

# **RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PHYSICAL THERAPY**

**February 12, 2013**

**The Open Session of the Board of Physical Therapy was called to order at 8:55 a.m. on the above date in Room 104, 3 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:**

**Carl DiRobbio, MD**

**Donald Levine**

**Michael Noonan**

**Carol Sepe**

## **Board Member not attendance:**

**Laurie Scripsack**

## **Staff Members in attendance:**

**Maureen Slowik**

## **Adjournment to Executive Session**

**On a motion by Donald Levine, seconded by Michael Noonan, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) of the RI General Laws, as amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed.**

## **Adjournment of Executive Session and Return of Open Session**

**On a motion of Carol Sepe, seconded by Dr. DiRobbio, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the Executive Session and to keep all matters discussed therein confidential, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-45-5 (1) of the Rhode Island General Laws as amended. The Executive Session was adjourned and returned to Open Session.**

## **Return to Open Session**

**Minutes from the December 11, 2012 were reviewed. On a motion by Dr. DiRobbio, seconded by Donald Levine, it was unanimously voted to accept the Open Session Minutes as presented.**

**Peter Blanpied, PhD, from the University of Rhode Island came in to speak with the Board regarding fellowships in our State. Dr. Blanpied advised the Board that he is the only Fellow in Rhode Island (for manual therapy). The proposed fellowship could be as short as one (1) week up and could last up to three (3) years. We would have to make changes to the Practice Act in order to accommodate fellowships. Currently Rhode Island does not allow for a temporary license for physical therapy. The Board decided to table this issue for now.**

**We had several inquiries via email regarding scope of practice for Physical Therapy.**

**Stephanie Wiley, student at Howard University asking about dry needling. PT's who have been trained for this procedure can do dry needling, however, PTA's cannot.**

**Jeffrey Rosa, PT Board in Ohio asking whether our Practice Act allows a PT to make a diagnosis. Our Practice Act does not disallow, however, typically the PT diagnosis is based on an evaluation of movement and function.**

**Ann Fick, DPT, PT Program at Maryville University inquired about PT's using titration of oxygen. Our answer was that it would be allowed only within the medical order.**

**Bert Reid was asking about the policy regarding single use PT electrical stimulation electrode adhesive pads. Our answer is that for patient safety and infection control, each patient has his/her own set that is kept with the patient's file.**

**Adjournment**

**Meeting was adjourned at 10:15a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Maureen Slowik**

**Board Administrator**

**Health Professionals Regulation**