lead ECG'.*

Continuing  
Education

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

*'Marfan Syndrome: Inherited Disorder Has Far- Reaching Effects' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; 'FMS Level 1 Online Course' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; 'NDVMI: New Dimensions in Visceral Manipulation 1' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; 'Sports Nutrition: Evidence – based Guidelines & Practical Application'; 'Nourishing Wisdom for Elders in Health and Disease' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice; 'Endurance Event Coverage' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice and 'Manual Therapy for Instant Relief' because the course is not substantially related to the PT practice.*

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The board meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



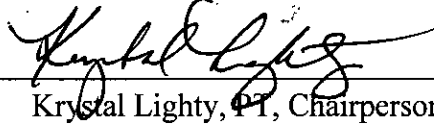
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Carlton Curry, Executive Director

11/21/2017

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Date Approved



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Krystal Lighty, PI, Chairperson