

**AR State Board of Physical Therapy
MINUTES
April 24, 2008**

Thursday, April 24, 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 Readhour

Staff Attending: Nancy Worthen, Sarah Chaney

Others Present: Nicole Thompson, Governor's Office

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

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

MINUTES

The minutes of February 14, 2008 regular meeting were approved as presented.

The minutes of February 14, 2008 hearing were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

• Financials

As of April 23, 2008 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported as \$87,786.15.

As of April 23, 2008, the Money Market Funds total \$435,236.33

Total Assets - \$523,022.48

The financial report was approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE

• Licensure Information

Individuals licensed since the November 6, 2007 meeting:

PTs -

- By exam: 7
- By reciprocity: 1

PTAs -

- By exam: 4
- By reciprocity: 2

Total PTs - 1499

Total PTAs - 794

Total - 2293

INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS

- **Cornelius Lovelace**
The Consent Agreement signed by Cornelius Lovelace on February 12 was accepted by the Board at the February 14 meeting. Mr. Lovelace did not meet all requirements by the deadline of March 14. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Lovelace an extra 15 days to comply with the agreement. A letter will be mailed to Mr. Lovelace explaining that he is lacking four hours of continuing education plus the 2008 renewal form and late fees for 2008 renewal.
- **DBC Spine Care**
Franke Pratt, PT filed a complaint against DBC Spine Care alleging they used his provider number to bill for services provided by an exercise physiologist. The Board reviewed the complaint and the response from James Belk of DBC Spine Care. The Board determined documentation proving the allegation is needed to further pursue the complaint. A letter will be mailed to Franke Pratt.
- **Gregory Wright, PT**
Gregory Wright, PT disclosed a DUI on his 2008 renewal. The Board reviewed the information and determined no further action will be taken. A letter will be mailed to Mr. Wright informing him the Board reviewed the disclosure and he is required to send documentation proving completion of requirements to the Board.
- **Andy Messenger, PT**
Andy Messenger, PT disclosed a charge of 3rd degree domestic assault on his 2008 renewal. The Board reviewed information received from Mr. Messenger and determined no further action will be taken. A letter will be mailed to Mr. Messenger informing him the Board reviewed the disclosure and he is required to notify the Board when all court-ordered requirements are met.
- **Debbie Farrar, PTA**
April Farrar Guin mailed a letter to the Arkansas State Medical Board and copied the Physical Therapy Board. The letter expressed Ms. Guin's concern regarding Debbie Farrar, PTA drawing blood from their father. The Board reviewed a complaint regarding the matter at the 3/29/07 board meeting and determined the allegations were not within the scope of the Practice Act. A letter will be mailed to Ms. Guin asking her to keep the Board apprised of new information in the future.
- **Tami Zappa**
An email was received from Tami Zappa, employee of Empi Corporation in Shoreview, Minnesota, regarding her research on the physical therapists' authority in various states. The Board answered four questions from Ms. Zappa, which will be emailed to her.
- **Kimberly Divis, PT Inquiry**
An email was received from Kimberly Divis asking the Board's opinion regarding TENS for use of cancer pain. The Board determined this is not a regulatory issue and Ms. Divis should contact APTA. A response will be emailed to Ms. Divis.

- **Christy Gray**
PTA applicant, Christy Gray, failed the exam the 3rd time on October 29, 2007. The Board reviewed Ms. Gray's file and determined an updated study plan is needed. Seth will contact Ms. Gray.
- **Kanupriya Mehra, Foreign Educated Applicant**
The Board reviewed Kanupriya Mehra's application and credentials. Ms. Mehra graduated with a Bachelor's degree in India in 2005. General education courses were completed at NWACC. The Board requested that Ms. Mehra's transcript from NWACC be obtained and reviewed at the next meeting. FSBPT will be contacted with questions regarding a master's degree.
- **Hanz Reynado, Foreign Educated Applicant**
The Board reviewed Hanz Reynado's application and credentials and gave approval for Mr. Reynado to take the NPTE.
- **Amy Stewart, PTA**
The Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners took action against Amy Stewart, PTA for violations of supervision requirements and fraudulent documentation. The Board determined Ms. Stewart's PTA license would be suspended until July 21, 2008. An Emergency Order of Suspension will be completed and mailed to Ms. Stewart. She will be offered a consent agreement in lieu of a hearing. After July 21, Ms. Stewart's license will be placed on probation for three years. A motion was made, seconded and passed to suspend Amy Stewart's PTA license followed by probation.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Legislative Issues**
The Board discussed possible changes to the Practice Act.

NEW BUSINESS

- **AR Tech University**
An email was received from Bruce Sykes at Arkansas Tech University in Ozark informing the Board of the University's plans to pursue a PTA program. The Board discussed the University's plans. A letter will be mailed to Mr. Sykes thanking him for letting the Board know of the plans and offering the Board's services to speak to potential graduates
- **FSBPT Annual Meeting**
The FSBPT annual meeting begins September 11. The Board agreed that Jennifer Parks would attend as the voting delegate, Jennie Gregory as the first alternate, Todd Burton as the second alternate and Nancy Worthen as administrator. The delegate, one alternate and the administrator will be funded by FSBPT. Seth Coulter is serving on a committee and will also be funded by FSBPT. The Board will fund Rob Hill and Warren Readnour.
- **Stipends**

The motion was made, seconded and passed to continue to pay stipends and expense reimbursements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:45.

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen
Executive Director