

**PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**

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**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES  
PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD OF CALIFORNIA  
CONTINUING COMPETENCY TASK FORCE  
MEETING MINUTES**

October 4, 2007

Department of Consumer Affairs  
Greg Gorges Conference Room  
1424 Howe Avenue  
Sacramento, California 95825

*Thursday, October 4, 2007***1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Marty Jewell, PT – Chairperson  
Debra Alviso, PT  
Don Chu, PT  
Rick Katz, PT  
Adele Levine  
Brad Stockert, PT  
Luis Williams, PTA

Chairperson Jewell called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. All members, except Ms. Levine, were present and a quorum was established.

**2. Approval of August 22, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Chu questioned the second paragraph on page two of the minutes which indicated he solicited the task force for approval of Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) transitional programs as an acceptable mode of satisfying the continuing competency requirement for PTA's. Ms. Marco reminded him that the Director of Cerritos College had asked him to present it to the task force. He then recalled the occurrence and discussion concluded that the sentence should be reworded to specify those PTA's who become licensed through the equivalency pathway that subsequently enter into a condensed or accelerated PTA program be given continuing education units (CE) credit for their academic efforts. The task force also concluded that the reference to satisfying credit by attending a board meeting should specify a Physical Therapy Board of California (Board) meeting.

Moved by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Chu to approve the August 22, 2007 meeting minutes as amended. Vote: 6-0 Motion carried.

### **3. Discussion of the Components of the Continuing Competency Program.**

#### **a. Establish standards for course providers**

#### **b. Life support/CPR course approval**

Ms. Alviso presented findings from her review of CPR courses; Mr. Stockert offered a proposal to approve clinical instructors for continuing education units and Ms. Freedman advised that she had drafted regulatory language for consideration.

The task force decided to begin with the review of Ms. Alviso's findings regarding CPR. A lengthy discussion pursued giving consideration to whether or not basic life support should be required for license renewal or be an elective to satisfy CE's; whether it should be left to be a job requirement or a condition of license renewal in addition to CE's requirement; whether or not a basic course or a course specific to healthcare professionals would be accepted; and whether or not it should be a mandatory requirement of each licensee as part of satisfying their CE requirement. Mr. Hartzell explained that to require CPR as a condition of renewal in addition to CEU's would require a legislative change.

Ms. Jewell concluded the discussion by asking for a show of hands of those in favor of requiring CPR as a mandatory part of satisfying the CE requirement. The vote was 5 to 1.

Mr. Stockert then presented the proposal developed by the clinical coordinators from northern California physical therapy schools seeking CE credit for clinical instructors. Mr. Stockert rationalized the licensee acting in the role of clinical instructor should be given a limited amount of continuing education credit for assuming the clinical education responsibility of physical therapy and physical therapy assistant students. There was a consensus that this would be an incentive for licensees to fill a much needed void of clinical instructors who enable the students to satisfy the clinical requirement of their curriculum. The discussion resulted in an agreement that a clinical instructor should be given credit for full time clinical instruction of four weeks or greater.

It was moved by Mr. Chu, seconded by Mr. Stockert that licensees who serve as clinical instructors be given continuing education credit for each four weeks of full time clinical instruction. Vote: 5 – 1. Motion carried.

Mr. Hartzell requested consideration be given to requiring those licensees who serve as clinical instructors be certified by the APTA. He also suggested considering language which would phase in the requirement, similar to the language currently in section 1398.26.5 of the California Code of Regulations. The task force agreed that a four year phase in period from the effective date of the regulations would be reasonable.

It was moved by Mr. Chu, seconded by Mr. Williams to include language in the regulation which would provide that, after the regulation had been in effect for four years clinical instructors shall be required to be certified by the APTA to obtain CE credit. Vote: 6-0. Motion carried.

### **4. Consideration of Regulatory Proposal to Make Specific Continuing Competency Requirements**

The task force then considered the proposed regulatory language drafted by Ms. Freedman, board legal counsel. The task force considered the leading section titled Definitions; then the second section titled Continuing Competency Required which specifies that a licensee must accumulate 30 hours of continuing competency credit in each license cycle. This language

was decided on by the task force at their May 22, 2007 meeting. The task force then proceeded to consider the sections titled Standards for Continuing Competency Credits, Continuing Competency Requirements and Approved Providers. The sections titled Instructor Qualifications, Course Verification, Advertisement and Withdrawal or Denial of Provider Approval, were left unaddressed. Legal counsel agreed to revise the language in the draft for the next meeting.

Ms. Jewell requested that the draft regulatory language be included in the board agenda book for October. She would like the board to begin viewing the direction of the task force. Ms. Alviso agreed that the board should be afforded the opportunity to begin embracing the proposal of the task force. Mr. Hartzell suggested that the proposed language be distributed with the next mailing of the task force agenda to generate comments from licensees. The task force agreed.

## **5. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

The task force agreed to schedule the next meeting for Thursday, November 8, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The location is yet to be determined.

## **6. Adjournment**

Ms. Jewell adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.