

APPROVED
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

The Virginia Board of Physical Therapy Legislative/Regulatory Committee met on Friday, June 8, 2007 at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Conference Room #3, Richmond, Virginia. The following members were present:

Peggy H. Belmont, P.T.
Damien Howell, P.T.
Robert Izzo, P.T.
Lorraine C. Quinn, P.T.A.

The following Board member was present; however, not on the committee:

George Maihafer

The following members were absent:

Maureen E. Lyons, P.T.

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

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Annie B. Artis, Licensure Operations Manager

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

Amy Marschean, Assistant Attorney General

Guests Present:

Cal Whitehead, Virginia Orthopaedic Society
Richard K. Gossman, Virginia Physical Therapy Association
Shawne Soper, Virginia Physical Therapy Association

CALLED TO ORDER

Mr. Damien Howell, P.T., called the Legislative/Regulatory Committee meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

PRESIDING

Damien Howell, P.T.

ORDERING OF THE AGENDA

The order of the agenda was changed to discuss old business before new business. The agenda was accepted as changed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Review Guidance Document 112-9 – Urodynamic Tests, Anorectal Manometry and EMG Studies

The Committee discussed the content of the old guidance document 112-9, including guidance on performance of urodynamic tests, anorectal manometry and EMG studies and the delegation of sharp debridement to PTAs. It was the consensus of the Committee to table the discussion for the next meeting. They asked that staff and Ms. Yeatts provide more definitive information regarding earlier recommendations about EMG studies and draft guidance on sharp debridement using the FSBPT Model Practice Act.

Develop Guidance Document for Dry Needling

Upon a motion by Ms. Belmont and seconded by Mr. Izzo the Committee voted to accept the Guidance Document for Dry Needling as written. The members voting 'yes' were Ms. Quinn, Mr. Howell, Mr. Izzo and Ms. Belmont. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

Review Guidance Document 112-12 – Physical Therapy Services in Home Health

Upon a motion by Ms. Belmont and seconded by Mr. Izzo the Committee voted to accept the Guidance Document for Physical Therapy Services in Home Health as written. The members voting 'yes' were Mr. Howell, Ms. Quinn and Ms. Belmont. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

Regulations Regarding Discharge Summaries and Evaluation - §18VAC-112-20-90, 100, 120

After lengthy review and discussion of the regulations regarding discharge summaries and evaluation, the Committee directed staff and Ms. Yeatts to work together to develop a draft guidance document.

BREAK

The Committee recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

Regulations Regarding Ethics and Standards of Conduct

The Committee discussed at length the regulations currently in place for the Board of Medicine in regard to ethics and standards of conduct. There was discussion as to what areas the Committee wanted to include and add to the Board of Physical Therapy regulations. Mr. Howell requested that the Occupational Therapy and Athletic Trainers regulations be reviewed and that a rough draft of the document be provided to the members prior to the next committee meeting.

Board member departed:

Ms. Quinn left the meeting.

Report of the Advisory Committee for Direct Access (Informational)

This information was provided to the Committee for informational purposes. Ms. Yeatts commended the members of the advisory committee for doing a fine job and for working so amicably together to discuss direct access and to provide the recommendations. Ms. Hahn stated that the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Direct Access will be provided to the Board of Medicine at its meeting on June 21, 2007 and to the Physical Therapy Board at its meeting on July 20, 2007. She stated that the recommendations of the committee will be sent to all board members prior to the next meeting.

Notice of Intended Regulatory Action Submitted (Informational)

The Notice of Intended Regulatory Action was submitted to the Public Participation Guideline list in regard to amending the physical therapy regulations. Public comment will be received through July 25, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS

Continued Competency – Face-to-Face vs. On-Line Courses

There was discussion regarding continued competency in regard to face-to-face versus on-line courses. The discussion will continue with the full board on July 20, 2007.

Survey on Continuing Competency Assurance

Ms. Hahn stated that the surveys on continuing competency assurance were mailed to all board members and asked that it be returned to the board office by July 1, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Committee adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Damien Howell, PT., Chair

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

Date

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