

**AR State Board of Physical Therapy
MINUTES
November 12, 2009**

Thursday, November 12, 2009

9 Shackleford 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 Readnour

Staff Attending: Nancy Worthen, Sarah Chaney

Others Present: Leah Ellis, Sindia Johnson, Marla Murphy, Josie Patterson, and Hillary Ward

CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 20, 2009 regular meeting were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

• **Financials**

As of November 10, 2009 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported as \$26,486.91.

As of November 10, 2009 the Money Management Funds total \$523,860.72.

Total Assets - \$550,347.63

The financial report was approved as presented.

Reconciliation

The Board reviewed the reconciliation reports.

ADMINISTRATIVE

• **Licensure Information**

Individuals licensed since the August 20, 2009 meeting:

PTs

- By exam: 34
- By reciprocity: 7

PTAs

- By exam: 27
- By reciprocity: 4

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Total PTs - 1600

Total PTAs - 899

Total - 2499

INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS

- **Leah Ellis Study Plan Presentation**
The Board reviewed Leah Ellis' study plan. Ms. Ellis plans to retest in December. The Board approved her study plan.
- **Sindia Johnson Study Plan Presentation**
The Board reviewed Sindia Johnson's study plan. Seth advised that she consult Jennifer Parks for assistance with her plan. She would like to sit for the exam again in April 2010. The Board requested that she restructure her plan and meet with the board at a future board meeting.
- **Marla Murphy Study Plan Presentation**
The Board reviewed Marla Murphy's study plan. She will submit documentation for extra time due to dyslexia. Her proposed date for reexamination is the last week of November 2009. Her study plan was approved by the Board.
- **Josie Patterson Study Plan Presentation**
The Board reviewed Josie Patterson's study plan. Ms. Patterson expects to complete her plan by December 21, 2009. The Board approved her study plan.
- **Hillary Ward Study Plan Presentation**
The Board reviewed Hillary Ward's study plan. She plans to sit for the exam again in February 2010. The Board approved her study plan.
- **Andrea Baldrige Study Plan Presentation**
Andrea Baldrige was not available to attend the board meeting and faxed her study plan for the Board to review. The Board reviewed her plan and determined she needs to improve her plan and meet with the Board at a future board meeting.
- **Health Source Complaint**
A copy of an ad was received regarding HealthSource Chiropractic and Progressive Rehab advertising physical therapy. A letter was mailed to HealthSource asking if they have a physical therapist on staff. The Board reviewed the response from Paul Betts Jr., D.C. He apologized for using the words physical therapy and stated that his office engages in chiropractic in accordance with the Arkansas Chiropractic Practice Act. A letter will be sent thanking him for his response.
- **MD/PT Partners**
Seth received an email from MD/PT Partners concerning private practice physical therapists and physician owned physical therapy services (POPTS). The Board discussed the issue at the May 28th board meeting and an email was sent to MD/PT Partners quoting the Practice Act section 17-93-310 and asking for additional information. The Board reviewed and discussed the response. No further action will be taken.
- **Warren Foster Complaint**
The Board received information from the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners regarding adverse action against Warren Foster, PT. Mr. Foster failed to meet continuing

education required by the Texas Board and was ordered to complete 30 hours of community service and reimburse the Texas Board the cost of the investigation. Mr. Foster did not disclose the adverse action on his 2009 Renewal for the Arkansas Board. A letter will be sent to Mr. Foster asking for his response and the issue will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

- **Practice Review Tool**

The Board received a letter from Josh Wakefield, FSBPT Continuing Competence Analyst, regarding the Practice Review Tool. The Board determined they are not ready to require continued competency at this time.

- **Private/Medicare Patient Billing Practices – FYI**

A letter was received from an anonymous therapist concerning private and Medicare patient billing practices. A copy of a letter received by the therapist from Medicare was included. The information was discussed and no further action is required.

- **Request for CE – Management: Interviewing Skills**

Angie Smith, PT requested continuing education for a course entitled Management: Interviewing Skills. The Board reviewed the course and determined further information is needed regarding objectives, speakers, end of course assessment, and testing. An email will be sent to Angie Smith requesting additional information.

- **CE Sponsor Application – S1 – Introduction to Spinal Evaluation and Manipulation**

The Board received an application for continuing education for a course the Arkansas Physical Therapy Association is co-sponsoring entitled S1- Introduction to Spinal Evaluation and Manipulation. The Board agreed to approve the course as instruction in physical therapy in the state of Arkansas providing there is clarification of the word manipulation as used in the title. The motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the course.

- **CE Sponsor Application – INR – Left Handedness and Right Handedness**

The Board reviewed a sponsor application from INR on a course entitled Left Handedness and Right Handedness. The course was not approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- **None**

NEW BUSINESS

- **FileMaker Pro Proposal**

A proposal was received from Gordon Consulting regarding the File Maker Pro databases used by the Board office. Gordon Consulting will improve the databases and will also instruct Board personnel on advanced uses of File Maker Pro. Gordon Consulting estimated 12-18 hours at \$130 per hour for the service. The motion was made, seconded and passed to hire Gordon Consulting.

- **Applicant Study Plan Presentation Report – FYI**

Sarah compiled a report showing the status of applicants that had presented their study plans to the Board at past meetings. The Board reviewed the report.

- **Rules and Regulations**

The Board discussed the Rules and Regulations revisions. Seth will send suggestions to be compiled and sent to board members and Warren.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30.

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Worthen
Executive Director