

**AR State Board of Physical Therapy
MINUTES
January 25, 2007**

Thursday, January 25, 2007

9 Shackleford Plaza, Suite 3, Little Rock, AR

Physical Therapy Board Members Attending: Seth Coulter, Jennie Gregory and Jennifer Parks

Representative from Attorney General's Office: Warren Readnour

Staff Attending: Nancy Worthen and Sarah Chaney

Others Present: Becky Sewell, Rehab Net, Sandy Qualls, Bob Qualls

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Seth Coulter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 30, 2006 regular meeting were approved as amended.

FINANCIAL REPORT

• Financials

As of January 24, 2007 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported as \$88,715.66.

As of January 24, 2007 the Money Market Funds total \$315,262.67.

Total Assets - \$403,978.33

The financial report was approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE

• Licensure Information

Individuals licensed since the 11-30-06 meeting:

PTs -

- By exam: 4
- By reciprocity: 4

PTAs -

- By exam: 3
- By reciprocity: 4

Total PTs - 1477

Total PTAs - 762
Total - 2239

INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS

- **Sarah Craske, PT & Anthony Milam, PT Complaint**
The Board reviewed additional information and determined a hearing will be held. A date will be set after the hearing notice is complete.
- **AFMC Response**
The Board reviewed the response from AFMC. No further action will be taken.
- **Jim Keller, PT Complaint**
An anonymous complaint was received concerning Jim Keller, PT. No action will be taken without documentation.
- **Teresa Prewett, PT Complaint**
A complaint was received from Wendell Riley regarding an email Teresa Prewett, PT sent to Razorback football player Mitch Mustain. The Board reviewed the complaint and Ms. Prewett's response, along with a letter of apology from Ms. Prewett to Mr. Mustain. Concerns of unprofessional conduct were discussed. A letter will be sent to Teresa Prewett. No further action will be taken.
- **Eric Carson D.C. Complaint**
A complaint was received regarding an ad on a radio station in Hot Springs advertising physical therapy by Eric Carson, Chiropractor. The complaint will be forwarded to the Chiropractic Board.
- **William Case, PT Renewal (Action in Texas)**
Renewal was received from William Case, PT disclosing disciplinary action taken by the Texas Board. Mr. Case will be allowed to renew his license but is required to send the Board verification of completion of the Texas Board requirements.
- **AR BC/BS Complaint from Cheryl Jordan, PTA**
A letter was received from Cheryl Jordan regarding complaints against Blue Cross Blue Shield. The letter will be forwarded to Blue Cross Blue Shield.
- **Randall Green, PT Claim**
Randall Green, PT notified the Board of a claim filed against him. The Board reviewed the claim and will take no further action.
- **Rachel Langston Application**
The Board reviewed Rachel Langston's application and study plan and gave approval for her to test again.

- **Robin Raveendran Inquiry**
An email was received from Robin Raveendran of Field Audit/PERM/SURS, Division of Medical Service, concerning PTAs providing services to their immediate family member. The Board determined this does not violate the Practice Act.
- **Rita Sterling Complaint Against AR EBD Changes Regarding Therapy**
An email was received from Rita Sterling regarding changes in Arkansas employee benefits. The change concerns decreased visits for reimbursement for therapy. A letter will be sent to Rita Sterling to thank her for the information.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Michael Teston Lawsuit**
A non jury trial is set for July 30, 2007. The motion was made, seconded and passed to extend the contract with Attorney Marshall Ney.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Jurisprudence Exam Penalty**
The Board discussed penalties for licensees taking the jurisprudence exam past the deadline of December 31, 2006. Licensees taking the exam after the extended deadline of January 15, 2007 will be assessed a penalty of \$50.00 per month.
- **Review of 2005 Risk Assessments**
The 2005 risk assessment received from the Department of Finance and Administration was reviewed by the Board.
- **House Bill 1216**
The Board reviewed and discussed House Bill 1216 regarding the process for reviewing complaints concerning scope of practice that involve more than one board of the healing arts.
- **House Bill 1217**
The Board reviewed and discussed House Bill 1217, an act to clarify the time for recoupment of health care insurance payments.
- **House Bill 1218**
The Board reviewed and discussed House Bill 1218, an act to clarify the scope of practice of physical therapists.
- **Senate Bill 145**
The Board reviewed and discussed HB 145, an act to clarify the scope of practice of chiropractic. The Board is opposed to the current wording unless exemption is added for the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy.
- **AR DHHS Division of Health Proposed Bill**
The Board reviewed and discussed a proposed bill from DHHS and determined the

Board will support the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:25.

The next meeting will be determined at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen
Executive Director