

**AR State Board of Physical Therapy
MINUTES
July 22, 2008**

Tuesday, July 22, 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

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Seth Coulter called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes of April 24, 2008 regular meeting were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

• **Financials**

As of July 18, 2008 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported as \$62,131.87.

As of July 18, 2008, the Money Market Funds total \$438,304.81.

Total Assets - \$500,436.68

The financial report was approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE

• **Licensure Information**

Individuals licensed since the April 24, 2008 meeting:

PTs

- By exam: 2
- By reciprocity: 4

PTAs

- By exam: 13
- By reciprocity: 3

Total PTs - 1511

Total PTAs - 814

Total - 2325

BIANNUAL AUDIT

- Nancy informed the Board that the biannual audit was conducted in May. Fiscal year 2006 and 2007 were audited with a satisfactory result.

INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS

- **Cornelius Lovelace, PT**
Nancy informed the Board that Cornelius Lovelace has completed all requirements of his Consent Agreement.
- **DBC Spine Care**
Frankie Pratt, PT filed a complaint against DBC Spine Care alleging that they used his provider number for billing. The Board reviewed the complaint and response from DBC Spine Care at the April 24 meeting and determined further information is needed to proceed. A letter was mailed to Frankie Pratt requesting documentation to prove the allegation. A letter was received from Frankie Pratt explaining the allegations further and stating that he does not have documentation. The Board reviewed the letter and determined no action will be taken without documentation. A letter will be mailed to Frankie Pratt informing him that the Board is taking no action. A letter will be mailed to DBC Spine Care to let them know that under the physical therapy statute you must have a physical therapist's signature on services performed.
- **Amy Stewart, PTA, Consent Agreement**
The Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners took action against Amy Stewart, PTA for violating supervision requirements and for fraudulent documentation. At the April 24th meeting the Board suspended Ms. Stewart's PTA license until July 21, 2008. After the suspension, Ms. Stewart's license will be placed on probation for three years. A Consent Agreement was offered to Ms. Stewart. She signed the agreement on May 5th. A motion made, seconded and passed to accept the Consent Agreement.
- **James Murry, PT**
A complaint was received from Kathleen Pursell with Arkansas SMP, Department of Health and Human Services. An anonymous call was received on the DHHS hotline alleging James Murry and his partner William Huffman are using unsupervised techs to treat patients in their clinic. The Board reviewed the complaint and James Murry's response. The Board determined that no action would be taken without documentation and testimony of a witness. A letter will be mailed to Ms. Pursell.
- **Verena Joy Powell**
A complaint was received from John Stewart alleging Verena Joy Powell is representing herself as a physical therapist at Geyer Springs Chiropractic Clinic and at Aqua Massage in McCain Mall. The Board reviewed the complaint and determined a cease and desist letter would be mailed to Ms. Powell.
- **Sami Jo Magoffin, PT, Inquiry**
The Board discussed an email received from Amy Jo Magoffin requesting an explanation regarding the requirement of the jurisprudence exam. A response will be emailed to Ms. Magoffin.

- **Ginger Young, Application for Licensure - Action in TX**
The Board reviewed Ginger Young's application for licensure by reciprocity and action against her by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. The Texas Board took action against Ms. Young for practicing without a license in August 2006. Ms. Young completed all conditions of the Agreed Order executed by the Texas Board. The Board approved Ms. Young's application for licensure.
- **Lisa Ellis, Application for Licensure**
Lisa Ellis applied for a PTA licensure by exam. Charges were filed against her seven years ago but were later expunged. After review of Ms. Ellis' application and court order, the Board gave approval for Ms. Ellis to sit for the exam.
- **Brooke Shelby, Application for Licensure - Failed Three Times**
Brooke Shelby applied for physical therapy licensure by exam on 12/17/07. Ms. Shelby failed the exam for the third time on April 26, 2008. The Board reviewed Ms. Shelby's application and scores. She will be informed that she is required to present a study plan to the board at a future board meeting.
- **Kanupriya Mehra, Foreign Educated Applicant**
The Board reviewed Kanupriya Mehra's application and credentials at the April 24 board meeting and requested additional information. Ms. Mehra graduated with a Bachelor's degree in India in 2005. After completion of additional general education courses, Ms. Mehra's credentials were evaluated by IERF and found to be substantially equivalent to a U.S. post-baccalaureate degree in physical therapy. The Board reviewed Ms. Mehra's credentials and a letter from Sue Lindeblad, managing director of FCCPT. The motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Ms. Mehra's application to sit for the NPTE.
- **Idumange Idumange, PT**
The Board reviewed information from Idumange Idumange concerning the 2002 charges against him and the 2003 Board action. Mr. Idumange met all requirements in 2003 and is in good standing with the Board. Mr. Idumange requested that the Board write a letter on his behalf to help with his current legal issues. A letter verifying that his license is in good standing will be mailed to Mr. Idumange.
- **Dean Butler, PT Request for CE Approval**
The Board reviewed five courses submitted by Dean Butler for continuing education credit and approved four courses.
- **Clint Crabtree, PT, Request for CE Approval**
Clint Crabtree submitted seven courses for continuing education credit. The Board approved six courses and denied one course.
- **Zan Jackson, PTA, Request for CE Approval**
The Board reviewed continuing education courses received from Zan Jackson and approved 20 hours of continuing education credit.

- **CE Sponsor Applications from Educata**
Two courses submitted by Educata were reviewed and approved by the Board.
- **CE Sponsor Applications from Care2Learn**
Three courses submitted by Care2Learn were reviewed and approved by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Proposed Changes to Practice Act**
The Board discussed several possible changes to the Practice Act. Seth will email the proposals to the board office and they will be forwarded to all board members.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Election of Officers**
The motion was made, seconded and passed to elect Seth Coulter as chairman and Jennie Gregory as secretary/treasurer.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen
Executive Director