

APPROVED
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

The Virginia Board of Physical Therapy Committee met on Friday, February 15, 2013 at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Training Room #2, Henrico, Virginia.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Maroon, PT, Chair
Melissa Wolff-Burke, PT, EdD
J.R. Locke, Citizen Member

DHP STAFF PRESENT:

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director
Lynne Helmick, Deputy Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Missy Currier, Board Operations Manager
Annie Artis, Licensing Operations Manager
Laura Mueller, Licensing Specialist

QUORUM:

With 3 members present, a quorum was established.

GUESTS PRESENT

None

CALLED TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

REGULATORY REVIEW

The Committee discussed the following comments on the periodic review of regulations and issues relating to physical therapist responsibilities:

- 1) **Direct Access Certification** –The Committee felt this was burdensome. Ms. Hahn indicated this was required by law in 54.1-3482 (B) and that to make a change would

require going through a legislative process either through introduction of a bill requested by DHP or by a professional association. She concluded that a fee must be attached to all DHP applications and Direct Access is one of the lowest in the agency.

- 2) **Active Practice** – The Committee reviewed comments regarding a possible discrepancy in the active practice requirements throughout the regulations. After discussion, the rationale was explained why the regulations includes different requirements for active practice hours. The Committee wants to further discuss the impediments active practice presents for re-entry into the profession.
- 3) **Evaluation/Re-Evaluation/Periodic Evaluation (18VAC112-20-90 & 18VAC112-20-120)** – The Committee discussed at length and agreed to have staff work on language that would better define “re-evaluations” by providing more qualifiers in the definition. The Committee also discussed removing “Periodic” evaluations entirely from the regulations.

The Committee also recommended that “if the patient is discharged prior to documentation of his status by the physical therapist, the last notes in the patient record may serve as the discharge summary.”

- 4) **18VAC112-20-70 – Traineeship for unlicensed graduate scheduled to sit for the national exam** - The Committee would like to further review whether or not to allow a traineeship to continue for 2 days following notification of failure on the exam.
- 5) **18VAC112-20-60 – Requirements for licensure by examination** – The Committee would like to remove section B entirely from this section:

B. If an applicant fails the national examination three times, he shall apply for approval to sit for any subsequent examination by submission of evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully completed the following requirements:

- 1. Provide the board with a copy of the deficiency report from the examination;*
- 2. Review areas of deficiency with the applicant's physical therapy educational program and develop a plan, which may include additional clinical training or coursework, to address deficiency areas; and*
- 3. Take an examination review course and the practice examination.*

Following discussion, the Committee decided that the review of regulations will be continued at another meeting to be scheduled sometime in March. The Committee will then develop amended language for consideration by the full board at its meeting scheduled for May 24, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

The Committee did not review legislative topics.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Robert Maroon, PT., Chair

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

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