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**AR State Board of Physical Therapy
MINUTES
April 30, 2002**

Tuesday, April 30, 2002, Offices of the AR State Board of Physical Therapy,
9 Shackelford Plaza, Suite 1, Little Rock, AR
Physical Therapy Board Members Attending: Seth Coulter; Rob Hill; Beth Moore; Starla Denton; and
Donna Sasser
Representative from Attorney General's Office: Warren Readnour
Staff Attending: Jennifer Coleman

CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Seth Coulter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

- The minutes of the January 15, 2002 regular meeting were approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT**- Financials**

- As of 4/1/02 the regular checking account balance with Metropolitan Bank was reported of \$101,427.59.
Account balance as of 1/15/01 - **\$15,216.68**.
- Bank of the Ozarks certificate of deposit matured 2/20/02 and was renewed for two years at interest rate of 2.25%.
Account balance as of 4/01/02 is **\$29,770.86**
- All other extra funds are on deposit with the state's Money Market Funds.
Account balance as of 4/01/02 - **\$142,324.02**

Total Assets - \$273,522.47

- The financial report was approved as presented.

-ADMINISTRATIVE**• Licensure Information****Individuals licensed since the 1/15/02 meeting:**

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| - Total 34 PT's - By exam: 28 | By reciprocity: 6 |
| - Total 12 PTA's - By exam: 6 | By reciprocity: 6 |

• Renewals

- A total of 1958 individuals are licensed.
Physical Therapists - 1352
Physical Therapist Assistants – 606
Inactive Status - 49
Administratively Suspended – 38 –
(A list of these was distributed and will be published in the newsletter.)

• Web site

The web site is being created and should be “live” in the next couple of months. Board members were encouraged to view the working document and make recommendations.

INQUIRIES & COMPLAINTS**• The Matter of William K. Williams**

– An Order affirming the State Board of Physical Therapy's position of June 8, 2000 was issued in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County. The Order also states that the Board is entitled to \$1,350 from the petitioner for the cost of preparation of the record. Williams does have thirty days to appeal. (Note: The Board will send an invoice following the end of this period.)

• Wayne Baker Complaint – Dr. Bud Dickson

- As requested at the last meeting Jennifer discreetly inquired of the Dr. Dickson's office if a Physical

Therapist/s were on staff. The receptionist replied that Buddy Bennett in Magnolia and Junior McAtire of Hope were licensed Physical Therapists. Neither have Arkansas licenses.

- The motion was made, seconded and passed for authorization to expend funds for an investigation. Jennifer will contact the agent at the Department of Health to conduct an investigation. Jennifer is to notify Wayne Baker and Dean Butler, who also alleged provision of PT services without licensure.
- Rob Hill will be recused because he serves on Hope's Hospital Board where Dr. Dickson practices.

- **Leann Drain Complaint – Fred Thompson, PT**

- A response from Fred Thompson will be requested, including data and schedules of treatment.

OLD BUSINESS

- None presented.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Ethics Course or Testing for Licensure Renewal**

- There was discussion regarding mandatory and/or optional requirement of a jurisprudence or ethics examination. Jennifer will check with other jurisdictions regarding what they require in this regard. A report will be provided at the next meeting.

- **Multiple Regulation Issue**

- Several facilities have requested that the in service course requirements coincide with the licensing entity. PT and PTA continuing education requirements for licensure have been established so this is not an issue for the Board. Approval of in service courses are done on a case- by -case basis and not automatically approved.

- **FSBPT Request for Uniform Pathway**

- There was much discussion and consideration of FSBPT's request for a Uniform Pathway. There is considerable opposition by several states, including motions that will be brought before the General Assembly at the Annual Meeting. The Board determined that additional information was needed. Jennifer will request background information and more specifics prior to the next meeting. Goal of the Board is to make an informed vote for or against the Uniform Pathway.

- **Newletter Advertisements**

- A request from "Communicate and Negotiate" was received asking for an advertising opportunity in the newsletter. This particular case is for a continuing education course. The Board determined a policy be established **not** to permit advertisements.

- **Act 1226 of 2001**

- The motion was made, seconded and passed that the Board continue, as in the past, to fully support non-discriminatory hiring practices.

- **PT Aide Functions**

- The AR State Board of Private Career Education requested approval of a job description for an Aide. Changes will be made to the duties as they are not in agreement with Statute.

- **Athletic Training**

Concerns have been brought to the Board that the Athletic Trainers Association may be considering changes to its Statute at this next legislative session. There was discussion regarding the issues of patient protection, possible consumer confusion or need for clarification of scope of practice. No action by this Board as consumer protection is its focus and regulations delineate clearly the roles of Athletic Trainers in a clinical setting.

- The meeting adjourned at 2:40.

- The next meeting will be scheduled for August 13, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Coleman, Executive Director