

AR State Board of Physical Therapy
MINUTES
July 7, 2005

Thursday, July 7, 2005

9 Shackelford 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: Nancy Worthen

Others present: Becky Sewell

CALL TO ORDER – RULES & REGULATIONS PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Seth Coulter called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

No objections were made to amending the Rules and Regulations. The Board reviewed the Rules and Regulations and made no changes. The motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the amended Rules and Regulations.

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Seth Coulter called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 7, 2005 regular meeting were approved as amended.

FINANCIAL REPORT

• Financials

As of July 6, 2005 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported as \$77,689.84.

As of April 6, 2005 Money Market Funds total \$264,442.76.

Total Assets - \$342,132.60

The financial report was approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE

• Licensure Information

Individuals licensed since the 04-07-05 meeting:

PTs - 15

- By exam: 2

- By reciprocity: 13

PTAs -

- By exam: 13

- By reciprocity: 7

Total PTs - 1417
Total PTAs – 693

Total = 2110

- **Jurisprudence Exam**
A motion was made, seconded and passed to allow one hour of continuing education credit for the jurisprudence exam.
- **ADA Requests for FSBPT Exam**
A discussion was held concerning extra time, etc. for ADA requests. Nancy will seek clarification from Susan Layton at FSBPT.
- **New Jersey Letter**
A copy of a letter from New Jersey to FSBPT concerning lowering of test scores on the NPTE was reviewed and discussed by the Board.

INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS

- **Sheri Allen, PTA**
A complaint was received from Laura Ross, alleging fraudulent documentation by Sheri Allen, PTA while employed by Rehab Care Group. The complaint and Ms. Allen's response was reviewed by the Board. The Board determined further information is needed. Warren and Nancy will collect and review further information to present to the board either by conference call or at the next meeting.
- **Gail McCord, PTA**
A complaint was received from Arkansas Department of Human Services concerning a complaint received from a patient at Oakdale Nursing Facility against Gail McCord, PTA. The Board reviewed the complaint, Ms. McCord's response and witness statements and determined no violation of the Practice Act occurred.
- **Nona Woods, PTA**
The Board received notice from FSBPT of an adverse action against Nona Woods, PTA. Disciplinary action was taken against Ms. Woods in Texas for failure to renew her license. The Board determined there was no violation of the Arkansas Practice Act.
- **Tisha Sharp, PT**
The Board received notice from FSBPT of an adverse action against Tishs Sharp, PT. Disciplinary action was taken against Ms. Sharp by the Texas Board for practicing with an expired license. Ms. Sharp's Arkansas license is inactive. The Board determined there was no violation of the Arkansas Practice Act.
- **Rizaruth Marcos**
A request was received from Rizaruth Marcos requesting the Board waive the five- point

deficient on her Test of Spoken English. The Board denied the request.

- **Teresa Prewett, PT**
The Board reviewed a letter from Steve Owens in response to the Board's decision concerning his complaint against Teresa Prewett, PT. No further action will be taken.
- **Rehab Net of AR Financial Disclosures Inquiry**
A letter was received from Becky Sewell, Executive Director of Rehabilitation Network of Arkansas, expressing concerns of inappropriate financial agreements between physical therapists and physicians. The Board discussed the concerns and determined no action will be taken.
- **Chris Cockrell**
Nancy informed the Board that Chris Cockrell has met requirements from his previous disciplinary action.

OLD BUSINESS

- **None Presented**

NEW BUSINESS

- **FSBPT 2005 Annual Meeting & Delegate Assembly**
The motion was made, seconded and passed for Jennifer Parks to attend the upcoming FSBPT meeting as the delegate, Seth Coulter as the alternate and Nancy Worthen as administrator. Warren will also attend the meeting. Jennie and Todd will check their schedules and Rob will be called to see if he is available to attend.
- **Stipends**
New procedures for paying stipends were reviewed by the Board.
- **Board Office Expansion**
The Board has the opportunity to take in two rooms from another office, which would allow for a larger conference room and more storage space. The motion was made, seconded and passed to expand the office.
- **Citizen Advocacy Center**
Seth presented information from the Citizen Advocacy Center Annual Meeting and the Board discussed the possibility of Nancy attending the meeting. Warren suggested gathering information on the FARB Annual Meeting before making a decision.
- **Election of Officers**
Seth Coulter was nominated for Chairman of the Board and Jennie Gregory for Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was made, seconded and passed to re-elect Seth and Jennie.

The regular meeting ended at 4:30. The next meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen
Executive Director