### **AGENDA**

# CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 9:00 AM
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT
Third Floor Hearing Room

# **CALL TO ORDER**

I. MINUTES

Adoption of the minutes from February 7, 2017

- II. CHAIR UPDATES
- III. <u>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES</u>

Investigations Update
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH

- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Reinstatement Application Review Elizabeth Almeida-Sanborn, PT Frank Manna, Jr. License and Applications Analyst, DPH

# **ADJOURN**

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The **Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists** held a meeting on February 7, 2017 at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, third floor Hearing Room, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN, Chairperson – via telephone

Andrea O'Brien, PT – *via telephone* Michael J. Parisi, PT – *via telephone* 

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** None

Ms. Sanders called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### **MINUTES**

The minutes from the November 22, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to adopt the minutes. The motion passed.

#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

NONE

## **INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE**

Gary Griffin, Investigation Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported there were two cases dismissed by the Department since the last meeting. There is one case currently under investigation and one case has been referred Department's Office of Legal Compliance.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. <u>Approved Physical Therapy Schools and Examination Requirements</u>

Stephen Carragher, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification, was present on behalf of the Department to discuss these requirements.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to reaffirm the current requirement that that all candidates for physical therapy licensure must have graduated from a program of study approved by the American Physical Therapy Association and that applicants trained outside of the United States may qualify for licensure provided the applicant receives an acceptable credentials evaluation from the Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, that the current examination requirement is successful completion the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) with a criterion-referenced passing score for the respective administration of the examination; that applicants who took the examination prior to February, 1996, but after February, 1991, the passing score is 1.5 standard deviations below the national mean; and that applicants who took the examination prior to February, 1991, the passing score is 1.5 standard deviation below the national mean for each of the three parts. In addition, that the department, with the consent of the board, shall determine the subject matter of such examination, which shall be designed to show proficiency in physical therapy and related subjects, and shall determine whether such examination shall be written, oral or practical, or a combination thereof. Passing scores shall be established by the department with the consent of the board. The motion passed unanimously.

### B. Reinstatement Application Review - Sarah Wallace, PT

Frank Manna, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health and Stephen Carragher, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification presented a reinstatement application for Sarah Wallace, PT. Ms. Wallace was present via telephone.

Mr. Parisi made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, recommending to the Department that Ms. Wallace's license be reinstated after compliance with current continuing education requirements, followed by 1 year of supervised clinical practice/work experience with the provision of quarterly supervisor reports which begins upon commencement of the work experience. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. on a motion by Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Lou Sanders, MS, BSN – Chairperson Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists