

1 **Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners**

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3 **EDUCATION**
4 **Committee Meeting**

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6 **333 Guadalupe, Suite 2-510**
7 **Austin, Texas 78701**

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9 **August 11, 2016**
10 **1:00 p.m.**

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13 **Members Present:** Barbara Sanders, PT, PhD, Chair
14 Jeff Tout, PT
15 Liesl Olson, PT
16 Glenda Clausell, Public Member
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18 **Staff:** Karen Gordon, PT Coordinator
19 Mark Turek, Chief Investigator
20 Cynthia Machado, Licensing Manager
21 Michael Briscoe, Assistant Licensing Manager
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23 **Legal Counsel:** Kara Holsinger, Assistant Attorney General
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25 **Guests:** Kathleen Manella, PT, PhD, Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Liaison
26 Stacey Mather, TPTA Staff
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29 A. Call to order
30 B. Public comment
31 C. Approval of minutes from the April 28, 2016 meeting.
32 D. Discussion and possible action on the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Continuing
33 Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report, including auditing TPTA approved courses.
34 E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2. Licensure by Examination regarding the
35 Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) alternate path for exam eligibility approval.
36 F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5. Licensing Procedures for Foreign-
37 Trained Applicants, including upcoming FSBPT changes and Duke University online module on the US
38 healthcare delivery system.
39 G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.2. Continuing Competence Requirements
40 and §341.3. Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities, regarding combining the jurisprudence exam
41 and the ethics/professional responsibility requirement into one online assessment module.
42 H. Discussion and possible action on issues related to physical therapy entry-level education and continuing
43 competence.
44 I. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.
45 J. Adjournment
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48 **A. Call to order**

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50 Dr. Sanders called roll and determined a quorum was present. She called the meeting to order at
51 1:05 p.m.

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53 **B. Public comment**

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55 There was no public comment.
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57 **C. Approval of minutes from the April 28, 2016 meeting**
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1 Motion: To approve the minutes as submitted.
2 Made by: Jeff Tout
3 Second: Liesl Olson

4 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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6 **D. Discussion and possible action on the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA)**
7 **Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) report, including auditing TPTA**
8 **approved courses.**
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10 The Committee reviewed the following randomly selected continuing competence
11 offerings provided under the TPTA Accredited Provider Status.

- 12 1. 2015 Texas Unencumbered Conference
- 13 2. Interventions to Maximize Functional Mobility Recovery in Patients with
14 Neurological Disorders/Diseases
- 15 3. Movement Education and Motor Learning – Where Ortho and Neuro
16 Rehab Collide
- 17 4. Current Best Practices for Treatment of Wrist & Hand Injuries
- 18 5. IDT Collaboration Models with OT and ST

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20 The Committee discussed the following in regard to the audit submissions and
21 requested that TPTA provide additional information at the October 27th meeting:

- 22 #1. Conference co-sponsored by the Physical Therapy Business Alliance who
23 conducted the course evaluation. There is no written policy regarding co-
24 sponsorships for offerings under an accredited provider status.
25 More information needed on the presenters qualifications.
- 26 #2. Course schedule/agenda did not provide a sufficient breakdown of the
27 presentation content in order to verify appropriateness and assignment of
28 CCU value.
- 29 #3. No additional information needed.
- 30 #4. Course schedule/agenda did not provide a sufficient breakdown of the
31 presentation content in order to verify appropriateness and assignment of
32 CCU value.
- 33 #5. Course schedule/agenda did not provide a sufficient breakdown of the
34 presentation content in order to verify appropriateness and assignment of
35 CCU value. There is no written policy exempting courses that are valued
36 less than 3 CCUs from submitting course agenda.
37 More information needed on the presenters qualifications.

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39 Ms. Mathers of TPTA presented the CCAP report with the following questions to the
40 Committee.

- 41 1. Should the process for reaccrediting accredited providers for only one
42 period before completing a new accreditation application remain the
43 same?
- 44 2. Does participation in an online discussion group qualify for continuing
45 competence (CC) credit?
- 46 3. If an individual is seeking approval for attending a course and cannot
47 obtain a copy of the course evaluation, can the requirement for an
48 evaluation be waived?
- 49 4. Is there any changes to the final draft of the CCAP Policy Manual?

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51 The Committee responded to the questions as follows:

- 52 1. The process for reaccrediting accredited providers for only one period

- 1 should remain the same.
- 2 2. Participation in an online discussion group does not fit into any of the
- 3 categories for qualifying continuing competence activities and cannot be
- 4 claimed for CC credit.
- 5 3. Kara Holsinger, legal counsel, determined that it would be acceptable to
- 6 receive a statement from the individual attesting that an evaluation of the
- 7 course was completed if he is unable to obtain a copy of the evaluation
- 8 from the sponsor of the course.
- 9 4. As the section for the reviewer approval process has not been completed,
- 10 the Committee will look at the final draft at the next meeting.

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12 The Committee discussed the following directives to TPTA for the CCAP:

- 13 1. TPTA should work to reduce the processing time for applications from 8-10
- 14 weeks to 4-6 weeks.
- 15 2. TPTA should prioritize processing applications from individual licensees
- 16 seeking approval.
- 17 3. TPTA should work on an automatic confirmation of application processing.
- 18 4. TPTA should assure that applications from individual licensees for
- 19 courses/conferences that have already been approved for a different
- 20 individual receive an administrative approval per policy.
- 21 5. TPTA should develop a follow-up customer survey.

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23 **E. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.2. Licensure by**
24 **Examination regarding the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)**
25 **alternate path for exam eligibility approval.**
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27 Ms. Gordon reported that the implementation of the alternate path for exam eligibility is on track for
28 January 2017 with Texas possibly being the test state for the January 2016 test dates.

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30 Motion: To propose an amendment to §329.2. Licensure by Examination regarding
31 participation in the FSBPT alternate path for exam eligibility approval.
32 Made by: Jeff Tout
33 Second: Glenda Clausell

34 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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36 **F. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §329.5. Licensing Procedures**
37 **for Foreign-Trained Applicants, including upcoming FSBPT changes and**
38 **Duke University online module on the US healthcare delivery system.**
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40 Ms. Gordon reported on the CWT6 for educational credentials review which will be implemented on
41 January 1, 2017; on the recommended cut scores from the TOEFL Standard Setting Panel,
42 implementation TBA; and on the portions of the CWT5 that will be satisfied for remediation by
43 taking the Duke University module *Healthcare Policy, Practice, and Regulation in the United States*.
44 No action was taken and it was recommended to delete the agenda item until the FSBPT finalizes
45 changes to the exam eligibility requirements for foreign-educated candidates.
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47 **G. Discussion and possible action on proposing changes to §341.2. Continuing**
48 **Competence Requirements and §341.3. Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities,**
49 **regarding combining the jurisprudence exam and the ethics/professional responsibility**
50 **requirement into one online assessment module.**
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1 Dr. Sanders reported on a work group consisting of Jeff Tout, Mark Turek, Karen Gordon, and
2 herself that met August 10, 2016 along with Richard Woolf of the Federation of State Boards of
3 Physical Therapy (FSBPT) to review the two forms of the Jurisprudence Assessment Module (JAM)
4 complied by the FSBPT. Several items were corrected and omitted from the final form which will be
5 available for final testing by the end of September.
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7 Motion: To propose an amendment to §341.2. Continuing Competence
8 Requirements and §341.3. Qualifying Continuing Competence Activities
9 regarding combining the jurisprudence exam and the ethics/professional
10 responsibility requirement into one online assessment module.

11 Made by: Glenda Clausell

12 Second: Jeff Tout

13 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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15 **H. Discussion and possible action on issues related to physical therapy entry-level**
16 **education and continuing competence.**
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18 There was no discussion on this item.
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20 **I. Discussion and possible action on future meeting dates and agenda items.**
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22 The next committee meeting was set for October 27, 2016 in Fort Worth.
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24 **J. Adjournment**
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26 Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

27 Made by: Jeff Tout

28 Second: Liesl Olson

29 *Motion passed unanimously.*
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31 Dr. Sanders adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.
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34 **Date reviewed by the Committee:** 10/27/2016

35 **Action taken by the Committee:** adopted as submitted