

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 14, 2012

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Physical Therapy was called to order at 8:30 am on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

Michael Noonan

Donald Levine

Renee C. Van Couyghen

Carol Sepe

Carl C. DiRobbio, MD

Laurie Scripsack

Board members not in attendance:

Staff members in attendance:

J. Michel Martineau

Ms. Julie A., and Ms. Julie K. visited the meeting, board members introduced themselves and welcomed them to ask questions.

Board members revisited the matter of dry needling for intramuscular therapy. A board member questioned if it pertained to other professions, including Acupuncturist. The board administrator related guidance from Atty. Tom Corrigan stating the use of a needle by one profession does not preclude a different profession from having a different use for a needle. Board members comment dry needling is within their scope of practice provided the licensed professional is comfortable trained and has appropriate background knowledge. For licensed physical therapists that are not qualified there are educational seminars they may sign up for and gain the required background and training.

Based on the inconvenience of the parking lot gates being locked, Dr. DiRobbio motions to change the time of future meetings to 8:45, seconded by Dr. Levine; it was unanimously voted to pass.

Members reviewed a communication fro FSBPT addressing fixed testing dates for 2012, also an update on ADA Testing noting the standard may be changing.

The minutes of the open session held on December 13, 2011 were presented. A motion to accept the Minutes as presented was made by Dr. DiRobbio, seconded by Dr. Levine; it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes. The minutes of the closed session held on December 13, 2011 were presented. On motion by Dr. DiRobbio, seconded by Dr. Levine, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Carol Sepe, seconded by Laurie Scripsack, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island Generals Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 9:05 am.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 10:05 am. On motion of Michael Noonan, seconded by Dr. Levine, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Closed Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of Dr. DiRobbio, MD, seconded

by Carol Sepe, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michel Martineau

Administrator, Health Professions