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Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

**EDUCATION
Committee Meeting**

**333 Guadalupe, Suite 2-510
Austin, Texas 78701**

**January 16, 2014
3:00 p.m.**

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15 **Members Present:** **Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman, PT, Chair**
16 **Melinda Rodriguez, PT**
17 **René Peña, public member**
18 **Jeff Tout, PT**

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20 **Staff:** Nina Hurter, PT Coordinator
21 Cindy Machado, Licensing Manager
22 Mark Turek, Chief Investigator

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24 **Guests:** *Paul Hardin, TPTA*
25 *Stacey Mather, TPTA*
26 *Amber Townsley, TPTA*

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29 A. Call to order
30 B. Public comment
31 C. Approval of minutes from the September 5, 2013 meeting
32 D. Discussion and possible action on the TPTA Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP)
33 report, including changes to the MOU regarding fees for course approval, the approval of Massive
34 Open Online Courses (MOOCS) for CC credit, and whether a course on kinesiotaping is by its
35 nature "self-promotion"
36 E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.3, Qualifying Continuing Competence
37 Activities
38 F. Discussion and possible action on the American PT Association's (APTA) perspective on recent
39 continuing competence efforts by state boards/regulatory agencies in physical therapy
40 G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5, regarding FSBPT exam eligibility
41 requirements and remediation of general education deficiencies
42 H. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items
43 I. Adjournment
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2 **A. Call to order**
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4 Dr. Luedtke-Hoffman called roll and determined a quorum was present. She called the meeting to order
5 at 3:00 p.m.
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7 **B. Public comment**
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9 There was no public comment.
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11 **C. Approval of minutes from the September 5, 2013 meeting**
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13 *Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.*

14 *Made by: René Peña*

15 *Second: Jeff Tout*

16 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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18 **D. Discussion and possible action on the TPTA Continuing Competence Approval Program**
19 **(CCAP) report, including changes to the MOU regarding fees for course approval, the**
20 **approval of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCS) for CC credit, and whether a course on**
21 **kinesiotaping is by its nature “self-promotion“**
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23 Ms. Mather summarized all of the information and questions in the CCAP report. The Committee:

- 24 • Discussed the concept of “self-promotion” as prohibited by the rules, and agreed that a course
25 focusing on one particular commercial product, and not the techniques associated with the product
26 category, should NOT be approved for CCUs;
- 27 • Agreed to staff’s suggestion that the implementation of the new CC rules be delayed until the new
28 website was ready; with March 1 as the goal;
- 29 • Discussed whether for manuscript review and grant review, TPTA may review the journals/granting
30 institutions once, and establish a list of qualifying journals/institutions. The Committee decided to
31 discuss the criteria for these CC categories at the next meeting, with the possibility of developing
32 new language for the rule;
- 33 • Asked TPTA to bring information on CCUs for PTA program Clinical Instructors (CIs) to the next
34 meeting in order to amend the rules to address the different between PT and PTA CIs; and
- 35 • Approved the new Accredited Provider application update by TPTA.
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37 The Committee did not discuss setting specific guidelines re MOOCS .
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39 **E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.3, Qualifying Continuing**
40 **Competence Activities**
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42 The Committee agreed to discuss amending this rule to address the CI issue, setting criteria for
43 manuscript and grant reviews, and possibly assigning a standard approval number for those categories.
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45 **F. Discussion and possible action on the American PT Association’s (APTA) perspective on**
46 **recent continuing competence efforts by state boards/regulatory agencies in physical**
47 **therapy**
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49 The Committee recognized APTA’s concern, but did not see any need for action by the Board.
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51 **G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5, regarding FSBPT exam**
52 **eligibility requirements and remediation of general education deficiencies**
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54 The Committee reviewed the FSBPT’s current plan to delay implementing changes to the eligibility
55 requirements until 2016, and determined that the Board did not need to make those changes

1 immediately unless it so desired. It also discussed a question from Mr. Robert Watkins, a credentialer,
2 regarding an evaluation for a person who had a masters degree in Kinesiotherapy as well as a BS in
3 Physical Therapy. He asked whether the Board approved the use of hours in non-PT graduate studies
4 to remedy deficiencies in general education. The Committee agreed that in this instance it would
5 approve it, but that it would discuss the issue again at the next meeting.
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7 **H. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items**

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9 The Committee will address amendments to §341.3 as discussed, and under §329.5, the use of
10 graduate hours in a specific subject to remedy deficiencies in general education.
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12 **I. Adjournment**

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14 *Motion: To adjourn the meeting.*

15 *Made by: René Peña*

16 *Second: Melinda Rodriguez*

17 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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19 Dr. Luedtke-Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.
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22 **Date reviewed by the Committee: 05/01/2014**

23 **Action taken by the Committee: approved as submitted**