

**AR State Board of Physical Therapy
MINUTES
May 1, 2003**

Thursday, May 1, 2003

9 Shackelford Plaza, Suite 1, Little Rock, AR

Physical Therapy Board Members Attending: Seth Coulter; Jennie Gregory, Rob Hill and Jennifer Parks.

Representative from Attorney General's Office: Warren Readnour

Staff Attending: Alice Ryan and Nancy Worthen.

Others Present: Jennifer Coleman

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

- The minutes of the March 20, 2003 regular meeting were approved as amended.

FINANCIAL REPORT

• Financials

- As of 04/25/03 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported of \$89,538.56.
- As of 04/25/03 Bank of the Ozarks certificate of deposit has a balance of \$29,770.86.
- As of 04/25/03 Regions certificate of deposit has a balance of \$76,651.42.
- As of 04/25/03 Money Market Funds total \$145,573.27

Total Assets - \$341,534.11

The financial report was approved as presented.

The motion was made, passed and seconded to change signature cards on all current accounts and add Nancy Worthen's signature. The Regions CD will need to be delayed until the rollover day of May 24th. A motion was made, seconded and passed to change signature cards on the Regions CD after May 24th.

ADMINISTRATIVE

• Licensure Information

Individuals licensed since the 02/20/03 meeting:

- Total 6 PT's - By exam: 2 Reciprocity: 4
- Total 9 PTA's - By exam: 1 Reciprocity: 8

INQUIRIES & COMPLAINT

• Complaint: Dr. Bud Dickson

– The Arkansas Medical Board met in February and agreed to send an investigator to Dr. Bud Dickson's office and to discuss the matter again in two to three months. The Medical Board met in April but did not discuss Dr. Dickson. The Medical Board will meet again June 5 – 6 and Dr. Dickson will be an agenda item.

• Complaint: Liz Atkinson

- A letter of response was received from Liz Atkinson. There is a concern that Ms. Atkinson does not follow doctor's orders and treat as prescribed. The complaint also indicated bizarre and inappropriate behavior in front of peers and patients. The motion was made, seconded and passed to proceed to a hearing. A notice of hearing will be sent to Ms. Atkinson.

• Complaint: Kelley Sims - NovaCare.

- A letter was received from John Cude at NovaCare. He referred to a physical therapist as being the only person who has ever represented themselves as a physical therapist. He did not give the physical therapist's name. The name/s of the physical therapist/s will be researched and a letter mailed to them requesting information on their affiliation with Novah.

• Complaint: Lesli Carroll, PTA

- A letter was received from Lesli Carroll in response to the complaint. The Board determined no violation of the Practice Act and no action will be taken. A letter will be mailed to Ms. Carroll and her employer.

• Complaint: Rob Jordan

- A response was received from Mr. Jordan. The Board determined there was no violation of the Practice Act and no action will be taken. A letter will be mailed to the Chiropractic Board stating that this Board does not condone Mr. Jordan's actions but he has a right to express his opinions.

• Complaint: La Vella Hale - Coulter Physical Therapy

- Seth Coulter left the meeting for discussion of this complaint. Response letters were received from Seth Coulter and James LaMontagne. A letter will be mailed to Mr. Coulter asking for a copy of Ms. Hale's medical records. Ms. Hale will be contacted by Alice Ryan to see if she is in agreement for Coulter Physical Therapy to release her medical records and make them available to the Board. Alice will also ask if Ms. Hale is willing to testify at a hearing should the Board proceed to a hearing on this matter.

OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

NEW BUSINESS

- There is a Program of Citizens Advocacy Center Jurisprudence Program in San Francisco in July. Each jurisdiction is invited to send a member of the Board. Jennifer Parks volunteered to attend. The motion was made, seconded and passed to send Jennifer Parks to this meeting.

- **Revision of Rules and Regulations**

Several changes were made to the Rules and Regulations. The necessary steps will be taken to put the changes out for public comment. The motion was made, seconded and passed.

- The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.
- The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen
Assistant Director