

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
May 19, 2015 - 9:00AM

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Stefanie Palma, PT - President
Dorothy Gaskin, PT
Chad Whitefield, PTA
Charles Bass, PT
Monty Strickland, PT
Jesse Crews, Consumer Member
Reid Lawson, PT (via teleconference)

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor

Attorney General's Office

D. Williams-McNeely, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Laurri Wallace, Physio
Robert Koester, Emory University
Tern Burner, Three Rivers
Sandy Eskew Capps, Integra Rehab/PTAG
Vicki Hill-Hoffman, Integra Rehab
Katherine Sylvester, PTAG
Natalie Slocumb, Mercer University
Amie McSwain Talcott, Jones County Board of Education

Call to Order Dr. Palma established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 9:09a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepts the agenda as presented.

9:30am - Board Rule 490-9-.03 Hearing

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
RULE FOR CHAPTER 490-9, CODE OF ETHICS, RULE 490-9-.03, PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT FOR
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS.**

Purpose: The purpose of this rule amendment is to adhere to federal and state guidelines regarding medical record documentation and setting a reasonable time frame for documentation.

Main Features: Allows for the licensed physical therapist to document treatment activities within 24 to 72 business hours.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY RULE FOR CHAPTER 490-9, CODE OF ETHICS,
RULE 490-9-.03, PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT FOR PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS.**

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

490-9-.03 Principles of Conduct for Physical Therapist Assistants.

Any individual who is licensed as a physical therapist assistant shall abide by the following ethical standards:

- (1) Act with consideration, within the scope of physical therapy, for the rights and dignity of all individuals.
 - (a) The physical therapist assistant shall hold as confidential information obtained while functioning as a physical therapist assistant.
 - (b) The physical therapist assistant shall provide optimal physical therapy care for all patients delegated by the physical therapist regardless of patient race, gender, age, religion, disability or sexual preference.
 - (c) The physical therapist assistant should be aware of the patient's physical,

psychological and socioeconomic welfare in decisions and actions taken while rendering treatment.

(d) The physical therapist assistant shall communicate and interact with patients and all persons encountered with courteous regard and timeliness.

(e) The physical therapist assistant shall not engage in any behavior that constitutes harassment or abuse of a patient, professional colleague or associate.

(2) Comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of physical therapy in the State of Georgia.

(a) Physical therapist assistants are to practice only under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

(3) Accept responsibility for the exercise of sound judgment.

(a) Upon accepting delegation from a physical therapist, the physical therapist assistant shall provide services within the plan of care established by the physical therapist.

(b) When the individual's needs are beyond the scope of the physical therapist assistant's expertise, the physical therapist assistant shall inform the supervising physical therapist.

(c) When the physical therapist assistant determines that a change in the plan of care is needed, the assistant will contact the supervising physical therapist and request reevaluation of the patient's status.

(d) When the physical therapist assistant determines that the patient has received maximum benefits from physical therapy, he/she shall so inform the supervising physical therapist.

(e) Physical therapist assistants are not to delegate to a less qualified person any activity which requires the unique skills, knowledge, and judgment of a physical therapist assistant.

(f) The primary responsibility for physical therapy care assisted by supportive personnel rests with the supervising physical therapist. Adequate supervision is the responsibility of both the physical therapist and the physical therapist assistant. To insure appropriate supervision, the physical therapist assistant is expected to:

1. Maintain effective channels of written and oral communication.

2. Communicate critical information about the patient to the supervising physical therapist in a timely manner.

3. Function within the established plan of care.

4. Identify and document treatment activities and all special occurrences in accordance to federal and state guidelines at the time of service or shortly thereafter on that date. Delayed entries within a reasonable time frame (24 to 72 business hours) are acceptable for purposes of clarification, error correction, the addition of information not initially available. If certain unusual circumstances prevented the generation of the note at the time of service, such circumstance must be documented within the record.

5. Request re-evaluation of the patient and/or modification of the plan of care when necessary.

(g) Physical therapist assistants are obligated to advise their employer(s) of any practice which causes a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant to be in conflict with the ethical principles of this section. Physical therapist assistants are to attempt to rectify any aspect(s) of their employment which is in conflict with the principles of this section.

4. Seek remuneration for their services that is deserved and reasonable.

(a) Physical therapist assistants shall not:

1. Directly or indirectly request, receive, or participate in the dividing, transferring, assigning, or rebating of an unearned fee;

2. Profit by means of a credit or other valuable consideration, such as an unearned commission, discount, or gratuity in connection with furnishing of physical therapy services;

3. Use influence upon individuals, or families of individuals under their care for utilization of any product or service based upon the direct or indirect financial interest of the physical therapist assistant;

(5) Provide accurate information to the consumer about the profession and the services provided.

(a) Physical therapist assistants are not to use, or participate in the use of, any form of communication containing false, plagiarized, fraudulent, misleading, deceptive, or unfair statements.

(6) Accept the responsibility to protect the public and the profession from unethical, incompetent, or illegal acts.

(a) Physical therapist assistants shall report any activity which appears to be unethical, incompetent, or illegal to the proper authorities.

(b) Physical therapist assistants shall not participate in any arrangement in which patients

are exploited due to the referring sources enhancing their personal incomes as a result of referring, prescribing, or recommending physical therapy or a specific physical therapy practice.

(c) If a physical therapist assistant is involved in an arrangement with a referring source in which income is derived from the services, the physical therapist assistant has an obligation to disclose to the patient, within the scope of the State Law, the nature of the income.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25 and 43-33-10

Written Comments Received

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| 1. Amanda Shipley, Physio | 14. Jessica Fuchs, Physio |
| 2. Andrew King, Physio | 15. Joe Donnelly, PTAG |
| 3. Anita Krishnan, Physio | 16. Karin Hetherington, Physio |
| 4. Anne Thompson, Armstrong State University | 17. Kelly Garchow, Physio |
| 5. Ashley Burin, Physio | 18. Lauri Wallace, Physio |
| 6. B. Raegan Nix, Physio | 19. Magdalena Evans, Physio |
| 7. Cindy Goldberg, Physio | 20. Melissa Bloom, Physio |
| 8. Danelle Buchmueller, Physio | 21. Rita Booth, Physio |
| 9. Darcy King, Benchmark | 22. Sam Vaid, Physio |
| 10. David McMurty, Physio | 23. Sandy Eskew Capps, PT - Evans, GA |
| 11. Dawn Muller, Thrive PT & Fitness | 24. Seth Tatum, Physio |
| 12. Donald Neunaber, Physio | 25. Sharon Greene, PT |
| 13. Jennifer Radloff, Physio | 26. Sheryl Beveridge, Physio |

Public Comments Made

1. Sandy Eskew Capps, PT - Evans, GA
2. Joe Donnelly, PTAG

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Strickland seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table a decision on Board Rule 490-9-.03 and refer it back to the Rules Committee to include language which is congruent with the new practice act.

The Rule Hearing adjourned at 9:48am.

10:00am - Rule Hearing 490-9-.02 Hearing

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
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PHYSICAL THERAPISTS..**

Purpose: The purpose of this rule amendment is to adhere to federal and state guidelines for medical records documentation and setting reasonable time frame for delayed entries.

Main Features: Allows for the licensed physical therapist to document delayed entries within 24 to 72 business hours in medical records.

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490-9-.02 Principles of Conduct for Physical Therapists.

Any individual who is licensed as a physical therapist shall abide by the following ethical standard:

- (1) Act with consideration, within the scope of physical therapy, for the rights and dignity of all individuals.
 - (a) The physical therapist shall hold as confidential information obtained while acting in a professional capacity.
 - (b) The physical therapist shall provide optimal physical therapy care for all patients regardless of patient race, gender, age, religion, disability or sexual preference.
 - (c) The physical therapist should balance considerations of the patient’s physical, psychological and socioeconomic welfare in professional decisions and actions and

document these considerations in the patient's record of care.

(d) The physical therapist shall communicate and interact with patients and all persons encountered in a professional capacity with courteous regard and timeliness.

(e) The physical therapist shall not engage in any behavior that constitutes harassment or abuse of a patient, professional colleague or associate.

(2) Comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of physical therapy in the State of Georgia.

(a) Physical therapists are to practice (consultation, evaluations, treatment, research, education, administration and preventive care) in accordance with the state practice act.

(3) Accept responsibility for the exercise of sound judgment.

(a) When implementing treatment, physical therapists shall assume the responsibility for evaluating that individual; planning, implementing, and supervising the therapeutic program; reevaluating and changing the program; and maintaining adequate records of the case, including progress reports.

(b) Documentation is to be generated in accordance with federal and state guidelines at the time of service or shortly thereafter on that date. Delayed entries within a reasonable time frame (24 to 72 business hours) are acceptable for purposes of clarification, error correction, the addition of information not initially available. If certain unusual circumstances prevented the generation of the note at the time of service, such circumstance must be documented within the record.

~~(b)~~ (c) When performing wellness and preventative services, physical therapists shall assume responsibility for providing optimal patient care.

~~(c)~~ (d) When the individual's needs are beyond the scope of the physical therapist's expertise, the physical therapist shall so inform and assist the individual in identifying a qualified person to provide the necessary services.

~~(d)~~ (e) When the physical therapists judge that benefit can no longer be obtained from their services, they shall so inform the individual receiving the services. It is unethical to initiate or continue services that, in the therapist's judgment, either cannot result in beneficial outcome or are contraindicated.

~~(e)~~ (f) The physical therapist's ability to make independent judgment must not be limited or compromised by professional affiliations, including employment relationships.

~~(f)~~ (g) Physical therapists are not to delegate to a less qualified person any activity which requires the unique skills, knowledge, and judgment of a physical therapist.

~~(g)~~ (h) The primary responsibility for physical therapy care assisted by supportive personnel rests with the supervising physical therapist. Adequate supervision requires, at a minimum, that a supervising physical therapist perform the following activities:

1. Establish effective channels of written and oral communication;
2. Interpret and communicate critical information about the patient to the supportive personnel;
3. Perform an initial evaluation of the patient;
4. Develop a plan of care, including short and long-term goals;
5. Delegate appropriate tasks to supportive personnel;
6. Assess the supportive personnel's competence to perform assigned tasks;
7. Provide supervision in accordance with the law, the patient's condition, and the specific situation;
8. Identify and document precautions, special programs, contraindications, goals, anticipated progress, and plans for re-evaluation;
9. Re-evaluate the patient, modify the plan of care when necessary, perform the final evaluation, and establish a follow-up plan.

(h) Physical therapists are obligated to advise their employer(s) of any practice which causes a physical therapist to be in conflict with the ethical principles of this section. Physical therapists are to attempt to rectify any aspect(s) of their employment which is in conflict with the principles of this section.

(4) Seek remuneration for their services that is deserved and reasonable.

(a) Fees for physical therapy services should be reasonable for the service performed, considering the setting in which it is provided, practice costs in the geographic area, judgment of other organizations, and other relevant factors.

(b) Physical therapists shall not:

1. directly or indirectly request, receive, or participate in the dividing, transferring, assigning, or rebating of an unearned fee;
2. profit by means of a credit or other valuable consideration, such as an unearned commission, discount, or gratuity in connection with furnishing of physical therapy services;
3. use influence upon individuals, or families of individuals under their care for

utilization of any product or service based upon the direct or indirect financial interest of the physical therapist.

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| 15. Jennifer Radloff, Physio | |

Public Comments

No Public comments were received or offered during the hearing.

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Lawson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table a decision on Board Rule 490-9-.02 and refer it back to the Rules Committee to include language which is congruent with the new practice act.

The Rule Hearing adjourned at 10:00am.

11:30AM – Conference Call – Mr. Bo Hamil

The Board thanked Mr. Hamil for his service to the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy and the citizens of Georgia and presented him with a plaque for his dedication and service. Mr. Hamil remarked that he misses the Board and staff already but feels that the profession is left in very capable hands. He thanked the Board for their continued support throughout the years and indicated that he will be available if the Board needs anything.

Board Elections

President Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Whitefield seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to elect Dr. Stefanie Palma as the Board President.

Vice President Mr. Strickland motioned, Mr. Whitefield seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to elect Ms. Dorothy Gaskin as the Board Vice President.

Special Projects Committee Mr. Strickland motioned, Mr. Lawson seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to appoint Charles Bass to serve on the Special Projects Committee.

Open Session Minutes

1) March 17, 2015 Board Meeting

Mr. Crews motioned, Mr. Strickland seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the March 17, 2015 open session minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify March 11, 2015 – May 5, 2015

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Crews seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to ratify the list of licenses issued in accordance with Board rules and policies from March 11, 2015 – May 5, 2015

Correspondence – Ainsley Rossi – Emory Physical Therapy Students and NPTE July Testing Date

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Crews seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send a response letter explaining that eligibility deadlines are established and set by FSBPT and not under the jurisdiction of the Board.

Correspondence – Caitlyn Giudici – CE Credit for Jurisprudence Exam

The Board accepts the Staff's response in which Ms. Giudici was informed that those who opt to submit the jurisprudence examination in lieu of taking a jurisprudence course are not able to submit the same test that was taken to obtain licensure in order to gain continuing education credit. A new test result will need to be submitted. The rationale behind the Board's position is that laws and rules do change and to use the same test for CE credit during the same cycle one was licensed does not ensure that the licensee has remained abreast of the current laws and rules.

Correspondence – Karen Edmonson – CE Provider

Mr. Crews motioned, Mr. Strickland seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send a response letter to Ms. Edmonson explaining that the Board does not regulate continuing education providers and refer her to PTAG and ProCert regarding their processes for becoming a continuing education provider.

Correspondence – Katherine Mosie – Georgia Jurisprudence Exam

The Board accepts the Staff's response in which Ms. Mosie was informed that the jurisprudence examination has been reviewed by the Board and FSBPT to ensure compliance with the current rules and any information not in compliance was either revised, removed, and/or the response to the question was not included within the scoring process if the question and/or option could not be removed prior to the next administration of the examination. All study materials for the jurisprudence examination can be found on the board website at <http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/39> underneath the Laws, Policies and Rules section. When studying for the examination please review all links under this section in the future as well as any information you see on the home page as it relates to law revisions.

In addition to the above the Board wishes to clarify to you that 490-5-.01 is a board rule and not the law. The relevant laws implemented by the legislature are located in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated under the Physical Therapy Practice Act (Title 43, Chapter 33), the General Provisions (Title 43, Chapter 1), and as of July 1, 2015 the Consumer Information Awareness Act will be added to Title 43, Chapter 1 as Article 33. All rules promulgated by the Board begin with the Chapter number 490.

Correspondence – Rob Ross – Home Health Supervision

Mr. Crews motioned, Mr. Bass seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send a response letter to the respondent to the website where the rule is now posted.

Discussion – CBT Comment Summary and Satisfaction Survey for NPTE Test Takers

The Board accepts the correspondence as information.

Discussion – FSBPT Response to Board Inquiry on CWT

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Crews seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send correspondence to FSBPT informing them that the Board appreciates the response, however the Board requests the research material used to support the decision to remove the general education requirement.

Discussion – FSBPT TelehealthInPhysicalTherapy2015

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Strickland seconded and the Board voted unanimously to refer the FSBPT TelehealthInPhysicalTherapy2015 discussion to the Rules Committee to review the telehealth policy and rules in conjunction with House Bill 505 and suggest amendments if warranted.

Discussion – House Bill 416

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Whitefield seconded and the Board voted unanimously to refer the topic of titles and identifications from House Bill 416 to the Special Projects Committee to review and draft amendments to current rules and policies if warranted.

Discussion – House Bill 505

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Whitefield seconded and the Board voted unanimously to refer House Bill 505 to the Special Projects Committee to review and draft amendments to current rules and policies if warranted.

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Whitefield seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the Board President the discretion to make assignments to both Committees regarding House Bill 416 and House Bill 505 as needed.

Open Records Requests

1. Precila Pioquinto Mr. Strickland motioned, Mr. Crews seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the release of records to Jessica Ramirez, Credentialing Coordinator of Central Georgia Health Network based on O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k).

Petition for Rule Waiver – Magpoc, Kristine

Mr. Lawson motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for waiver of Board Rule 490-2-.03(g) due to insufficient demonstration of a substantial hardship and notify Ms. Magpoc that she must respond to letter “11 C” on the application.

Petition for Rule Waiver - Nelakosigi, Raghavender Rao

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Whitefield seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table review of the Rule Waiver of Board Rules 490-2-.03 and 490-2-.04 until further review of the application in Executive Session.

Petition for Rule Waiver - Patel, Dipak

Mr. Lawson motioned, Mr. Bass seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for Board Rule 490-2-.03(g) pending receipt of verification of employment and proof of active practice for five (5) years to include references and a complete resume.

Petition for Rule Waiver – Patel, Bhavinbhai

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Crews seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for waiver of Board Rule 490-2-.03(1)(g) due to insufficient demonstration of a substantial hardship and request additional references and proof of active practice for five (5) years and continuing competence.

Petition for Rule Waiver - Sharma, Chavanika

Mr. Whitefield motioned, Mr. Crews seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for waiver of Board Rule 490-2-.03(g) due to insufficient demonstration of a substantial hardship.

Petition for Rule Waiver - Schuyt, Dick

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Crews seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for waiver of Board Rule 490-2-.03 and 490-2-.04 due to insufficient demonstration of a substantial hardship.

Rules Committee

No report presented.

Special Projects Committee

No report presented.

Executive Director Report – A. Price

Executive Director’s report presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications, renewals and complaints/compliance. Ms. Price presented the Board with an update on the current aPTitude Registration regarding CE tracking system and requirements. She also presented the Board with the updated status of the pre-filled bills in the Georgia General Assembly that could potentially affect the business of the Board and other matters tabled due to the new legislation. The Board accepts the report as presented.

Board’s President Report

No report presented.

Miscellaneous

Dr. Palma motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to direct Staff to add information regarding the petition waiver process to the Board’s FAQs on the website.

Vicki Hill-Hoffman, Integra Rehab

Mrs. Hill-Hoffman of Integra Rehab addressed the Board to seek the Board’s support in reference to the processing of traineeship applications for candidates who are affiliated with Integra and are currently pending. Mrs. Hill-Hoffman

provided the Board with background information of Integra Rehab which is a non-profit organization that employs over 10,000 Georgia residents in the organization and currently has 120 open positions. She stated that their goal this year is to be able to step up their staffing to be able to serve the rural areas of Georgia. In 2006, they hired agencies to try to substitute for those open positions which ended up costing about 1 million dollars in care. At that time they turned to the hiring of Foreign Trained applicants to help serve the underserved populations. Ms. Hill-Hoffman made reference to the eleven (11) outstanding traineeships that are pending, not because of anything the Board has done, but because of issues with the candidates had with passing the Jurisprudence which is normally a 10% failure rate but is currently a 70% failure rate which Mrs. Hill-Hoffman attributes to the rule changes. Mrs. Hill-Hoffman expressed that they are working through the process by asking the Board to possibly give Foreign Trained applicants an exception to be able to take the PTAG Jurisprudence Course along with the following the PTAG exam in lieu of the exam offered through FSBPT. Mrs. Hill-Hoffman introduced Dr. Sandy Eskew Capps who was hired by Integra Rehab to be a liaison with the Universities, to collaborate on research and review the traineeship process to ensure the applicants have everything complete and accurate. Ms. Price referenced her previous correspondence with Ms. Hill-Hoffman and others on the subject which explained the Application and Traineeship processes, reiterated that in the interest of fairness to all candidates, applications are processed in the order they are received and that the Board does not currently accept any jurisprudence course or examination in lieu of the one currently in place through FSBPT. Ms. Price also made reference to the previous discussion in the meeting regarding measures that the Board and FSBPT has taken to ensure that candidates have not been adversely affected by rule changes as it related to the jurisprudence examination. Ms. Price informed Ms. Hill-Hoffman and Ms. Eskew Capps that if she would like to provide a list of those individuals who they feel may have been adversely affected by the rule changes that she would be happy to have FSBPT research the issue and provide them a response. Ms. Hill-Hoffman thanked the Board for allowing her the opportunity to speak and she indicated they will be in touch with Ms. Price.

Mr. Crews made the motion, Mr. Bass seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and the Assistant Attorney General’s report. Voting in favor of the motion were Stefanie Palma, Dorothy Gaskin, Chad Whitefield, Charles Bass, Jesse Crews, Monty Strickland, and Reid Lawson.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 Dr. Palma declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during Executive Session.

OPEN SESSION

Mr. Strickland left the meeting at 12:39pm.

Executive Session Minutes

1) March 17, 2015 Board Meeting

Mr. Crews motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the March 17, 2015 executive session minutes as presented.

Executive Discussions

1) aPTitude Letter of Agreement

The Board accepts the correspondence as information.

Attorney General’s Report- D. Williams-McNeely

Mr. Crews motioned, Mr. Whitefield seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General’s report as presented.

Cognizant’s Report – C. Whitefield

No report presented at this time as cases remain in various stages of investigation.

Applications

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Bass seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session:

Arrest Applications

1. N.L.B. Issue the license with letter of concern regarding criminal history.
2. E.M.C. Issue the license with letter of concern regarding drug history.
3. C.E.G. Issue the license with letter of concern regarding criminal and drug history.
4. R.R.N. Issue the license.
5. G.D.P. Issue the license with letter of concern regarding alcohol.

Remediation Plan

6. C.C.B. Deny the request to sit for the NPTE and recommend the applicant return to school to complete a physical therapy educational program approved by CAPTE.

7. H.W.C. Deny the request to sit for the NPTE and recommend the applicant return to school to complete a physical therapy educational program approved by CAPTE.
8. D.L.C. Approve the request to sit the NPTE.
9. J.M.K. Approve the request to sit the NPTE upon receipt of a Physician's statement supporting the need for special accommodations.
10. A.L.P. Deny the request to sit for the NPTE due to an insufficient remediation plan. Applicant must present both didactic and clinical work within the plan.
11. F.M.S. Approve the request to sit the NPTE upon receipt of the special accommodations form.
12. S.E.W. Approve the request to sit the NPTE upon receipt of the special accommodations form.
13. S.R.W. Deny the request to sit for the NPTE due to an insufficient remediation plan. Applicant must submit a new or current remediation plan for consideration by the Board.
14. N.T.W. The Applicant must repeat the remediation plan until the applicant sits for the exam.

Miscellaneous

1) Petition for Rule Waiver - Nelakosigi, Raghavender Rao

Ms. Gaskin motioned, Mr. Bass seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for waiver of Board Rule 490-2-.03 and 490-2-.04.

2) Board Representation for the FSBPT Annual Meeting - October 15-17, 2015 Orlando, FL

- a) Delegate - Dorothy Gaskin
- b) Alternate Delegate – Dr. Palma to serve as alternate delegate if no other member is willing to serve.

3) Board Representation for the New Board Member and Administrator Orientation Meeting – June 12-14, 2015, Alexandria, Virginia

- a) Charles Bass

4) Contract Renewal with FSBPT

Dr. Palma motioned, Ms. Gaskin seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to proceed with development and subsequent use of the Jurisprudence Assessment Module testing for initial, endorsement and renewal applications and refer to Special Projects for further discussion of relevant rules and policies.

5) Rules Committee Teleconference Meeting It was the consensus of the Rules Committee to have a conference call on June 2, 2015 at 8:30am to discuss the following matters which were referred by the Board:

- a) 490-9-.02 Conduct for Physical Therapist
- b) 490-9-.03 Conduct for Physical Therapist Assistant
- c) 490-2-.09 Licensure: Endorsement
- d) 490-3-.02 Re-Examination
- e) 490-2-.04 Training Permits
- f) Policy #2 Examination applications
- g) Policy #3 Endorsement Applications
- h) Policy #16 Telehealth – convert to rule
- i) New Rule Disaster Relief

6) Special Projects Teleconference Meeting It was the consensus of the Rules Committee to have a conference call on June 9, 2015 at 8:30am to discuss the following matters which were referred by the Board:

- a) Amend Rules as they relate to titles and identifications to align with HB 416 and HB 504.
- b) Develop policies and procedures related to noncompliance with the use of aPTitude.
- c) Study and propose amendments to the rules/policies regarding pre-approval of CE courses to include those that may not be directly related to PT/PTA practice.

Adjournment- With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:21pm.

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