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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 December 17, 2013. 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 9:45 A.M. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

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

Also present were: **John Hugelmeyer, Deputy Attorney General; Terri Goldberg, Assistant Deputy Director; Gerard Tobia, Board Staff**

Members of the public: Jessica Fulmino, PT; Cathy Chin, representative of Select Medical; Brian Mason, PT, representative of the APTA-NJ; David Gluck, Grandison Management

No comments from the public.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2013 BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Barbara J. Behrens to accept the minutes of the October 22, 2013 Board meeting as amended. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2014

Terri Goldberg, Assistant Deputy Director, took the chair to conduct the election of Board Officers for 2014.

Ms. Goldberg called for nominations for Chairperson and a motion was made by Barbara Behrens and seconded by Cindy Moore to nominate Karen Wilk for Chairperson of the Board for 2014. Ms. Goldberg called for further nominations and there were none. Barbara Behrens made a motion, seconded by Cindy Moore to close the nominations and elect Karen Wilk Chairperson of the Board by acclamation. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Ms. Goldberg called for nominations for Vice Chairperson and a motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Cindy Moore to nominate Barbara J. Behrens for Vice Chairperson of the Board for 2014. Ms. Goldberg called for further nominations and there were none. Nancy Kirsch then made a motion, seconded by Cindy Moore to close the nominations and elect Barbara J. Behrens Vice President of the Board by acclamation. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Ms. Goldberg called for nominations for Secretary and a motion was made by Mary Browne and seconded by Nancy Kirsch to nominate Cindy Moore for Secretary of the Board for 2014. Ms. Goldberg called for further nominations and there were none. Mary Browne then made a motion, seconded by Nancy Kirsch to close the nominations and elect Cindy Moore Secretary of the Board by acclamation. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

B. Inquiry from Shawn Mollin, PT RE: Telemedicine

Mr. Mollin wrote the Board to inquire about the feasibility of practicing Physical Therapy via telemedicine. He indicates that he would like to develop software that would allow a therapist to teach self-management principles to patients via telemedicine. This matter was tabled until the January 28, 2014 Board Meeting.

C. Inquiry from Kari Walsh, PTA RE: Scope of Practice

Ms. Walsh wrote the Board to inquire whether or not physical therapist assistants performing functional outcome measurement tests such as TUG, gait speed, and chair rise are within the guidelines for physical therapist assistants to perform or are they considered evaluations.

A motion was made by Barbara Behrens and seconded by Cindy Moore to advise Ms. Walsh she can perform these tests and measures and it is within the scope of practice of a physical therapist assistant. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- D. Inquiry from MaryLouise Jani, PT, MS, PCS, C/NDT
RE: 2014 Special Olympics

Ms. Jani wrote the Board to ask it to recognize an emergency situation to allow physical therapists and physical therapist assistants who are licensed in other states to participate in the FunFitness screenings to be held as part of the Special Olympics USA Games in June 2014 in Mercer County, New Jersey.

A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by Mary Browne to advise Ms. Jani that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.29, (Issuance of temporary license), the Board will grant physical therapists and physical therapist assistants a temporary license to practice physical therapy or act as a physical therapist assistant in this State if they are qualified, in the judgement of the Board, to practice as a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, and they provide evidence that they are in the State on a temporary basis to engage in a special project approved by the Board relating to physical therapy practice. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- E. Inquiry from Ann Crandall
RE: Course Approval

Ms. Crandall wrote the Board to inquire whether or not the course "An Introduction to Vestibular Rehabilitation," which includes a pre/post test that has been revised would affect their course approval in any way.

A motion was made by Cindy Moore and seconded by Barbara Behrens to advise Ms. Crandall that the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners will accept the course change. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- F. Inquiry from Field Jerger, LLP
RE: Dry Needling

The Board reviewed this and considered it informational.

- G. Discussion with Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst
RE: Scope of Practice and Maintenance of Health Proposal

The Board met with Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst to discuss proposed authorized practice by a licensed physical therapist. Pursuant to proposed N.J.A.C. 13:39A-2.2, a licensed physical therapist may provide treatments that reduce the risk of injury, impairment, functional limitation or disability. Such treatments would include practices that promote and maintain fitness, health and wellness.

A motion was made by David Bertone and seconded by Beth Sarfaty to accept the proposed changes to N.J.A.C. 13:39A-2.2 as presented. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- H. Discussion with Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst
RE: Corporate Practice Proposal

This matter was tabled until the January 28, 2014 Board Meeting.

III. Continuing Education Course Reviewer's Recommendations

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 Behrens to accept the course reviewer's recommendations as presented. The 63 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.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Request for Proposal
RE: Jurisprudence Education and Examination

The Board reviewed a draft proposal prepared by Nancy Kirsch to advise the public that the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners' is now accepting proposals to develop, design and launch a jurisprudence learning assessment that will be case-based and designed to be 90 minutes long.

A motion was made by Nancy Kirsch and seconded by David Bertone to advise the public that the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners is accepting proposals for an on-line jurisprudence examination. Jurisprudence guidelines are available to assist in the development of the course. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- B. Consent Order filed October 29, 2013
In the Matter of Charles Swinkin, PT

The Board filed a Consent Order on October 29, 2013 in the matter of Charles Swinkin, PT
The Board considers this matter to be concluded.

V. INFORMATION

- A. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
RE: Proposed NPTE Eligibility Requirements

The Board reviewed the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy proposed NPTE eligibility requirements and considered it informational.

- B. National Physical Therapy Examination
RE: Comment Summary and Candidate Satisfaction Survey Report

The Board reviewed the National Physical Therapy Examination Comment Summary and Candidate Satisfaction Survey Report and considered it informational.

- C. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy
RE: October 2013 News Brief

The Board reviewed the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy October 2013 News Brief and considered it informational.

Upon a motion made by Barbara Behrens and seconded by Nancy Kirsch, 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. Two matters filed with the Board, which require review and additional recommendations with regard to investigations and/or disciplinary actions.
2. Four matters where additional information has been submitted to the Board concerning pending investigations.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1. Pooja Mehta
2. Khushbu Nayak
3. Ekta Arora
4. Swathi Balantrapu
5. Cinderella Abdullah
6. Jennifer Alindogan
7. Marie Chua
8. Rhea Marie Corpuz
9. Shikha Sharma
10. Darilyn Maningas
11. Eun Oh
12. Pallavi Ranwadkar
13. Jill Rosenstock
14. Dorothy Machado
15. Geetaben Patel
16. Rutvi Mehta

APPLICATIONS NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1. Iwona Stocki
2. Ravi Shah
3. Hinal Patel
4. Kinjai Markana

ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by Jean Bickal and seconded by Nancy Kirsch to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 P.M. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.