

**AR State Board of Physical Therapy
MINUTES
October 2, 2008**

Thursday, October 2, 2008

9 Shackelford Plaza, Suite 3, Little Rock, AR

Physical Therapy Board Members Attending: Seth Coulter, Todd Burton, 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, Robbie Sanders, Christy Gray, Tara Hargrove, Hillary Ward, Jennifer Clark.

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

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

MINUTES

The minutes of July 22, 2008 regular meeting were approved as presented.

The minutes of July 24, 2008 conference call were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

• Financials

As of September 30, 2008 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported as \$38,498.83.

As of September 30, 2008 the Money Market Funds total \$440,848.25.

Total Assets - \$479,347.08

The financial report was approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE

• Licensure Information

Individuals licensed since the July 22, 2008 meeting:

PTs

- By exam: 29
- By reciprocity: 7

PTAs

- By exam: 18
- By reciprocity: 8

Total PTs - 1551

Total PTAs - 840

Total - 2391

INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS

- **Christy Gray, Applicant**

Christy Gray applied for PTA licensure by exam and failed the exam on the third attempt on April 14, 2008. Ms. Gray presented her study plan to the Board. The Board approved Ms. Gray to sit for the exam after October 29, 2008.

- **Robbie Sanders, Applicant**

Robbie Sanders failed the PT exam on the second attempt on November 24, 2007. Ms. Sanders presented her study plan and requested to sit for the exam a third time. The Board approved Ms. Sanders to sit for the exam after completion of her study plan.

- **Tara Hargrove, Applicant**

Tara Hargrove applied for PT licensure by exam and failed on the second attempt on July 25, 2008. Ms. Hargrove presented her study plan to the Board and plans to retake the exam in December. The Board approved Ms. Hargrove's study plan.

- **Hillary Ward, Applicant**

Hillary Ward applied for PT licensure and failed the exam on the third attempt on June 27, 2008. She plans to test again in February 2009. The Board approved Ms. Ward's study plan.

- **Jennifer Clark, Applicant**

Jennifer Clark failed the PTA exam on the third attempt on June 26, 2008. Ms. Clark presented her study plan to the Board and requested to take the exam within six months. The Board approved Ms. Clark's study plan.

- **Deborah Farrar Complaint**

A complaint was received from April Guin against Deborah Farrar, PTA and reviewed by the Board at the March 29, 2007 meeting. The complaint alleged that Ms. Farrar drew blood from her father for testing. The Board determined the complaint was not within the Board's jurisdiction as she was not practicing as a physical therapist assistant. No action was taken. Ms. Guin pursued the complaint with the Arkansas Medical Board and the Arkansas Department of Health. At the April 24, 2008 meeting, the Board reviewed information Ms. Guin submitted to the Medical Board. The Medical Board informed Ms. Guin that they did not take action against Ms. Farrar. On September 2, 2008 a letter was received from Ms. Guin stating that Debbie Farrar is no longer employed at the Ozark Health Medical Center. She believes that because the timing of her departure coincides with the AR Health Department's investigation, the potential exists that the two are related. The Board reviewed all information and determined that without new evidence no action would be taken.

- **Annette Roddey, PT Continuing Education Request**

Annette Roddey requested four hours of continuing education for SEAS Training. The Board reviewed information on the course and denied the course for continuing education credit.

- **Kathy Henderson Inquiry**
Kathy Henderson with Restore Management Company emailed concerning PTs practicing with dual licensure to practice occupational therapy. The Board also discussed PTAs practicing that are also licensed as OTAs. A response will be emailed to Ms. Henderson informing her that there is nothing in the Practice Act against holding and practicing with dual licenses, however the licensee needs to be very specific and inform their patient regarding which service they are providing. The licensee's documentation should be clear and separate.
- **Sheila Hardin Inquiry**
An email was received from Sheila Hardin with Kids First asking about files being destroyed. The Board determined there is nothing in the Practice Act addressing records destruction. There may be other statutes that cover maintenance of legal documents and those guidelines should be followed.
- **NeuroCranial Restructuring Questions**
Dean Howell of The NCR Research Institute sent information regarding NeuroCranial Restructuring with a list of questions to be answered by the Board. A copy of the Practice Act will be mailed in response to Mr. Howell's inquiry.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Practice Act Proposals**
The Board reviewed proposed changes to the Practice Act.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Election of Secretary/Treasurer**
Due to the replacement of Jennie Gregory, former secretary/treasurer, the Board was required to elect a new secretary/treasurer. The motion was made, second and passed to elect Rob Tillman.
- **PRT**
The Board discussed information regarding the Practice Review Tool that was received from FSBPT. Two board members may take the PRT at a discounted rate before December 31, 2008.
- **Printing of Directories**
The Board discussed the continuation of printing and mailing the directory to all licensees and determined the directory will be mailed or emailed to licensees by request only.
- **Approval of Foreign Educated Applicants**
Upon further review of the credentialing process, the Board determined the board office would resume review and approval of foreign educated applications.
- **Office Construction**
The Board discussed widening the door between the conference room and the front

office. The owner of Willow Oaks Building will replace the carpet but will not pay for construction of widening the door. The Board approved the cost of construction. Painting the walls was also discussed and approved. Nancy will contact Darlene Yazza at Arkansas Building Authority to negotiate the painting.

- **Notary Certification**

Sarah is interested in becoming certified as a notary and asked if the Board would consider reimbursing the fee. The Board agreed to reimburse the certification fee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen
Executive Director