

APPROVED
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING WITH THE ADVISORY
ACUPUNCTURE BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

A panel of the Virginia Board of Physical Therapy met with a panel of the Virginia Advisory Acupuncture Board on Friday, November 30, 2007 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 200, 2nd Floor, Conference Room 3, Richmond, Virginia. The following members were present:

George Maihafer, P.T., Ph.D., Chair
Damien Howell, P.T.

Elaine Komarow, L.Ac
Jody Forman, MSW, L.Ac

DHP staff present for all or part of the meeting included:

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director
William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director for the Board of Medicine
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Rashaun K. Minor, Discipline Operations Manager

Representative from the Office of the Attorney General was present for the meeting:

Amy Marschean, Senior Assistant Attorney General

CALLED TO ORDER

Dr. Maihafer called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment received.

BUSINESS – DISCUSSION OF DRY NEEDLING CONSENT FORM

Ms. Komarow distributed a copy of a letter dated October 8, 2007 from the American Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine that opposes physical therapists using the technique of dry needling in their practice.

The letter from Ms. Komarow requesting the meeting was read by Dr. Maihafer. Dr. Maihafer also read language from a previous Physical Therapy Guidance Document regarding the use of the dry needling technique.

Ms. Komarow distributed proposed consent language for physical therapy dry needling as well as alternate consent language. The Committee read and took each line under consideration.

After much discussion the panel of the Board of Physical Therapy will take the recommendations from the meeting to the full Board for their consideration.

The Board of Physical Therapy's next scheduled full board meeting is Friday, February 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Physical Therapy will give a copy of the Board's final decision to Dr. Harp.

Ms. Forman thanked the panel for meeting with them today. Dr. Maihafer also thanked the panel members and staff for taking the time to attend the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

George Maihafer, P.T., Ph.D., Chair

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

Date

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