

# **BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**December 11, 2012**

### **Open Session**

**The Open Session of the Board of Physical Therapy was called to order at 8:45 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: Board members not in attendance:**

**Michael Noonan Laurie Scripsack**

**Carol Sepe**

**Renee C. Van Couyghen**

**Carl C. DiRobbio, MD Staff members in attendance:**

**Donald Levine J. Michel Martineau**

**Maureen Slowik**

**Board members review the Open Session agenda.**

### **Adjournment to Executive Session**

**On motion of Dr. Donald Levine, seconded by Carol Sepe, it was**

**unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 8:48 am.**

### **Return to Open Session**

**The Open Session was called back to order at 8:59 am. On motion of Michael Noonan, seconded by Carol Sepe, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.**

**The minutes of the open session held on October 9, 2012 were presented. A motion to accept the Minutes was made by Carol Sepe, seconded by Michael Noonan; it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes. The minutes of the Executive Session held on October 9, 2012 were presented. A motion to accept the Minutes made by Carol Sepe, seconded by Michael Noonan, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes.**

**Members discuss the need to accommodate colleagues licensed in another state seeking to participate in a Fellowship program attached to a university program in RI. The administrator suggests these individuals may be best to apply for a RI license by Endorsement; this may be the most efficient and appropriate way to address this matter.**

**Members note Dr. Peter Blanpied from the University of RI has expressed interest in this matter and has provided useful background information relating to Hawaii and Georgia who already have a process in place to address this matter, members direct the administrator to invite Dr. Blanpied to the next board meeting to discuss the same.**

**Members review a communication seeking input on the subject of Telehealth involving the practice of PT in RI. Members indicate Telehealth is not relevant to RI. Members direct the administrator to inquire of the requestor, how is Telehealth done in other states, what are the parameters, and how would the PT give a quality evaluation.**

### **Adjournment**

**Having no further business, on motion of Dr. Carl DiRobbio, seconded by Michael Noonan, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 am.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**J. Michel Martineau**

**Administrator, Health Professions**