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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY JUNE 30, 2009 MEETING

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Physical Therapy met in regular session June 30, 2009, at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 5, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

David Perry, L.P.T., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Andrew G. May, P.T.  
Ginger Smietana, Public Member  
Mecha Crockett, Public Member  
Linda Thomas-Pilarczyk, Public Member  
Elizabeth Mostrom, P.T.  
David Perry, P.T., Chairperson

**Members Absent:** Vijay Kumar, P.T., Vice Chairperson  
Jill A. Marlan, P.T.  
Sandra Austin, Public Member

**Staff Present:** Bonnie Curtis, Secretary  
Amy Shell, Manager, Licensing Division  
Todd Cohan, Assistant Attorney General  
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division

**Others Present:** Beata Japodgohman

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** by Mostrom, seconded by May, to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2009 meeting with the following amendments:

Under **OLD BUSINESS, Dry Needling**, change MAPT to **MPTA**; after the last paragraph, add "**Ramsdell stated she will develop FAQs to address this issue.**"

Under **OLD BUSINESS, Continuing Professional Development**, change PTA's to **PTA licensure**.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** by May, seconded by Mostrom, to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

Under **NEW BUSINESS**, move **A. Administrative Rules** to after **G. Department Update**.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **RULES COMMITTEE**

Mostrom reported that the committee met in Lansing on May 12 and by conference call on June 24 to work on developing rules to implement the new licensure law for physical therapist assistants (PTA).

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Perry asked board members to volunteer for this committee. May, Marlan and Crockett volunteered and May will serve as the chair.

### **CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Perry reported that he has reviewed 4-5 complaints since the April meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APTA UPDATE – CODE OF ETHICS**

Perry reported that at the APTA annual meeting, the House of Delegates voted on and adopted a new code of ethics that will be posted on its website.

#### **FSBPT UPDATE**

Ramsdell reported that the annual meeting of the FSBPT will be held October 1-4, 2009 in San Diego, California.

Perry stated that the FSBPT will provide funds for one (1) board member and one (1) administrator to attend.

#### **JURISPRUDENCE EXAM**

Perry reported that new administrative rules went into effect on May 15, 2009 and that the exam will need to be updated to reflect those changes.

#### **FAQs**

Ramsdell stated that she will prepare FAQs regarding Dry Needling and will post them on the Bureau's website following Board review.

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Perry reported that SB 151 regarding PTA licensure was signed by Governor Granholm on June 25, 2009 and that the Board now has to develop administrative rules to implement the law. Perry also stated that the MPTA is monitoring the Chiropractic scope of practice bills.

#### **DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Ramsdell reported that after legislation passed on PTA licensure a question arose concerning whether PTA's can do assessments to determine if a person needs a wheelchair. Perry stated that would be considered an evaluation which can only be performed by a licensed physical therapist.

Ramsdell reported that the administrative rules regarding PTA licensure will soon be ready for the Board to review and suggested scheduling a Board meeting in August or early September in order to get the rules moving through the process in a timely manner.

The consensus of the members present was to hold a meeting on August 25, 2009.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

Mostrom reported that the rules committee decided not to include Continuing Professional Development in the rules draft in order to not delay implementation of the rules for PTA licensure.

Mostrom then reviewed the areas of the rules that are being updated.

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Japodgohman expressed her opinion on the discussion of the proposed rules regarding supervision. She stated that it will be difficult to supervise more than two (2) individuals.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held August 25, 2009 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by Mostrom, seconded by May, to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

  
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David Perry, L.P.T., Chairperson

8/25/09  
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Date Minutes Approved

  
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Bonnie Curtis, Secretary

6-30-09  
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Date Minutes Prepared