

APPROVED

BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

Friday, March 26, 2004
Williamsburg Hospitality House
615 Richmond Road
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

CALL TO ORDER: A Public Hearing of the Virginia Board of Physical Therapy was called to order at 7:00 p.m. to receive comment regarding the proposed amended regulations of the Board of Physical Therapy.

PRESIDING: Lisa Shoaf, Ph.D., P.T., Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: W. Gayle Garnett, P.T.

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Young, Executive Director

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Bill Riley** had questions about supervision and the evaluation of patients required in 18 VAC 112-20-120 (D.)(1.).

David Emerick asked general questions about the changes in regulations.

Lynn K. Bernstein asked a question about the term “direct supervision” and why the words “nonlicensed physical therapy personnel” were deleted from the original definition.

Suzanne S. Lowe asked questions about the term “inactive practice” and how the term is used in the regulations.

Missy Wolf-Berke asked questions regarding licensure by endorsement and substantial equivalency issues related to passage of an examination.

George Maihafer expressed concerns about 17 VAC 112-20-60 (3.) and the need to lower the passing rate of the national examination.

Lori P. Alexander spoke about the increased differences in passing rates of American and foreign educated students. She asked if the Board required separate passing scores for the two groups and Dr. Shoaf answered no.

Lynn Bernstein asked questions about the reinstatement regulations. Ms. Young cited 18 VAC 112-20-130 of the regulation. Ms. Young stated that the regulations require evidence of continuing competency units and completion of a minimum of 160 hours of active practice in the preceding two years. Ms. Young cited the proposed regulations.

Bill Riley asked how many PTAs a PT may supervise. Dr. Shoaf stated that the regulations do not address the numbers. Mr. Riley asked if the Board could do a possible study. Ms. Young responded that it is not feasible for the Board to do the study and suggested that he may wish to contact the VPTA.

Lynn Bernstein asked if an individual seeks licensure by endorsement may he/she work in a traineeship part-time. Ms. Young answered yes and referred to 18 VAC 112-20-65 (C.).

Shawn Soper expressed her concern about 18 VAC 112-20-90 (2.) which requires that a PT provide an evaluation prior to discharge. She cited the increased time and costs associated with trying to locate a patient at the time of discharge.

Lori Alexander expressed similar concerns especially in an acute care setting.

Theresa Izzo stated that everyone has a different interpretation of 18 VAC 111-20-90 (2.).

Peggy Belmont asked how 18 VAC 111-20-90 would (2.) apply in the public school setting with IEPs.

Lynn C. Sullivan expressed concerns about 18 VAC 112-20-90(2.).

Catherine Elrod asked the Board to examine 18 VAC 112-20-90 (A.) with a broad interpretation.

Brian R. Hoke spoke about the reevaluation of a patient by PT who supervises many PTAs.

Sharon Justice stated that 18 VAC 112-20-90 (2.) was too restrictive to licensees.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Lisa Shoaf, Ph.D., P.T., Chair

Elizabeth Young, Executive Director

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