

Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

EDUCATION Committee Meeting

333 Guadalupe, Suite 2-510
Austin, Texas 78701

July 24, 2014
3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kathleen Luedtke-Hoffman, PT, PhD, Chair
René Peña, public member
Jeff Tout, PT

Member Not Present: Shari Waldie, PT

Staff: Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator
Cindy Machado, Licensing Manager
Danielle DeVellis, Investigator

Guests: Barbara Sanders, PT, PhD, TPTA Liaison
Stacey Mather, TPTA Staff
Amber Townsley, TPTA Staff

- A. Call to order
 - B. Public comment
 - C. Approval of minutes from the May 1, 2014 meeting
 - D. Discussion and possible action on the TPTA Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report.
 - E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.3, Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities, including criteria for approving continuing education activities.
 - F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2, Licensure by Examination, including revising additional education requirements for re-examination, low score policy, and letter of weakness/plan for remediation.
 - G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5, Licensure Procedures for Foreign-Trained Applicants, including changes to the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score reporting, utilization of current Coursework Tool (CWT) for examination applicants, and method of counting general education credits for Foreign Educated Physical Therapist (FEPT) credential reviews.
 - H. Discussion and possible action on a request for waiver of continuing competence requirement from Mary Moran, PT
 - I. Discussion and possible action regarding addition of questions/answers to the Jurisprudence Exam.
 - J. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.
 - K. Adjournment
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A. Call to order

Dr. Luedtke-Hoffman called roll and determined a quorum was present. She called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

B. Public comment

There was no public comment.

C. Approval of minutes from the May 1, 2014 meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.

Made by: René Peña

Second: Jeff Tout

Motion passed unanimously.

D. Discussion and possible action on the TPTA Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report.

Ms. Mather summarized all of the information and questions in the CCAP report. The Committee:

- Discussed finalizing relocating the procedural components of the Memorandum of Understanding to the CCAP Policy and Procedure Manual to be completed by next meeting;
- Discussed the development of a new CCAP application submission site;
- Discussed a draft list of journal and grant-issuing entities for CC pre-approval.

Motion: To approve the list of journal and grant-issuing entities for CC pre-approval. (Attachment A)

Made by: Jeff Tout

Second: René Peña

Motion passed unanimously.

E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.3, Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities, including criteria for approving continuing education activities.

The Committee discussed revising the criteria used for approving continuing education courses to include self-study accountability and evidence based. Staff was directed to include FSBPT standards for continuing competence activities for review at the next meeting. The Committee took no action, but agreed to discuss the issues again at the next meeting.

F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2, Licensure by Examination, including revising additional education requirements for re-examination, low score policy, and letter of weakness/plan for remediation.

The Committee discussed the revisions that need to be made in order to comply with FSBPT changes of maximum six attempts and low score policy to the NPTE eligibility requirements which will be implemented in January 2016, and discussed possibly revising the requirement for a letter of weakness and plan for remediation. The Committee took no action, but agreed to discuss the issues again at the next meeting.

G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5, Licensure Procedures for Foreign-Trained Applicants, including changes to the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score reporting, utilization of current Coursework Tool (CWT) for examination applicants, and method of counting general education credits for Foreign Educated Physical Therapist (FEPT) credential reviews.

The Committee discussed upcoming changes to the utilization of the CWT, TOEFL score reporting, and method of counting general education credits for FEPT credential reviews. The Committee determined that no changes were needed to comply with FSBPT's November 1, 2014 implementation of eliminating the distinction between "general education" and "professional education" in the CWT, and took no action on the other issues, but agreed to discuss them again at the next meeting.

H. Discussion and possible action on a request for waiver of continuing competence requirement by Mary Moran, PT.

The Committee reviewed the documentation submitted by Mary Moran, PT in support of her request for a waiver of the continuing competence requirement.

Motion: To refer the request to the full Board without recommendation.
Made by: Jeff Tout
Second: René Peña
Motion passed unanimously.

I. Discussion and possible action regarding addition of questions/answers to the Jurisprudence Exam.

The Committee reviewed the synopses of the new rules and agreed that each member would prepare new questions/answers to be reviewed at the next meeting.

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

The Committee agreed that the agenda for the next meeting will include all of the tabled items as noted above. The next committee meeting was set for October 23, 2014.

I. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.
Made by: René Peña
Second: Jeff Tout
Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Luedtke-Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Date reviewed by the Committee: 10/23/2014
Action taken by the Committee: approved as corrected

Attachment A

Manuscript & Grant Reviewer Pre-Approval List

1 Journals

- 2 • APTA and component journals
- 3 • *Physical Therapy*
- 4 • *Archives of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*
- 5 • *Spine*
- 6 • *Journal of the American Geriatric Society*
- 7 • *Journal of Orthopedic Sports Physical Therapy*
- 8 • *Physiotherapy*
- 9 • *Stroke*
- 10 • *British Medical Journal*
- 11 • *Medical Science of Sports Exercise*
- 12 • *Journal of Bone & Joint Surgery*
- 13 • *Australian Journal of Physiotherapy*
- 14 • *Clinical Rehabilitation*
- 15 • *Pain*
- 16 • *Physiotherapy Canada*
- 17 • *Journal of the American Medical Association*

18 19 Grant-Issuing Entities

- 20 • American & State Physical Therapy Foundations
- 21 • ABPTS-accredited universities
- 22 • Federal health agencies (such as NIH, CDC, etc.)
- 23 • Disease Specific (such as Arthritis Foundation, MS Foundation)

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25 **Approved 7/25/2014**

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