



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,
and Athletic Trainers Board

***Physical Therapy Section Retreat
June 18, 2020
8:00 am***

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Members Present

Mario Baker
Lynn Busdeker
Anthony Ganim
Erin Hofmeyer, Chair
Ron Kleinman
Linda Pax Lowes
Tim McIntire, Secretary
Karen McIntyre

Members Absent

CJ Miller

Legal Counsel

Emily Pelfrey, AAG

Call to Order

Erin Hofmeyer, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM.

Approval of Minutes

Lynn Busdeker moved that the minutes from the May 14, 2020 meeting be approved as submitted. Ron Kleinman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Director Report

The PT Compact will be covered in depth later in the agenda.

License reinstatement- The OPP language was picked up in a Senate bill. It did not move out of committee and isn't expected to do so for a while. The House has one date in September in which they could meet but are not expected back until November. The Senate is continuing to meet all summer.

Discussion of Law and Rule Changes

- **4755-23-04 License by endorsement** will be fully addressed later on the agenda. **Action:** Erin Hofmeyer moved to file rule 4755-23-04, License by endorsement, with the Commons Sense Initiative with changes as discussed. Second by Lynn Busdeker. Motion passed.
- **Youth Concussion rules** are up for review in 2021. **Action:** Section decision was to make no changes to the rule at this time.

Continuing Education determination

- **Nutrition-** OPTA review committee has noticed an increase in the number of courses seeking CE approval in the field of nutrition. The question - does that topic fall under the PT scope of practice? There is no reference in the current standard response that includes nutrition. **Action:** The decision was made to make changes to the general wording in the standard response to include the words "knowledgeable" and "competent" as opposed to "trained" in nutrition. Linda Lowes will make those changes and resubmit to the section.

- **K9 Assistance Therapy**- The application brought forth regarded K9 assistance therapy in a PT setting. The decision was made that PT courses will relate directly to the human body. The current standard response needs to be updated as it is very restrictive. **Action:** Linda Lowes and Missy Anthony will work on the rewrite of the standard response.

Retreat Agenda

Out of practice definition 4755-23-04 (C) (3) Out of practice is defined as being actively engaged in the practice of physical therapy for fewer than five hundred hours over the five-year period prior to the date the applicant submits the endorsement application.

- Discussion was held on how we interpret the definition of “engaged” in practice? Does this include Administrators, Educators, Researchers and Consultants? “Out of practice” is not defined in the rules or laws. **Action:** The rule needs to be re-written to be reflective of the model practice act’s definition of the term Out of Practice.
- Discussion was held on steps to remediate an “out of practice” Physical Therapist. **Action:** Guidelines need to be written for options other than retaking the NPTE. A matrix can be created to highlight those options for consistency.

Advertising and solicitation

- The board has not had many questions related to the topic. Missy Anthony brought the subject to the section to raise awareness. **Action:** The section will continue monitoring the situation, and if necessary, will address the need to provide guidance on the topic of responsible advertising through a standard response.

Standard Response on disrobing, patient contact, proper conduct

- With an increasing number of cases in enforcement, it has been suggested that an emphasis may need to be placed upon the importance of patient interpretation of treatment and modesty of the patient. **Action:** Linda Lowes is drafting a standard response of board recommendations to address examination and treatment practices with respect to the comfort of the patient. This will include methodical dialogue with patient regarding treatment techniques, obtaining informed consent for treatment, following facility policies and procedures, chaperones, etc. The goal of the board is to be proactive with educational reinforcement on such topics.

Telehealth guidance including issue of student supervision via telehealth

- The section reviewed questions that have been coming in to the board office regarding telehealth.
 - Services performed by telehealth—evaluations in clinic before treatment, recerts with PTA.
 - Telehealth and practicing across state lines- PT’s may only treat patients living in the state in which patient resides. Out of state providers may not render services in the state of Ohio unless they are licensed in Ohio. There is no reciprocity of licensure across state lines for Physical Therapists nor are temporary licenses available during the COVID to treat patients.
 - Appropriateness for telehealth- the decision of appropriateness of telehealth is made by the service provider and their level of comfort for the safety of the patient.
 - Supervision- Students supervision is allowed if the student is on the same platform as the supervisor and the patient, i.e. zoom room, etc.
 - Methods of telehealth- synchronous vs. asynchronous treatment. Asynchronous treatment would be categorized as i.e. follow-up email, phone call, monitoring of patient etc. and is an acceptable treatment during COVID.
 - Billing- The board does not answer questions regarding billing and/or violations. Billing questions are forwarded on to OPTA and ATPA. The state board serves for the protection of the citizen/patient.

PT Compact

- There are several decision points that the board will have to make regarding the implementation of the Compact. Missy will run data on the following information and provide to the board:
 - What costs will be incurred to establish the compact into the elicense system,
 - The compact commission fee is \$45. Ohio can tack on a fee to cover some anticipated loss.
 - Where would the board expect loss of revenue- i.e. fewer endorsement applications @ \$100,
 - Loss of renewal revenue due to dropping state license and abiding by the compact requirements which do not have the same CE requirements as the state,
 - Renewal of the privilege would be the same timing as the home state renewal,
 - Waiving the fee for military licensure,
 - Run report on the last 5 years of where endorsement license comes from - how many are from compact states, do we see any trends?
- Additional issues- sharing social security numbers with other states,
- JAM or prometric?
- Background checks- FBI and BCI

TOEFL workgroup

- This subject is a complex topic and the reasoning on how FSBPT established their scores has not been successful.
- The section decided that with so many more pressing issues a workgroup will not be established as this time. Continue to network and research with other jurisdictions and bring any new information back to the board.

PTA educators statute

- Licensed PTs can teach clinicals to both PTs and PTAs. Licensed PTAs can teach clinicals to PTAs.

Open Forum

- Tim McIntire will be covering the July meeting for Erin Hofmeyer.
- Tim McIntire and Erin Hofmeyer are reapplying to the board.
- Ron Kleinman and Lynn Busdeker will be going off the board later this year.
- Financial disclosures are due in July on the same date as taxes.

Adjournment

If there is no further business and there is no objection, the meeting will be adjourned. There being no objection, the meeting is adjourned at 11:18 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Hills



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Missy Anthony

Missy Anthony, Executive Director
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