

AR State Board of Physical Therapy
MINUTES
February 14, 2008

Thursday, February 14, 2008
9 Shackleford Plaza, Suite 3, Little Rock, AR
Physical Therapy Board Members Attending: Seth Coulter, Jennie Gregory, Rob Hill, Todd Burton and Jennifer Parks
Representative from Attorney General's Office: Warren Readnour
Staff Attending: Nancy Worthen, Sarah Chaney
Others Present: Becky Sewell, Rehab Net

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

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

MINUTES

The minutes of November 6, 2007 regular meeting were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

• **Financials**

As of February 13, 2008 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported as \$27,129.45.

As of February 13, 2008, the Money Market Funds total \$413,240.68.

Total Assets - \$440,370.13

The financial report was approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE

• **Licensure Information**

Individuals licensed since the November 6, 2007 meeting:

PTs -

- By exam: 12
- By reciprocity: 12

PTAs -

- By exam: 6
- By reciprocity: 3

Total PTs - 1536

Total PTAs - 813

Total - 2349

INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS

- **Tonya Cook, PTA**
While practicing as a PTA in Virginia, Tonya Cook forged a patient's signature on a timecard indicating that she treated a patient when she had not. She signed a Consent Order with the Virginia Board of Physical Therapy on 6/26/07. The Arkansas Physical Therapy Board reviewed the Consent Order on 8/23/07 and determined no action would be taken. Ms. Cook also holds a PTA license in North Carolina. On December 3, 2007 the North Carolina Physical Therapy Board took action against Ms. Cook for her action in Virginia and she signed a Consent Order with North Carolina. The Board reviewed all information and determined no further action will be taken.
- **Paul Thomas Pendergrass, PTA**
In 2006 the Texas Board of Physical Therapy took action against Paul Pendergrass, PTA for violating their Practice Act when he resigned from his place of employment without sufficient prior notice. The Texas Board ordered Mr. Pendergrass to complete community service and reimburse investigative costs by December 31, 2007. The Arkansas Board reviewed the information from Texas at the 3/29/07 meeting and determined no action would be taken but the Texas Board will be contacted after December 31 to verify completion of requirements. Nancy contacted the Texas Board and verified that Mr. Pendergrass completed all requirements.
- **Frankie Pratt, PT**
Frankie Pratt, PT informed Jennie Gregory that he had concerns regarding DBC Spine Care. The Board discussed Mr. Pratt's concerns. Jennie will talk to Mr. Pratt and explain that a formal complaint is needed for the Board to pursue the complaint.
- **Shangina Lokwani, Foreign Applicant Inquiry**
Shangina Lokwani applied for licensure by exam. The credentialing agency (ICD) determined Ms. Lokwani lacked 200 hours of clinical education. She requested that the Board consider her six months of internship training while completing her Bachelors degree in India. The Board determined documentation is needed from Ms. Lokwani. ICD will also be contacted for further information.
- **Athletes In Pain, Stephe Worley**
The Board reviewed a letter from the Athletic Training Board regarding Stephe Worley of Athletes in Pain. A letter will be sent to Mr. Worley cautioning him to be sure he is clear to the public that he is not a physical therapist.
- **Liezl Arricivita, Foreign Applicant**
The Board reviewed Liezl Arricivita's credentials and application for licensure and approved the application.
- **Dean Butler Request for Continuing Education**
The Board reviewed Dean Butler's continuing education submission and determined a total of one hour will be accepted toward his 2009 continuing education requirement.

OLD BUSINESS

• **Legislative Issues**

Seth updated the Board on the meeting between ArPTA and Rehab Net. Legislative changes were discussed and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

• **Coursework Evaluation Tool**

FCCPT is implementing a new credit requirement on the Coursework Evaluation Tool. The motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the new requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:15.

The next meeting will be scheduled for April 24, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen
Executive Director