

**AR State Board of Physical Therapy
MINUTES
August 20, 2009**

Thursday, August 20, 2009

9 Shackleford Plaza, Suite 3, Little Rock, AR

Physical Therapy Board Members Attending: Seth Coulter, Todd Burton, Rob Hill, Rob Jordan and Rob Tillman.

Representative from Attorney General's Office: Warren Readhour

Staff Attending: Nancy Worthen, Sarah Chaney

Others Present: Becky Sewell, Rehab Net, Jennie Gregory, Tara Hargrove, ReShonda Powell, Robbie Sanders, Noah Slabodnick,

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 28, 2009 regular meeting were approved as amended.

FINANCIAL REPORT

• Financials

As of August 19, 2009 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported as \$71,057.58.

As of August 19, 2009 the Money Management Funds total \$523,584.38.

Total Assets - \$594,641.96.

The financial report was approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE

• Licensure Information

Individuals licensed since the February 5, 2009 meeting:

PTs

- By exam: 10
- By reciprocity: 16

PTAs

- By exam: 32
- By reciprocity: 8

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Total PTs - 1555

Total PTAs - 867

Total - 2422

INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS

- **Tara Hargrove Study Plan Presentation**
Tara Hargrove presented her study plan to the Board. Ms. Hargrove plans to complete the plan in 60 to 90 days. The Board approved Ms. Hargrove's plan.
- **ReShonda Powell Study Plan Presentation**
ReShonda Powell presented her study plan to the Board. Ms. Powell's proposed date for reexamination is October 5, 2009. The Board approved Ms. Powell's plan.
- **Robbie Sanders Study Plan Presentation**
Robbie Sanders presented her study plan to the Board. She plans to take the exam again in November. The Board approved Ms. Sanders' plan.
- **Noah Slabodnick Study Plan Presentation**
Noah Slabodnick presented his study plan to the Board. He plans to complete the study plan on September 22, 2009. The Board approved Mr. Slabodnick's study plan.
- **Jennifer Clark Remediation**
Jennifer Clark's study plan was approved by the Board at the May meeting. Part of Ms. Clark's study plan was remediation with Jennifer Parks, PT, South Arkansas Community College PTA Program Director. The Board reviewed a letter from Jennifer Parks regarding completion of remediation. Ms. Clark will be approved to sit for the exam again when her application and fee is received.
- **Courtney Johnson Complaint**
A complaint was received from an employee of Ouachita Nursing and Rehab Center in Camden, Arkansas alleging that another employee, Courtney Johnson, is wearing a name badge that reads "PTA". Ms. Johnson is not a licensed physical therapist assistant. The complaint was reviewed at the May board meeting and a letter was mailed to Ouachita Nursing and Rehab Center. The Board reviewed the response from Shawn Wooldridge, Rehab Manager. No further action will be taken at this time.
- **Cecelia Storey Complaint from Rehab Net**
A complaint was received alleging that Cecelia Storey referred to herself as a therapist. The Board reviewed the complaint at the May meeting and agreed to hire an investigator. The Board reviewed the investigation report from Dan West. Ms. Storey was introduced to Mr. West as a medical assistant and she did not tell Mr. West that she is a therapist. The Board determined Ms. Storey did not violate the Practice Act and a motion to dismiss the complaint was made, seconded and passed.
- **Health Source Complaint**
A copy of an ad was received regarding HealthSource Chiropractic and Progressive Rehab advertising physical therapy. A letter will be mailed to HealthSource asking if they have a physical therapist on staff.

- **Sponsor Application – Toxic Foods**
The Board reviewed a continuing education course entitled Toxic Foods. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the course.
- **Principle Workforce Solutions, L.L.C. Sponsor Applications**
Pre-approval requests were received for continuing education courses entitled Culturally Diverse Healthcare in PT: Religion, Culturally Diverse Healthcare in PT: Race and Ethnicity, Culturally Diverse Healthcare in PT: Generations. The Board determined the courses will not be approved as submitted but will reconsider with additional information. A letter will be mailed to Principle Workforce Solutions requesting additional details regarding the courses, the qualifications of the instructor and post-testing/grading.

OLD BUSINESS

- None presented

NEW BUSINESS

- **CEU Approval Proposals**
Becky Sewell submitted a proposal for Rehab Net to review and pre-approve continuing education courses. Nancy also submitted a proposal to keep continuing education approval in-house. Part of Nancy's proposal included a committee comprised of three physical therapists. Information will be gathered from other state boards and the issue will be discussed at the next board meeting.
- **List Availability/Fee on Website**
A list of PTs and PTAs is available for a fee of \$50.00. The list is usually emailed in Excel format. Information Network of Arkansas (INA) developed a program to enable the list to be paid for and downloaded from the Board's website. After developing the program, they informed the board office that the fee to INA is 50% of each list downloaded. The Board determined that the \$50.00 fee will remain for requests mailed to the board office and lists downloaded from the website will be \$100.00.
- **Act 1479**
The Board reviewed Act 1479 that requires requesting additional demographic information on applications. The additional information will be added to applications and the database to comply with Act 1479.
- **New Printer/Scanner**
The Board reviewed estimates for a new printer and scanner combination for the board office and approved the purchase.
- **FSBPT Meeting**
As part of the FSBPT annual meeting Nancy will attend a CBA meeting in San Diego that begins Thursday morning. Nancy asked the Board to consider paying for her hotel room on Wednesday night so that she could arrive on Wednesday instead of Thursday morning. The Board approved payment of the hotel room.

- **Election of Officers**

The motion was made, seconded and passed to reelect Seth Coulter as chairman and Rob Tillman as secretary/treasurer.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Worthen
Executive Director