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AR State Board of Physical Therapy MINUTES November 4, 2003

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

9 Shackelford Plaza, Suite 3, Little Rock, AR

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

Representative from Attorney General's Office: Warren Readnour

Staff Attending: Alice Ryan and Nancy Worthen.

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

- The minutes of the September 18, 2003 regular meeting were approved as amended.
- The minutes of the September 18, 2003 Liz Atkinson hearing were approved as presented
- The minutes of the September 24, 2003 hearing were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

• Financials

As of 10/29/03 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported as \$20,666.05.

As of 10/29/03 Bank of the Ozarks certificate of deposit has a balance of \$30,690.91.

As of 10/29/03 Money Market Funds total \$225,378.69.

Total Assets - \$276,735.65

The financial report was approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE

• Licensure Information

Individuals licensed since the 09-18-03 meeting:

Total 16 PT's - By exam: 11 By reciprocity: 5

Total 9 PTA's - By exam: 8 By reciprocity: 1

Total PTs - 1409

Total PTAs - 658

• Jurisprudence Exam

The Board made the decision to gather information and move forward with drafting a jurisprudence exam. Information from other schools and the FSBPT will be brought to the next meeting.

INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS

• Complaint: Tammy Walker vs. Jimmie Hooten, PTA

Warren spoke with the detective on the case of the molestation of Vanessa Pickett. There is no physical evidence or eyewitness testimony to support the allegation. Following review of all information received, the Board determined there is no sufficient evidence to move forward with a hearing at this time. A motion was made, seconded and passed to dismiss the complaint.

• Complaint: Radonna Needles, PT

A response was received from Ms. Needles. The Board found no violation of the Practice Act. A letter will be sent to Ms. Needles and a copy of the Rules and Regulations will be included with the letter. A motion was made, seconded and passed to dismiss the complaint.

• Complaint: AFMC

A complaint was received stating AFMC began retrospective reviews this year in response to the law prohibiting prior authorizations. There were several issues outlined in the complaint. The Board determined this is not within the scope of the Board's authority. A letter will be sent to AFMC stating numerous complaints have been received from Physical Therapists and they will be forwarded to the ArPTA.

• Report: Supervision of Liz Atkinson, PT

A report was received stating Ms. Atkinson has worked ten hours of supervision.

A discussion was held on how future employers of Ms. Atkinson and other PTs and PTAs with restricted licenses would know of the restrictions if they didn't call the Board to verify each license. It was decided that the word "restrictions" will be typed on the pink card of each person with a restricted license.

• Amicus Brief for Mike Teston, PT

The motion was made for the Board to issue an amicus brief in the Teston matter and if the Attorney General's office doesn't feel this is appropriate, the Board will seek independent counsel to pursue the matter. The motion was seconded and passed.

• Chiropractic Board

The Board reviewed the minutes from the September meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. There were several issues concerning Physical Therapists discussed in the meeting. The Board has a concern that the Chiropractic Board seems to be focusing on the Practice Act and all aspects of the practice of Physical Therapy. Alice will find out who the Governor's liaison is and Seth will contact him/her to voice concerns and ask advice on this matter.

OLD BUSINESS

None presented.

NEW BUSINESS**• FSBPT Annual Meeting**

Board members that attended the FSBPT Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri in October gave a synopsis of the sessions they attended.

• Foreign Trained Applicants

Several inquiries have come from foreign trained applicants concerning whether their Bachelors degree needs to be credentialed if they have received a Masters in the U.S. The Board determined that if they have completed a Masters from a CAPTE accredited program in the U.S. they no longer fall under the category of “foreign trained”. Therefore, they would not be required to submit credentialing or pass the English language exams. Also, the wording on the application concerning foreign trained requirements will be changed to be the same as the wording in the Rules and Regulations.

• Continuing Education – Pre-approval of Courses

One of the issues at the FSBPT meeting was pre-approval of continuing education courses. Some states have Physical Therapists to pre-approve their continuing education. Alice inquired if Arkansas may want to do the same and if she should reinstate her Physical Therapist license. The Board determined that no problems have occurred with the current practice and there is no reason to change.

• Athletic Trainers

The Athletic Trainers have a bill pending that would allow an interim study of the impact of allowing licensed Athletic Trainers to receive third party reimbursement from insurers. Also, it was brought to the Board's attention that the title "Athletic Therapist" is being used by Athletic Trainers. The Board discussed concerns regarding these issues.

- The regular meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.
- An executive session was held after the regular meeting. The session adjourned at 4:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Worthen
Assistant Director