

**AR State Board of Physical Therapy  
MINUTES  
February 5, 2009**

Thursday, February 5, 2009

9 Shackelford Plaza, Suite 3, Little Rock, AR

Physical Therapy Board Members Attending: Seth Coulter, Todd Burton, Rob Jordan and Rob Tillman.

Representative from Attorney General's Office: Warren Readhour

Staff Attending: Nancy Worthen, Sarah Chaney

Others Present: Becky Sewell, Rehab Net, Steve Forbush, ArPTA, Bill Bandy, Betty Lee, Amber Adams, Christy Gray, Amanda Sullivent, Robbie Sanders, Donna McGriff, Massage Therapy Board.

**CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING**

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes of November 17, 2008 regular meeting were approved as amended.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**• Financials**

As February 3, 2009 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported as \$73,337.36.

As of February 3, 2009 the Money Market Funds total \$444,503.48.

**Total Assets - \$517,840.84**

The financial report was approved as presented.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**• Licensure Information**

Individuals licensed since the November 17, 2008 meeting:

PTs

- By exam: 5
- By reciprocity: 7

PTAs

- By exam: 1
- By reciprocity: 3

Total PTs - 1576

Total PTAs - 862

Total - 2438

## **INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS**

- **Amanda Sullivent, Study Plan Presentation**  
Amanda Sullivent presented her study plan to the Board. Her proposed date for re-examination is February 27, 2009. The Board approved Ms. Sullivent's study plan.
- **Christy Gray, Study Plan Presentation**  
The Board reviewed Christy Gray's study plan and gave approval for her to sit for the exam dependent on a report from her mentor, Brian Furr, PT.
- **Amber Adams, Study Plan Presentation**  
Amber Adams presented her study plan to the Board. She plans to sit for the exam again in April, 2009. The Board approved Ms. Adams' plan.
- **Betty Lee, Study Plan Presentation**  
The Board reviewed Betty Lee's study plan. Her plans are to re-take the exam in March, 2009. The Board approved Ms. Lee's study plan.
- **Robbie Sanders, Study Plan Presentation**  
The Board reviewed Robbie Sanders' study plan. She plans to retest in April, 2009. The Board approved Ms. Sanders' plan.
- **Cherie Brasuell, Study Plan Presentation**  
Ms. Brasuell was unable to attend the board meeting due to pregnancy leave. The Board reviewed her study plan. She plans to retake the exam in March, 2009. The Board approved Ms. Brasuell's study plan.
- **Wade Collins, PT Complaint**  
The Board reviewed a complaint against Wade Collins by Darin K. Wilbourn, M.D. concerning the fact that Mr. Collins performed electromyography. The Board determined it is within the scope of practice for a physical therapist to perform EMGs. No further action will be taken. A letter will be sent to Dr. Wilbourn.
- **Dartell Treadwell, PT Complaint**  
An email was received from the Tennessee Physical Therapy Board stating that Dartell Treadwell's Tennessee license was suspended for non-payment of child support. The Board reviewed all information and determined no action will be taken at this time.
- **Smith Family Clinic, Complaint**  
The Board reviewed a complaint received from Dave Hill, PT regarding physiotherapy advertising by Smith Family Clinic. The complaint will be forwarded to the Chiropractic Board.
- **Little Rock Medical Associates, Inquiry**  
A letter was received from Terri Madden, assistant property manager at the Doctor's Building, and employee of Little Rock Medical Associates. Medical records were abandoned by Dr. Muhammad Shakir, owner of Doctors Physical Therapy Centers

located in the Doctor's Building. Ms. Madden had business cards from physical therapists that previously worked in the suite, therefore she requested advice from the Physical Therapy Board concerning the abandoned medical records. The Board determined that because the leaseholder was Dr. Shakir and not the physical therapists, Ms. Madden should contact the Arkansas Medical Board.

- **Anne Miskin Request For Continuing Education Approval**

Anne Miskin, PT submitted a request for a home study continuing education course entitled SomaEnergetics Vibrational Sound Therapy Level 1 Training. The Board reviewed the course description and determined additional information is needed. Ms. Miskin will be contacted for information regarding assessment of learning and verification of hours.

- **Anonymous Complaint Concerning Part B Medicare & BCBS**

A letter was received concerning private or hospital based satellite clinics ignoring the Medicare and Blue Cross Blue Shield rules regarding supervision of physical therapist assistants. The Board reviewed the letter and determined that without a specific complaint no action will be taken.

- **Michael DuPriest Inquiry regarding dry needling.**

An inquiry was received from Michael DuPriest, PT asking if dry needling is allowable in the Physical Therapy Practice Act. The Board discussed dry needling and determined additional information is needed. Michael DuPriest will be contacted for further documentation.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Practice Act Proposals – Section 17-93-310**

Section 17-93-310 was previously removed from the Practice Act in the proposed revisions. The Board discussed requests from the Arkansas Medical Society regarding the removal of this section. The Board determined Section 17-93-310 will remain stricken at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Massage Therapy Board Proposed Law Changes – SB89**

Donna McGriff, representative from the Arkansas Massage Therapy Board, talked to the Board regarding the Massage Therapy Board proposed laws. The motion was made, seconded and passed to oppose SB89 as it is currently written.

- **Rehab Net of AR Request**

A letter was received from Bo Renshaw, president of Rehabilitation Network of AR, regarding spinal mobilization. Rehab Net requested a formal opinion statement from the Board as to the appropriateness and legality of utilizing spinal mobilization. A letter will be sent to Rehab Net stating it is the opinion of the Board that it is within the scope of practice for physical therapists to perform spinal mobilization.

- **Indiana Verification of Licensure**

An email was received from the Indiana Physical Therapy Committee regarding digital

certification to verify licensure of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants licensed by the Indiana Board. The Board reviewed the information and determined that digital certification will be accepted for licensure verification from the Indian Board.

- **Nancy R. Kirsch Request**

A letter was received from Nancy Kirsch from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Ms. Kirsch is studying the level of ethical decision-making by physical therapists entering the field of physical therapy and is requesting that the board office include information in the application packet. The Board discussed the request and the fact that applications are on the website, therefore packets are no longer mailed to candidates. Ms. Kirsch will be contacted with an offer to supply her with applicant names and addresses. The applicant would be notified of the study by the board office.

- **Continuing Education**

The board office researched continuing education auditing and approval procedures by other state licensing boards and presented the outcome to the Board. The Board discussed current procedures and will make no changes at this time.

- **Consolidation of Boards**

A letter was received from the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee concerning the study of state regulatory boards and commissions. The committee considered consolidation of boards among other alternatives to improve safeguarding of state assets, cost effectiveness, and service to constituents. The committee adopted an alternative that would allow regulatory boards to continue intact, but use board members to improve internal controls through the review of certain key reports and statistics provided by DFA. Cash fund, treasury fund and investment fund balances were also reviewed and the committee encouraged regulatory boards to review their financial resources to determine if balances exceed needs. The Board reviewed the letter and financial reports and felt that the structure of fees is appropriate to handle current workforce. Fees will not be changed at this time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen  
Executive Director