

Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

EDUCATION

Committee Meeting

Sheraton Fort Worth Downtown Hotel

1701 Commerce Street, Cypress Room II

October 27, 2016

3:00 PM

Members Present: Barbara Sanders, PT, PhD, Chair

Jeff Tout, PT

Liesl Olson, PT

Staff: John Maline, Executive Director

Amy Carter, Investigator

Randall Glines, Staff Services Officer

Legal Counsel: Kara Holsinger, Assistant Attorney General

Guests: Kathleen Manella, PT, PhD, Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA)
Liaison

Stacey Mather, TPTA Staff

Kate Layton, TPTA Staff

Beth Helberg, TPTA Staff

A. Call to Order

Dr. Sanders called roll and determined a quorum was present. She called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

B. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

C. Approval of minutes from the August 11, 2016 meeting.

Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.

Made by: Liesl Olson

Second: Jeff Tout

Motion passed unanimously.

D. Discussion and possible action on the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report, including conclusion of the audit of TPTA approved courses.

Dr. Sanders addressed the following:

CCAP

Report received as well as follow up to the audit. Major points:

- Time to process applications is now 9 week, goal is 6-8 by January but we have asked for 4-6 week target.
- There was no response to the other directives that we had indicated relative to process of applications.
- There is no written policy regarding co-sponsorship under the APS – CCAP directed to prepare policy for review by committee in January. (from #1 in August 2016 minutes)
- On the Neuro course – the schedule was not sufficient to verify CC value; to be provided at next meeting. (from #2 in August minutes)
- For the IDT Collaborative program – there was no written policy exempting programs under 3 hours from submitting an agenda. CCAP directed to prepare policy for review by committee in January. (from #5 in August minutes)
- The question posed in the CCAP report is already in current rules and required no action.

No action taken.

E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to 341.3. Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities and 341.6. License Restoration regarding the elimination of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Practice Review Tool (PRT) and the addition of oPTion as a qualifying continuing competency activity.

Motion: To recommend to the Board for consideration.

Made by: Jeff Tout

Second: Liesl Olson

Motion passed unanimously.

F. Discussion of possible action on the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) decision to deny the Foreign Credentialing Commission of Physical Therapy (FCCPT) the authorization to issue foreign PT healthcare worker certifications.

Dr. Sanders discussed specifics of new educational requirements for 2016 and 2017, and FCCPT's compliance with the rules. Possible negative impact to foreign trained applicants was discussed.

No action taken.

G. Discussion and possible action on issues related on a request for an appeal to re-take the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).

The committee reviewed NPTE Repeal Form and discussed.

Motion: Recommend denial of appeal.

Made by: Jeff Tout

Second: Liesl Olson

Motion passed unanimously.

H. Discussion and possible action on issues related to physical therapy entry-level education and continuing competence.

There was no discussion on this item.

I. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.

The next committee meeting was set for January 26, 2017, in Austin at 1 PM.

J. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Liesl Olson

Second: Jeff Tout

Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Sanders adjourned the meeting at 3:34 PM.

Date reviewed by the Committee: 01/26/2017

Action taken by the Committee: adopted as submitted