

**AR State Board of Physical Therapy  
MINUTES  
August 31, 2006**

Thursday, August 31, 2006

9 Shackelford Plaza, Suite 3, Little Rock, AR

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

Representative from Attorney General's Office: Warren Readnour

Staff Attending: Nancy Worthen and Sarah Chaney

Others Present: Becky Sewell, Rehab Net

**CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING**

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 11, 2006 regular meeting and the minutes of the May 11, 2006 hearing were approved as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**• Financials**

As of August 30, 2006 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported as \$61,128.67.

As of August 30, 2006 Money Market Funds total \$309,317.72.

**Total Assets - \$370,446.39**

The financial report was approved as presented.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**• Licensure Information**

Individuals licensed since the 05-11-06 meeting:

PTs -

- By exam: 8
- By reciprocity: 4

PTAs -

- By exam: 27
- By reciprocity: 9

Total PTs - 1462

Total PTAs - 750

Total - 2212

- **Marshall Ney - Teston vs. ASBPT**

Marshall Ney gave an update of the lawsuit by phone. The judge recently denied Michael Teston's request for injunction. Mr. Teston still has the option to pursue the constitutionality of the Chiropractic Board's Practice Act but so far has not.

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## **INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS**

- **Cheryl Ann Jordan, PTA**

Cheryl Ann Jordan requested the Board address the Blue Cross Blue Shield policy that prohibits PTAs from seeing patients. The Board discussed the issue and agreed to send a letter to Blue Cross Blue Shield.

- **Letters from Dean Butler, PT**

A Board member received informational letters from Dean Butler. The Board discussed the information. No further action will be taken. A letter will be sent to Dean Butler.

- **William Smith, PT**

Nancy contacted Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services and was informed the complaint against William Smith, PT was unfounded. No action will be taken by the Board. A letter will be sent to William Smith.

- **Mark Mayner, PT**

The Board received notice from FSBPT of an adverse action against Mark Mayner, PT by the Indiana Physical Therapy Committee. Mr. Maynor's Indiana license was placed on probation June 13, 2006. His Arkansas license lapsed March 1, 1997. The Board determined no action at this time. If Mr. Mayner seeks reinstatement of his Arkansas license in the future, the disciplinary action in Indiana will be reviewed by the Board again.

- **Robert Quinn, PT**

The Board received notice from FSBPT of an adverse action against Robert Quinn, PT by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. Mr. Quinn entered into a consent agreement with the Texas Board for lacking continuing education required for license renewal. Mr. Quinn's Arkansas license lapsed March 1, 1999. The Board determined no action will be taken against Mr. Quinn's Arkansas license.

- **Jefferson Justin, PT**

The Board received notice from FSBPT of an adverse action against Jefferson Justin, PT by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. Mr. Justin entered into a consent agreement with the Texas Board for practicing physical therapy with an expired license. Mr. Justin's Arkansas license lapsed March 1, 2002. The Board determined no action will be taken against Mr. Justin's Arkansas license.

- **Jennifer King, PTA**  
The Board received notice from FSBPT of an adverse action against Jennifer King, PTA by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. Ms. King was found guilty of unprofessional conduct by the Oklahoma Board. Her Oklahoma license was placed on probation for three years on May 12, 2006. Ms. King's Arkansas license lapsed March 1, 2006. The Board reviewed the Oklahoma disciplinary action and the response from Ms. King and determined no action will be taken at this time. If Ms. King requests reinstatement of her Arkansas license in the future, the Board will request an update from Ms. King and review the issue again.
- **Jim Farris, PT**  
The Board received an anonymous complaint with a newspaper article concerning Jim Farris, PT. The Board also received a different newspaper article with the same story from Andrew Shatley, PT. The Board reviewed all information and determined Mr. Farris will be asked for a response. The issue will be on the next agenda.
- **Letitia McMaster, PT**  
The Board received a complaint from Tammy Sallis complaining of an inappropriate relationship between her husband, a patient at McMaster Physical Therapy Clinic, and Teresa Lohry, an employee of McMaster Physical Therapy Clinic. The employee is an unlicensed person, therefore no action can be taken by the Board. The Board also determined Letitia McMaster did not violate the Practice Act, however there were concerns regarding parts of Ms. McMaster's response to the allegations. A letter will be sent to Letitia McMaster addressing these concerns and informing her that no action will be taken.
- **Athletes in Pain**  
Susan Louks, PT forwarded information on Athletes In Pain Clinic and Stephe Worley, ST. The Board discussed the issue and determined further information will be gathered and presented at the next Board meeting.
- **Thera Med Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation**  
Buddy Owen, PT forwarded a copy of a letter being circulated to Arkansas physicians from Dr. David Goroway with Thera-Med Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Center. The Board discussed concerns regarding the legality of the services offered by Thera-Med. Nancy will contact Dr. Goroway to request the legal opinion and further information. Buddy Owen will also be contacted for further information.
- **Charles Kirkland**  
Charles Kirkland holds a physical therapist license in Michigan and is requesting a temporary license in Arkansas to train with Rob Tillman, PT in Arkansas for six months.  
  
The Board denied Mr. Kirkland's request. Mr. Kirkland will be informed that his request is denied and his option is to apply for licensure by reciprocity.

- **Juniper Mack**

Juniper Mack is licensed as a physical therapist in Alaska and is requesting a temporary permit in Arkansas to fulfill part of her internship with Rob Tillman, PT. Ms. Mack will be working with Mr. Tillman from September 24, 2006 through October 7, 2006. She applied for licensure by reciprocity but has not completed the process. The Board approved the request for a temporary permit in the amount of \$100.00 and determined it is Ms. Mack's choice to complete the process for reciprocity or receive a one month temporary permit.

- **Jammie Whittington**

The Board received an email from Jammie Whittington, an applicant who failed the NPTE in 2003. She took extra coursework to prepare for the third attempt and questioned if this coursework would suffice since it was three years ago. Ms. Whittington will be sent the current guidelines along with contact information to contact Todd Burton to discuss her study plan.

- **Susan Roehrig, PT Inquiry of Jurisprudence Question**

The Board received an inquiry from Susan Roehrig, PT concerning one of the questions on the Jurisprudence Exam. The Board determined the question, which concerns meetings of the Board, will be revised to add "Per the Arkansas FOI Act".

- **Cassandra Zimmer Application**

Cassandra Zimmer applied for PTA licensure by exam. She had previously been charged with a felony, which was pled down to a misdemeanor then expunged. The Board approved her application for licensure.

- **Neethu Kattotttil Review of Credentials**

Neethu Kattotttil's application and credentials were reviewed and approved by the Board.

- **Carlo Gonzales Review of Credentials**

Mr. Gonzales' application for licensure was reviewed. The Board requested the Board staff obtain information from Florida regarding Carlo Gonzales' Florida license. The application will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

- **Catherine Pantig Review of Credentials**

Catherine Pantig's application and credentials were reviewed and approved by the Board.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None presented

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **AFMC**

Seth expressed concerns regarding physical therapists potentially being denied claims by AFMC for not providing signature and credentials. A letter will be sent to AFMC.

- **Claims or Suits Received by PT/PTAs Pursuant to §17-93-313**

The Board discussed the procedure the Board office will take when claims or suits are received by PT/PTAs. All claims and suits received will be presented to the Board for review.

- **Steve Burns, PT**

Steve Burns, PT submitted a claim filed against him pursuant to §17-93-313. The claim has been settled. The Board determined no action will be taken.

- **Election of Officers**

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30.

The next meeting will be determined at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen  
Executive Director