

**AR State Board of Physical Therapy
MINUTES
April 7, 2005**

Thursday, April 7, 2005
9 Shackleford Plaza, Suite 3, Little Rock, AR
Physical Therapy Board Members Attending: Seth Coulter, 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 10:15 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 27, 2005 regular meeting were approved as amended.

FINANCIAL REPORT

• **Financials**

As of April 6, 2005 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported as \$99,626.88.

As of April 6, 2005 Money Market Funds total \$263,074.82

Total Assets - \$362,701.70

The financial report was approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE

• **Licensure Information**

Individuals licensed since the 01-27-05 meeting:

PTs - 16

- By exam: 10
- By reciprocity: 6

PTAs - 4

- By exam: 1
- By reciprocity: 3

Total PTs - 1396

Total PTAs - 670

Total = 2066

INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS

- **Susan Carver, PT**
Information was received from Susan Carver that the lawsuit between Susan Carver and Anna Chiechi has been dismissed. The board discussed the complaint against Susan Carver and determined there was no violation of the Practice Act. The motion was made, seconded and passed to dismiss the complaint.
- **Monica Childs, PTA**
A response was received by Monica Childs concerning the complaint filed by Lori Forwe. After review and careful consideration the Board determined there was no violation of the Practice Act. The motion was made, seconded and passed to dismiss the complaint against Ms. Childs.
- **Teresa Prewitt, PT**
A complaint was received from Steve Owens, Attorney at Law, against Teresa Prewitt, PT. Ms. Prewitt charged Mr. Owens a fee for copies of medical records that also included a fee for researching and gathering the correct information. The Board determined the fee was not unreasonable and not a violation of the Practice Act. The motion was made, seconded and passed to dismiss the complaint against Ms. Prewitt.
- **Alisia Skinner, PTA**
A complaint was received from Sharon Goode with Good Communications against Alisia Skinner, PTA, a former employee. The complaint alleged fraudulent billing. The Board determined there is enough evidence to proceed with a hearing.
- **Francis Catacutan, PT**
A complaint against Francis Catacutan, PT by Daphne Bell was reviewed and dismissed at the last board meeting. A letter was received from the attorney for the Bells in response to this dismissal and reviewed by the Board. No further action will be taken.
- **Laverne Mendel, PT**
An adverse action report was received on Laverne Mendel by the Washington Physical Therapy Board. The adverse action concerned Mr. Mendel's request for licensure being denied by the Washington Board due to action taken against Mr. Mendel by Iowa in 1997. The Iowa complaint was reviewed by the Arkansas Board in a previous meeting and no action was taken. No action will be taken concerning the adverse action report from the Washington Physical Therapy Board.
- **Danny Adams Request for Licensure**
Danny Adams holds a Physical Therapist Assistant license in Missouri and applied for reciprocity in Arkansas. Mr. Adams was grandfathered in by the Missouri Board in 1998 without taking the NPTE. He does not meet Arkansas' education requirements or exam requirements. The Board denied the request for licensure.
- **Anna Margarita Santos Ramos' Credentialing**
Ms. Ramos graduated from the Philippines with a Bachelors degree. However, this was a five year degree and IERF has found the degree to be equivalent to a post-baccalaureate degree required by Arkansas. The Board reviewed the credentialing and agreed to accept

an application from Ms. Ramos.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Chiropractors**

The Board reviewed letters received from the Chiropractic Board concerning complaints of advertising by Dr. Eric Carson's Neck and Back Clinic and Healing Hands in Greenbrier. The Board also discussed the appropriateness of Chiropractors using CPT codes for physical therapy and options for future action.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Rules and Regulations Amendments**

The Rules and Regulations were amended to allow for requirement of the Jurisprudence exam. Necessary steps will be taken to put the amendments out for public comment. The motion was made, seconded and passed.

- The regular meeting ended at 4:00. The next meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen
Executive Director