

**AR State Board of Physical Therapy
MINUTES
March 4, 2010**

Thursday, March 4, 2010

9 Shackleford Plaza, Suite 3, Little Rock, AR

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

Representative from Attorney General's Office: Warren Readnour

Staff Attending: Nancy Worthen, Sarah Chaney

Others Present: Leann Goines, ATU-Ozark, AR, Brooke Moseley, PT, Kevin Moseley, PT, Becky Sewell, Andrea Christenberry-Baldrige, Tara Hargrove, Angela Henderson, Sindia Johnson and ReShonda Powell.

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Seth Coulter called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 11, 2009 regular meeting were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

• Financials

As of March 3, 2010 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported as \$120,362.34.

As of March 3, 2010 the Money Management Funds total \$525,010.53.

Total Assets - \$645,372.87

The financial report was approved as presented.

Reconciliation

The Board reviewed the reconciliation reports and trial balance reports. The Metropolitan Bank checking account was discussed and Nancy will research policies of other banks. The Board approved possibly moving the checking account to another bank.

ADMINISTRATIVE

• Licensure Information

Individuals licensed since the November 11, 2009 meeting:

PTs

- By exam: 18
- By endorsement: 10

PTAs

- By exam: 4
- By endorsement: 4

Total PTs - 1585
Total PTAs - 869
Total - 2454

INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS

- **Andrea Christenberry-Baldrige Study Plan Presentation**

Andrea Christenberry-Baldrige presented her study plan and review course. She plans to retake the exam by the 1st of April. The Board approved her study plan.

The Board requested that the college be contacted for information on the review course for other candidates.

- **Tara Hargrove Study Plan Presentation**

Tara Hargrove presented her study plan. She plans to take the exam again in five to six months. Additional time to take the exam was discussed. The Board approved her study plan but Roy Aldridge will be contacted prior to Ms. Hargrove retesting.

- **Angela Henderson Study Plan Presentation**

Angela Henderson presented her study plan. She plans to take the exam again in June. The Board approved her study plan.

- **Sindia Johnson Study Plan Presentation**

Sindia Johnson presented her study plan. She is requesting to retest in May. The Board approved her plan.

- **ReShonda Powell Study Plan Presentation**

ReShonda Powell presented her study plan to the Board. She plans to retest in April. The Board approved her plan.

- **Darby Brighton, PT Complaint**

A complaint was received from Beverly Housewirth regarding physical therapy she received from Darby Brighton at West Little Rock Physical Therapy. Ms. Housewirth was concerned that the physical therapy treatments made her condition worse. After careful review and consideration, the Board determined there was no violation of the Practice Act. The motion was made, seconded and passed to dismiss the complaint. A letter will be mailed to Mr. Darby's attorney.

- **Warren "Chris" Foster, PT Complaint**

Disciplinary action against Warren "Chris" Foster by the Texas Physical Therapy Board was reviewed at a previous meeting. Mr. Foster answered no to the question regarding other disciplinary action on his 2009 renewal. A letter was sent to Mr. Foster and a response was received. Mr. Foster stated he misread the question on the renewal form. The Board determined no further action would be taken.

- **Eddie Crocker, PT Complaint**

The Tennessee Physical Therapy Board reprimanded Eddie Crocker for allegedly causing an electrode burn to a patient. Mr. Crocker denies any wrongdoing. The Board reviewed the complaint and Mr. Crocker's response and determined no further action would be taken.

- **Paul Russell, PT Complaint**

A complaint was received from Brooke Moseley, PT regarding services at Hot Springs Sports Medicine. Ms. Moseley stated that Paul Russell, PTA treated patients that did not have an evaluation or an established plan of care. The complaint also alleged improper supervision of the aide, improper documentation and fraudulent billing. The board determined further investigation is necessary. A list of patients will be requested from Mr. Russell. The complaint will be reviewed again at the next board meeting.

- **Kevin Baltz, PT Complaint**

Kevin Baltz disclosed criminal offense charges on his 2010 renewal. The Board reviewed the charges and Mr. Baltz's response and determined no further action would be taken.

- **Jim Pittman, PT Inquiry**

The Board reviewed an inquiry from Jim Pittman regarding physical therapists completing OASIS-C. The Board determined that some information requested on the OASIS questionnaire is not within the scope of practice for physical therapists. Mr. Pittman also requested an opinion from the Speech Board. The Board office will request a copy of the Speech Board's response letter and the issue will be discussed at the next board meeting.

- **Karthik Muthu Inquiry**

An email was received from Karthik Muthu and also from Donna Smith regarding physical therapists and physical therapist assistants taking verbal orders from physicians. The Board determined that physician orders should be in writing. It was also determined that a PTA can receive and write the order from a physician.

- **Kathryn Sprouse, PT Inquiry**

An email was received from Kathryn Sprouse regarding supervision of a licensed massage therapist. The Board determined that regardless of the type of license a person holds, if they are working under the supervision of a physical therapist, they are functioning as an aide and the physical therapist should be comfortable in the supervision of the aide.

- **James Heider Inquiry**

A survey was received from James Heider regarding a best practices model for supervised clinical practice for foreign-educated physical therapists. The Board determined there is no need for supervised clinical practice at this time.

- **Tanner Pickett Inquiry**

An email was received from Tanner Pickett regarding PTA supervision. A copy of the Practice Act and Rules and Regulations will be sent to Mr. Pickett.

- **Nancy Browning Request for CE – First Aid Training Program**

Nancy Browning, PT requested continuing education credit for a first aid training program. The Board reviewed the course and denied approval.

- **James Fletcher Request for CE – Research Article**

James Fletcher, PT requested continuing education credit for a research article he co-authored. The Board reviewed the article and approved it for 10 contact hours.

- **Care2Learn CE Application – Wiihabilitation**
Care2Learn requested approval for a continuing education course entitled Wiihabilitation. The Board reviewed the course and approved it for continuing education credit.
- **Principle Workforce Solutions CE Application**
The Board reviewed three courses submitted by Principle Workforce Solutions entitled Culturally Diverse Healthcare in Physical Therapy: Generations, Culturally Diverse Healthcare in Physical Therapy: Religion, Culturally Diverse Healthcare in Physical Therapy: Race and Ethnicity. The motion made, seconded and passed to separate the online and in-person courses. The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the in-person course but not the online courses.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Rules and Regulations**
The Board reviewed revisions for the Rules and Regulations. The revisions will be typed, reviewed by Seth then sent to the remaining board members.

NEW BUSINESS

- **None**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:50.

The next meeting will be scheduled within 45 days.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Worthen