

**AR State Board of Physical Therapy  
MINUTES  
June 3, 2004**

Thursday, June 3, 2004

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 Readnour.

Staff Attending: Alice Ryan and Nancy Worthen.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Seth Coulter called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 22, 2004 regular meeting were approved as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**• Financials**

As of 06/02/04 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported as \$47,372.05.

As of 06/02/04 Bank of the Ozarks certificate of deposit has a balance of \$30,690.91.

As of 06/02/04 Money Market Funds total \$253,082.37.

**Total Assets - \$331,145.33**

Several questions were asked concerning the financial report. Research will be done to answer the questions for the next meeting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**• Licensure Information**

**Individuals licensed since the 04-22-04 meeting:**

Total 7 PT's - By exam: 2 By reciprocity: 5

Total 2 PTA's - By exam: 1 By reciprocity: 1

Total PTs - 1389

Total PTAs - 660

**• Budget**

Alice informed the Board she is currently working on the budget and discussed the possibility of budgeting for a laptop computer. The Board approved the purchase of a laptop.

## **INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS**

### **• Hope Physical Therapy**

Alice talked to Dean Butler, PT who denied buying cigarettes for Ethel Person. A written response was also received from Mr. Butler. Alice also talked to Ethel Person who denied that she received cigarettes from anyone with Hope Physical Therapy. A letter will be sent to Joann Person informing her there is insufficient evidence and no action will be taken.

### **• Susan Carver, PT**

A complaint was received from Anna Chiechi stating while under the care of Sue Carver she was treated by an unlicensed therapist. She also stated charges for services continued to escalate. A letter will be sent to Sue Carver asking for a response to the complaint.

### **• Jimmie Holland, Jr., PT**

Mr. Holland submitted a complaint to the Board on himself. He applied for a job at Sempercare and refused to take a urinalysis screening because he did not believe he would pass at the time. He was informed by Sempercare that they would report him to the Board unless he contacted the Board himself. A letter will be sent to Mr. Holland explaining that treating a patient under the influence could lead to revocation of his license. The Board determined the complaint is an employment matter and the Board has no grounds for action against Mr. Holland.

### **• Jason Zimmer, PT**

A complaint was received from Carrie McMahan, NWAPTS, Inc. Mr. Zimmer's employment with NWAPTS, Inc. was terminated for fraudulently billing and false documentation. After review of the complaint and response from Mr. Zimmer, the Board determined Mr. Zimmer will be sent a consent agreement. His license will be placed on probation until he completes a course on documentation and fraud and he will be fined \$500.00 that will be suspended if he completes the course within six months.

### **• Christopher Cockrell, PT**

A complaint was received from Carrie McMahan, NWAPTS, Inc. Mr. Cockrell had turned himself in to his employer, NWAPTS, Inc., for over billing and false documentation. Mr. Cockrell's employment with NWAPTS, Inc. was terminated. After review of the complaint and a response letter from Mr. Cockrell to NWAPTS, Inc., the Board determined Mr. Cockrell will be sent a consent agreement. He will be required to complete a course on documentation and fraud within one year or his license will be suspended.

### **• Back to Health Clinic**

Becky Sewell, Executive Director of Rehabilitation Network of AR sent a letter to the AR State Board of Chiropractic Examiners with a copy of advertising by Back to Health Clinic. They advertise physical therapy but do not employ a Physical Therapist. Ms. Sewell sent a copy of the letter and advertisement to ARPTB. A letter will be sent to ASBCE asking that ARPTB be informed in writing of the resolution of the complaint.

### **• David Koty, PT**

David Koty, PT is involved in a lawsuit and forwarded a copy of the complaint to the Board. A letter will be sent to Mr. Koty asking him to apprise the Board of the resolution of the case. The

file will be kept open awaiting response from Mr. Koty.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **• BCBS/Chiropractic Board**

A response was received from Blue Cross Blue Shield. It is the position of the Board that if Chiropractors bill for PT evaluations and re-evaluations, they are practicing physical therapy. Warren advised one course of action would be to file a lawsuit seeking clarification of the ARPTB laws and the ABSCE laws from a judge. Warren will check with the Attorney General's office to see if he would be able to file the lawsuit on behalf of the Board.

#### **• Foreign-educated Applicants**

The Board reviewed information presented by the Board staff and agreed to adopt the FSBPT Coursework Evaluation Tool for Foreign Educated Physical Therapists. All credentialing agencies will be notified to begin following the Evaluation Tool effective immediately.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **• CLIP Bonus**

The Board received information concerning CLIP (Career Ladder Incentive Plan) Bonuses for Board staff. After discussion in an executive session the Board agreed to approve the bonuses.

- The regular meeting ended at 4:00. The Board went into executive session from 4:00 to 4:35. The regular meeting resumed at 4:35 and adjourned at 4:45.
- The next meeting is scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen  
Assistant Director