



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,  
and Athletic Trainers Board

*Physical Therapy Section Retreat*  
*505 West Whittier Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215*  
*April 19, 2011*  
*9:00 a.m.*

**Members Present**

Raymond Bilecky  
Thomas Caldwell  
Dale Deubler  
Mary Kay Eastman  
Karen Holtgreffe  
James Lee  
Marilyn Mount, Chair

**Members Absent**

Sam Coppoletti  
Kimberly Payne

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Section Chair, Marilyn Mount, at 9:20 a.m.

**Update on FSBPT Fixed Date Testing**

The Section discussed the information provided in the Executive Director's memo proposing to change the Board's examination application process due to potential scheduling issues associated with the implementation of fixed date testing.

According to the information published by the FSBPT, the fixed dates for the NPTE in 2011 are: September 7, October 26, and December 5. The five dates for 2012 have not yet been determined. Examination applicants will be required to register for the exam one month prior to the NPTE examination date and the Regulatory Boards will need to approve the applicants to sit for the NPTE examination no later than two weeks before the NPTE examination date.

Under the Board's current application process, examination applicants are not approved to sit for the NPTE until all components of the application are received. In addition, the applicants are approved to sit for the Ohio Jurisprudence Examination upon receipt of an application and in most cases prior to completion of the entry-level program.

The Executive Director proposed that the Board change its internal examination application process as follows: 1. Application and application fee submitted by applicant. 2. Applicant registers to sit for NPTE with the FSBPT. 3. Applicant's program directors to submit a form that includes the individual as bona fide candidate and date the individual will complete the academic program. 4. Based on receipt of this bona fide candidate listing from the physical therapy program the candidate will be made eligible to sit for the upcoming fixed date administration of the NPTE. (a) This allows the applicant to receive the authorization to test information and schedule the NPTE in advance of the program completion. (b) Applicant could ultimately sit for and pass the NPTE prior to graduation. 5. Upon program completion, the program director will submit the Certification of Education document for each student. This is no different from the current process. 6. Upon receipt of the Certification of Education document and receipt of the BCI/FBI criminal records checks, the applicant will be made eligible to sit for the Ohio Jurisprudence Examination. 7. Once the Board receives passing scores for both the NPTE and the Ohio Jurisprudence Examination, the Board shall issue a license.

The proposed procedural changes will allow examination applicants to register for the NPTE in a more timely fashion. By limiting access to the Ohio Jurisprudence Examination until after the applicant graduates, then there is no need worry about the applicants passing both exams before completing the physical therapy academic program.

**Action:** Marilyn Mount moved that the Section change the internal examination application process to make candidates eligible to sit for the NPTE prior to graduation, as stated in the memorandum drafted by the Executive Director. Thomas Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Section will implement the changes as soon as possible. The Executive Director will verify if there needs to be an emergency rule change to address the fixed date testing issue.

The Executive Director informed the Section that the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy sent invitations for the 2011 National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) Summit. Mary Kay Eastman and Jeffrey Rosa were invited to attend the NPTE Summit in July 2011.

### **School-Based Issues**

#### **IEP and the Physical Therapy Plan of Care**

The Section reviewed the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) form and discussed the areas that a physical therapist would be required to complete.

The Physical Therapy Section's position remains the same. The IEP is an educational document and not the physical therapy plan of care. The Section will create a synopsis on the differences in the forms and the purpose of each form. Mary Kay Eastman will work on the draft.

#### **Educational Service Centers' use of assistants and students**

The Section review the Board's draft position paper regarding determination of appropriate caseload for school-based occupational therapy and physical therapy practice. The Section will forward edits/comments to the Board for discussion as the May 12, 2011 Section meeting.

### **Governor's Request for Compliance Rather than Punishment**

#### **Review Disciplinary Guidelines**

The Section made changes to the disciplinary guidelines for disciplining physical therapy practitioners who practiced on an expired license.

### **Proposed Rules Changes for 2012**

#### **PT Supervision requirements for support personnel**

The Section reviewed the proposed language to amend rule 4755-27-05 dealing with supervision requirements for support personnel. The Section made no changes to the draft. The Section will proceed with the filing this rule for 2012.

#### **CE Calculations granted for Clinical Instructors/Mentors**

The Section discussed how the continuing education hours for clinical instruction and mentorship should be calculated. Clinical instructor's continuing education hours will be calculated as one contact hour for a full 80 hours of instruction and one-quarter contact hour of for each additional 20 hours of clinical instruction. An individual must complete at least 80 hours of clinical instruction to obtain continuing education credit.

Continuing education for mentoring will be calculated as one contact hour of continuing education for every three hours of mentoring.

The Section will vote on the proposed calculations at the May 2011 Section meeting.

#### **APTA House of Delegates Motion**

The Section discussed the APTA House of Delegates motion to change the American Physical Therapy Association's (APTA) position paper that states that only physical therapists and physical therapist assistants can provide physical therapy.

### **Qualifications for management of sports concussions in Ohio**

The Ohio High School Athletic Association's *Implementation of NFHS Playing Rules Changes Related To Concussion and Concussed Athletes and Return To Play Protocol* and HB143 regarding head injuries and

concussions in youth sports states that Ohio licensed physicians and athletic trainers are deemed appropriate health care professionals who can make return to play decisions with athletes and concussion management. The Section suggested that a joint PT Section-OPTA taskforce be formed to discuss what competencies a physical therapist would need to possess to be personally competent to address concussion management issues. Thomas Caldwell and Jeffrey Rosa expressed interest in working with the taskforce.

### **Legislative changes for Joint Board**

The Executive Director reported that he met with Senator Gillmor regarding proposed amendments to SB 141. The Board will need to work on finding a Republican sponsor for the other law changes.

### **Concept of restricted licenses**

The Section discussed the concept of restricted licenses. The Section was opposed to having a restricted license for new graduates.

### **Continuing Education**

#### **Continuing Competence**

Prior to adopting a continuing competence model, the language in the Ohio Physical Therapy Practice Act needs to be updated. The Section recommends that Ohio Physical Therapy Association (OPTA) look at how courses are currently being approved and review the FSBPT Continuing Competence Model. The Executive Director will encourage dialogue between the OPTA and the Physical Therapy Section regarding continuing education/competence issue. The Executive Director recommended that the Section invite FSBPT to present to the Section and OPTA to discuss the Federation's continuing competence model.

#### **Mandating CE ethics requirement**

The Section was opposed to mandating an ethics requirement for renewal.

#### **Reconsideration of CE Approval Requests where the course is taken one month prior to the Ohio approval date**

**Action:** Ray Bilecky moved that the Section rescind the motion from March 10, 2011 to deny the CE approval and to allow the requesting licensee to use the Ohio approval number already issued by OPTA. James Lee seconded the motion. Raymond Bilecky abstained from voting. The motion carried.

The Section asked that the Executive Director add to the new board member orientation information about the role of the Section's liaisons. The liaison's role is empowered by the rest of the Board to make a decision if one is needed between board meetings. The liaison always has the discretion to wait and have the full board review and vote on the matter at hand.

### **Listserv Notifications**

The Section will use the listserv to notify licensees, employers, and other interested parties about the NPTE fixed date testing changes and how to earn continuing education for being a physical therapy clinical instructor and mentor. The Executive Director informed the Section that the Athletic Trainers Section and the Occupational Therapy Section agreed to create a Twitter account as a means to increase communication with licensees. To access the Board's Twitter page, go to <http://twitter.com/OhioOTPTATBd>.

**Adjournment**

Karen Holtgreffe moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mary Kay Eastman seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Diane Moore*

ABSENT

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Marilyn Mount, PT, Chairperson  
Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,  
and Athletic Trainers Board, PT Section

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Sam Coppoletti, Secretary  
Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,  
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Jeffrey M. Rosa, Executive Director  
Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and  
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