



Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,
and Athletic Trainers Board

Physical Therapy Section Retreat
920 N. Hamilton Road, Suite 600, Gahanna, Ohio 43230-1757
April 11, 2012
9:00 a.m.

Members Present

Raymond Bilecky
Lynn Busdeker
Thomas Caldwell, Chair
Sam Coppoletti, Secretary
Mary Kay Eastman
Karen Holtgreffe
Ronald Kleinman
James Lee

Staff Present

Diane Moore, Executive Assistant
Jeffrey Rosa, Executive Director

Guests

Shane Yates, OPTA
Truly Moore, OPTA

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Section Chair, Thomas Caldwell, at 9:16 a.m.

Request for Waiver of English Equivalency Examinations for Licensure

James Lee recommended that the Section grant a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for the physical therapist licensure by endorsement file #5157589 based on the documentation provided. **Action:** Raymond Bilecky moved to grant a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for the physical therapist licensure by endorsement file #5157589 based on the documentation provided. Mary Kay Eastman seconded the motion. James Lee abstained from voting. The motion carried. The Section granted a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for Jennifer Wade.

Educational Equivalency for Licensure

James Lee recommended that the Section determine that the education be deemed reasonably equivalent to Ohio law for the physical therapist licensure by endorsement application file #5148463. **Action:** Raymond Bilecky moved that the Section determine that the education be deemed reasonably equivalent to Ohio law for physical therapist licensure by endorsement application file #5148463. Lynn Busdeker seconded the motion. Lee abstained from voting. The motion carried with Thomas Caldwell, Sam Coppoletti, and Ronald Kleinman voting no. The Section accepted the foreign education of Michelle Arbesman.

CE Denial Appeal

Raymond Bilecky presented file # 4195740 for the Section's reconsideration for a waiver of the continuing education requirement for the 2012 physical therapist renewal due to medical hardship. Raymond Bilecky recommended that the Section grant additional time (until July 31, 2012) for the individual to complete the continuing education requirement for the 2012 renewal. **Action:** Mary Kay Eastman moved that the Section grant an extension to July 31, 2012 for file #4195740 to complete the 2012 continuing education requirement. Karen Holtgreffe seconded the motion. Raymond Bilecky abstained from voting. The motion carried. The Section granted an extension for Mary Ann Smith.

Enforcement Actions

Thomas Caldwell recommended that the Section rescind the notice of opportunity for a hearing for case PT LD-12-002 based on new information. **Action:** James Lee moved that the Section rescind the notice of opportunity for a hearing for case PT LD 12-002 based on new information. Mary Kay Eastman seconded the motion. Thomas Caldwell and Raymond Bilecky abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Expungement of Discipline

The Section discussed the Executive Director's findings on whether other state physical therapy boards allow for the expungement of discipline. Based on the findings, the Section was in agreement to not allow for expungement of disciplinary records.

Continuing Competence

The next Continuing Competence Taskforce meeting will be held on April 25, 2012 at the OPTA office in Gahanna, Ohio. Raymond Bilecky and Sam Coppoletti will attend the next taskforce meeting. Questions that need to be addressed are: how will continuing competence activities be evaluated; who will evaluate continued competence activities; and how will this process be funded.

Teletherapy

The Section reviewed the article *Telehealth as a Means of Health Care Delivery for Physical Therapy Practice* (APTA PT Journal, March 2012).

The Section was in agreement that the location of the client determines which jurisdiction's practice act the therapist should follow. The Section's next steps would be to draft rule language that would specify that if the client is located in Ohio, then the therapist must be licensed in Ohio. The second issue is providing physical therapy through electronic communications. The Section would need to survey other Ohio health care boards to see how they are addressing teletherapy issues.

The Executive Director will draft language based on the FSBPT Model Practice Act for providing teletherapy services. The Section would like to review the draft language at the May 2012 Section meeting.

Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)

The Section discussed the impact of physical therapy services provided under Accountable Care Organizations.

Defining Minimal Competence for Skills Beyond Entry-level Competence

Thomas Caldwell provided the Section with a handout about how licensees could demonstrate minimal competence skills beyond entry-level competence. The Section will work in collaboration with the Ohio Physical Therapy Association to facilitate the approval of minimal competence activities.

FSBPT Update

Fixed Date Testing

The Executive Director reported that the data received from the March 29, 2012 examination reflected that the first-time test pass rates for applicants testing prior to program completion were in line with the national pass rates.

Delegate Motions

The Section noted that the deadline to submit motions to FSBPT is July 2012. The Section did not have any recommendations.

Renewal Grace Periods

The Section does not support allowing a grace period to renew an expired license.

PTA's Performing Joint Mobilization

Sam Coppoletti discussed the information being discussed on the educators' listserv regarding physical therapist assistants performing joint mobilization. The Section has previously stated that under the Ohio Physical Therapy Practice Act, there may be some cases in which a physical therapist could safely delegate several treatments of low-grade mobilization to a physical therapist assistant.

Physical Therapy Screens

The Section discussed whether Ohio licensed physical therapists can refer to themselves as physical therapists when performing a screen. Under the current Ohio direct access law, therapists cannot call the screen physical therapy, nor inform the individual whom they are screening that they are physical therapist. Therapists can disclose that they are a therapist, provided that therapist follows the direct access documentation requirements, as outlined in the Ohio Physical Therapy Practice Act.

Adjournment

Lynn Busdeker moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ronald Kleinman seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Moore

Thomas Caldwell, PT, Chairperson
Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy,
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Sam Coppoletti, Secretary
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