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A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey, in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th Floor, on Tuesday April 22, 2014. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. **Karen Wilk, Chairperson of the Board**, called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

BARBARA J. BEHRENS, P.T.A.	Present
DAVID BERTONE, P.T.	Present
JEAN BICKAL, ESQ	Present
MARY B. BROWNE, P.T.	Present
NANCY KIRSCH, P.T.	Present
CINDY MOORE, P.T.	Present
BETH SARFATY, P.T.	Present
KAREN WILK, P.T.	Present

Also present were: **John Hugelmeyer, Deputy Attorney General; Lisa Tadeo, Executive Director**

Members of the public: Cathy Chin, representative of Select Medical; Daniel Klim, Executive Director of the APTA-NJ; Jessica Fulmer, PT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Fulmer asked the Board if advertising in the geographical area of where the course is being offered by a sponsor is acceptable as well as placing notification on the sponsor's website. The Board informed Ms. Fulmer that it is acceptable.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2014 BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Barbara J. Behrens to accept the minutes of the March 25, 2014 Board meeting as amended. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Continuing Education Course Reviewers' Recommendations

Nancy Kirsch recused herself as she is employed by Rutgers.

The Board reviewed the recommendations of the course reviewers at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, formerly the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), for continuing education courses submitted by sponsors for the Board's approval. A motion was made by Mary Browne and seconded by Barbara J. Behrens to accept the course reviewer's recommendations as presented. The 57 approved courses will be posted on the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners' website. Two courses were denied, as they did not meet all the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9 et. seq. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Inquiry from Hyungeun Kim RE: Test of English as a Foreign Language

Mr. Kim ask the Board for a waiver of the Test of English as a Foreign Language as he achieved an advanced Master's degree in physical therapy from a University in the United States.

A motion was made by Mary Browne and seconded by Barbara J. Behrens to deny Mr. Kim's waiver request. Mr. Kim must take and pass all sections of the TOEFL pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:39A-5.7 as he received his entry level physical therapy degree from a foreign educational institution. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Inquiry from Dina Schorling, PTA RE: Pulsed Lavage

Ms. Schorling inquired whether a physical therapist assistant is allowed to do pulsed lavage.

A motion was made by Barbara J. Behrens and seconded by Cindy Moore to advise Ms. Schorling that it is within the scope of practice for a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant to do pulsed lavage provided they are trained and competent in the technique. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion with Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst RE: - Veteran Education

A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Jean Bickal to accept the additional language of the draft regulation regarding veterans receiving credit towards licensure for education, training, and experience received while serving as a member of the Armed Forces. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- B. Response from Shawn Mollin, PT
RE: Telemedicine

Mr. Mollin wrote the Board to inquire about the feasibility of practicing physical therapy via telemedicine. He indicated that he would like to develop software that would allow a therapist to teach self-management principles to patients via telemedicine. The Board advised Mr. Mollin that practicing physical therapy via telemedicine is not permitted by the statutes and regulations governing the practice of physical therapy.

Mr. Mollin asked the Board if there was an appeal process. Mr. Mollin also asked the Board where in the statutes and regulations that this is not permitted.

A motion was made by Cindy Moore and seconded by David Bertone to inform Mr. Mollin that he should seek advice from an attorney concerning the process of an appeal. The Board will also inform Mr. Mollin that N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.13 and N.J.A.C. 13:39-2.1 requires an examination, evaluation and diagnosis as well as therapeutic intervention. There must be rendering of care in conjunction with education, therefore, telemedicine is not permitted. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VII. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- A. Resignation letter from Susan Quick New Jersey Board of Physical Therapy Examiners Board Member

Upon a motion made by Barbara J. Behrens and seconded by Mary Browne, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss the following matters involving investigations of violations of the Board's enabling act, the Uniform Enforcement Act and/or Board regulations.

1. Nine matters filed with the Board, which require review and additional recommendations with regard to investigations and/or disciplinary actions.
2. Five matters where additional information has been submitted to the Board concerning pending investigations.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1. Garima Kalra
2. Vinit Kotheekar
3. Riya Codha
4. Sonam Marwaha
5. Ankita Patel
6. Minette Fernandez
7. Michelle Nogas
8. Jannick Vielleuse
9. Ravi Shah
10. Hellyna Patel
11. Jojo George
12. Mitesh Bhavsar
13. Dencel Polintan

14. Magarajan Mohan
15. Sheril L. Turquio
16. Carlo Respicio

APPLICATIONS NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1. Tejal Narkhede
2. Arrie Estigoy
3. Jyoti Shekhar
4. Mansi Shah
5. Maricar Magcaling
6. Mirela Radovanovic
7. Krishnani Murlidhar

ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Jean Bickal to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 P.M. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Tadeo
Executive Director