

**AR State Board of Physical Therapy
MINUTES
January 27, 2005**

Thursday, January 27, 2004

9 Shackleford Plaza, Suite 3, Little Rock, AR

Physical Therapy Board Members Attending: Seth Coulter, Rob Hill, Jennie Gregory, Jennifer Parks and Todd Burton.

Representative from Attorney General's Office: Warren Readhour

Staff Attending: Nancy Worthen and Sarah Chaney

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 4, 2004 regular meeting were approved as amended.

FINANCIAL REPORT

• Financials

As of January 27, 2005 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported as \$52,128.21

As of January 27, 2005, Bank of the Ozarks certificate of deposit has a balance of 0. The CD matured, was cashed and deposited in the Money Management Account.

As of June 30, 2004 Money Market Funds total \$247,368.54

Total Assets - \$299,496.75

The financial report was approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE

• Licensure Information

Individuals licensed since the 11-04-04 meeting:

PTs - 12

- By exam: 7

- By reciprocity: 5

PTAs - 8

- By exam: 3

- By reciprocity: 5

Total PTs - 1441

Total PTAs - 685

Total = 2126

- **Sara Cline**
Sara Cline presented her plan of study for approval to take the exam a third time. The Board approved the plan.
- **NPTE Failures**
The Board made the decision in the November meeting that an applicant failing the exam the second time would come to Board meetings to present their plan of study. This issue was discussed again and the Board agreed to allow candidates to meet with one Board member. That Board member would approve or deny the plan of study. The Board also determined that after failing three times or more the applicant would be required to work with the school on extra coursework.
- **Degrees**
A discussion was held concerning the length of time that can lapse between graduation and applying for licensure. Nancy will research this with other boards.
- **Letters of Recommendation**
The question was raised concerning accepting letters of recommendation from PTAs. The Board determined letters of recommendation from PTA s for PTAs could be accepted. However, letters recommending PTs must be from PTs.

INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS

- **Erlinda Suico, PT**
Missouri previously reported a complaint against Erlinda Suico for failure to pay Missouri income tax. The Arkansas Board took no action. The Board received a copy of a letter sent to Ms. Suico from the Missouri Board. The Missouri Board has expunged the revocation of her license from their records.
- **John Helfrich, PTA**
A copy of a complaint against John Helfrich was received from Arkansas Department of Human Services concerning a statement made by Harrison Nursing Center resident Mable Housley. After review of the complaint, statements from witnesses and a statement from John Helfrich, the Board determined no action would be taken.
- **Francis Catacutan, PT**
A complaint of child abuse against Francis Catacutan was received from Daphne Bell of Tomorrow's Child Learning Center, LLC. Mr. Catacutan's employment with Tomorrow's Child Learning Center was terminated. Mr. Catacutan sent a response to the complaint along with a letter from Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Children & Family Services. DHS stated the evidence does not support the allegation of child maltreatment. The Board found there is insufficient evidence to take further action against Mr. Catacutan.
- **Monica Childs, PTA**
A complaint was received from Lori Forwe against Monica Childs for unprofessional conduct. A letter was sent to Ms. Childs asking for a response to the complaint. The complaint was reviewed and will be an agenda item at the next meeting along with Ms. Childs' anticipated response.

- **Dr. Eric Carson Advertisement**

An inquiry and copy of an advertisement by Dr. Eric Carson, Chiropractor, was received from an unknown source. Physical therapy treatment was referred to in the ad. A letter and a copy of the ad will be forwarded to the Chiropractic Board.

- **Healing Hands Family Chiropractic**

A copy of an ad by Healing Hands Family Chiropractic advertising physiotherapy treatments was received from an unknown source. A letter and a copy of the ad will be forwarded to the Chiropractic Board.

- **Neethu Kattotttil, Temp Permit Request**

A letter was received from Neethu Kattotttil requesting a temporary permit to work in Arkansas while she attends school to receive her Masters degree. The Board denied the request.

- **David Wood, PT Reinstatement**

Seth informed the Board that David Wood's reinstatement fee was recently waived. Mr. Wood placed his license on inactive status March, 2004 due to being deployed to Iraq. Mr. Woods recently requested to reinstate his license. Nancy called Seth and asked if Mr. Wood's reinstatement fee could be waived since the State of Arkansas has asked agencies to give special consideration to military personnel deployed to Iraq. Seth agreed and Mr. Wood reinstated his license.

- **Supervision Requirements**

A letter was received from Dean Butler concerning supervision requirements. The Board discussed the inquiry. Seth will respond to the letter.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Chiropractors**

The Chiropractic Board was recently contacted concerning the previous letter of inquiry sent by the Board concerning publications from Blue Cross Blue Shield stating that Chiropractors can provide physical therapy in some states. The Chiropractic Board denied receiving the letter and the letter was resent. A response has not been received to date. Another letter will be sent after sufficient time has been allowed for a response. The Board discussed options of future actions. Warren will start the process of inquiring whether he would be allowed to represent the Board in future action against the Chiropractic Board. An inquiry will also be made to other states to determine which states allow chiropractors to practice physical therapy.

- **Jurisprudence Exam**

Nancy spoke with Amy Tidwell of INA concerning offering the jurisprudence exam on the Board's website. The current company requires pre-payment and therefore would require prior approval to increase the budget. Offering the exam on the Board's website would not necessitate a budget increase. The Board approved requesting INA to develop the exam.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Stipends and Expense Reimbursements**
Under Arkansas Code Annotated SS 25-16-901 et seq. the Board must vote, at the first regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar year, on whether to authorize stipends and expense reimbursements. The motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize stipends and expense reimbursements.
- **Handling Patient Requests of “Don’t put in record”.**
Seth had received an inquiry concerning patients requesting to leave certain information out of their record. A discussion was held concerning this issue. The Board agreed the patient should not say something that he/she does not want in the record.
- **Disciplinary Action on Website**
An inquiry was received concerning no disciplinary action on the website. Several inquiries have also been received in the past. The Board discussed this and agreed that the website would not be changed to allow records of disciplinary action.
- **ASU Presentation Report – Todd Burton**
Todd gave a report of his recent visit with the latest ASU class.
- **FSBPT**
The Board received notification that a Virginia Circuit Court Judge dismissed the APTA vs. FSBPT lawsuit January 26, 2005.

The Board was given information on changes to the NPTE and also a copy of the FSBPT budget.
- **Rules and Regulations Amendments**
Amendments to the Rules and Regulations will begin at the next meeting. Seth requested than each board member be e-mailed a copy of the current Rules and Regulations.
- The regular meeting ended at 1:45. The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen
Executive Director