

Minutes

The Physical Therapy Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on August 22, 2014, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. The meeting was held at the office of the Board, 101 NE 51 Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Advance notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on December 10, 2013, and posted on the Board's website on August 15, 2014. The notice and agenda were posted in prominent public view on the front doors of the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision building located at 101 NE 51st St., Oklahoma City, OK on August 21, 2014 at 8:45 a.m.

Members present:

Carolyn Craven, PT, Chair
David Haynes, PT, Vice Chair
Mitsy Martin, PT
Randy Titony, PTA
Public Member position vacant

Also present:

Robyn Hall, Director of Licensing
Kathy Plant, Executive Secretary
Tiffany Wythe, Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The first item of business was approval of the minutes from the April 11, 2014, Committee meeting. Mr. Haynes moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Titony seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

RACHEL LITSCH appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Litsch's license had expired January 31, 2014, although she had continued to practice. Ms. Litsch apologized, stating she thought the license was valid until the anniversary of the date of issuance of the license, which would have been August 2014. She presented an evaluation from her supervisor. Denise Bender, PT, JD, Director of the Physical Therapy Program at the University of Oklahoma, was present in support of Ms. Litsch. She said she was Ms. Litsch's advisor in the program. She stated Ms. Litsch was an excellent student with no behavioral problems and she was part of the Faculty Choice. Ms. Bender said the PT program stopped having a Board representative speak to 3rd year students but they will be bringing that back. Ms. Litsch stated her employer had directed her not to bill in the school setting. Mr. Titony said there were two issues – she practiced without a license and someone, possibly the school, could have billed Medicaid, or other third party payors for her services. He told her she needs to proactively check into the billing that occurred while she was unlicensed. Mr. Titony warned Ms. Litsch that her employer is not a therapist so does not have her license at the forefront of their mind. He said she needs to make that her priority. Mr. Haynes moved to recommend approval of the application with a letter of no tolerance regarding future practice without a current license to be placed in her public file. Ms. Martin seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

RACHEL LEE WEATHERFORD appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Weatherford testified regarding an incident upon admission to Physical Therapy school. She had falsified her immunization record, changing the date of her tetanus vaccination in order to be able to enter the program. Professor Bender testified in support of Ms. Weatherford. She stated she had known Ms. Weatherford for four years, including the time during the suspension. Ms. Bender stated she was Ms. Weatherford's advisor, course instructor and program director. She stated after Ms. Weatherford's return to the program, she brought an ethics problem to the attention of the faculty. Ms. Bender stated she felt Ms. Weatherford was no risk to the patients Oklahoma and they would not see her

again before the Board. Mr. Haynes moved to recommend approval of the application. Mr. Titony seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

CAROL ANN WRIGHT HINZPETER appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Hinzpeter's Oklahoma license had expired in 1986; her last practice as Physical Therapist was in 1995 in Missouri. Ms. Hinzpeter said she lives in Missouri and wants to reactivate her Missouri license; however, Missouri requires her to have her first license (Oklahoma) active prior to re-issuing that license. The Committee discussed continuing education options with Ms. Hinzpeter and the amount of supervised practice she would be required to complete. Ms. Martin moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of one year of practice under the direct supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist and 300 hours of continuing education. She further moved that Ms. Hinzpeter could take the Practice Review Tool and appear before the committee for realignment of the continuing education hours requirement. Mr. Titony seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

COLBY HELFFRICH appeared in support of his application for Physical Therapist licensure. Mr. Helffrich explained two previous arrests, one as a minor in 2005 and then again in 2007. After review of the application, Mr. Haynes moved to recommend approval of the application. Ms. Martin seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

LISA GABLE BROWNWOOD appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Brownwood's last practice had been in 1999. Ms. Brownwood testified regarding her activities since her license expired and her practice plans. The Committee discussed the number of continuing education hours and hours of practice under supervision Ms. Brownwood would need. Mr. Titony moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of one year of practice under direct supervision and 300 hours of continuing education. He further moved that Ms. Brownwood could take the Practice Review Tool and appear before the committee for realignment of the continuing education hours requirement. Mr. Haynes seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

AMIEE PINKERTON appeared in support of her application to sit for the Physical Therapist Assistant exam for the third time. Ms. Pinkerton's study plan was reviewed. The committee discussed with her strategies for preparing for the test. Mr. Haynes moved to approve her to sit for the exam pending completion of the study plan. He further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam. Mr. Titony seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

MELODY COOK appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Ms. Cook's license had expired January 31, 2013. Ms. Cook testified regarding her activities since her license expired and her practice plans. Mr. Titony moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of thirty hours of continuing education. Mr. Haynes seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

DEBORAH L. WILLEFORD, PTA appeared in response to the Committee's request that she appear prior to returning to work. Ms. Willeford had been granted permission to earn all continuing education in Category B in April 2013 with the caveat that she appear prior to returning to work. Ms. Willeford said she had been ill in 2012 but now is healthy. She said she kept up with continuing education requirements and now would like to return to work PRN. She said her disability limits her work to 31 hours per month. The Committee asked that she have her supervisor send a letter regarding her work performance. No further action was required.

NATISHA LEIGH DELOZIER appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant license. Ms. Delozier testified regarding an arrest in 2008 for DUI. Ms. Delozier had meet with staff and signed an Agreement for Licensure, which was reviewed by the committee. Mr. Titony moved to recommend approval of the application under terms of the Agreement. Mr. Haynes seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #1)

WILLIAM CHAD RANDOLPH appeared in support of his application for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Mr. Randolph testified regarding his alcohol abuse, rehabilitation and recovery. Mr. Randolph had meet with staff and a proposed Agreement for Licensure was developed. The Committee discussed the Agreement with Mr. Randolph and encouraged him to review it to make sure he understood it prior to signing. Mr. Titony moved to recommend approval for licensure under terms of the Agreement pending satisfactory completion of the file. Mr. Haynes seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #2)

Applications for licensure and reactivation of licensure were reviewed. Mr. Haynes moved to recommend approval of the following applications for Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Martin seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**BAIRD, BONNIE JOAN
BRAY, LATRINA ROSHELL
CHOFFEL, KATHERINE RENEE
DUMAS, VALERY BETH
GONZALES, MELANIE WALKER
LAUDADIO, MICHAEL ANTHONY
MAINS, CHELSEA JEAN
MCINERNEY, CLAIRE ELIZABETH
NOAH, LUKE AARON
SCHNEBEL, ADDISON LAURA
SKUTA, CATHERINE ANNE
VEGA, ANASTACIA
WAYLAND, REBECCA-ANNE HOPE**

**BOND, KACIE DAHN
CHACHERE, COREY ADAM
DAILY, MICHELLE STACY
FRY, ADAM GREGORY
KOTTMAYER, BENJAMIN MARK
LE, TAMMY TRAN
MANN, NATHAN KYLE
MULLER, MOLLY M
ROGERS, MARKUS CHARLES
SCHNEIDER, NANCY FAYE
THOMPSON, NOLA
WAMBOLT, RACHEL DEE
WINTERHEIMER, BRITTANY**

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Mr. Haynes moved to recommend approval of the following applications for Physical Therapist licensure pending satisfactory completion of the files. Ms. Martin seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**AKINWANDE, VALERIE
BRANCH, KAYERESHALA LASHAWN
GIESEY, TRISTEN AMANDA KAY
LOWE, KELSEY DANAE
PESTEL-NOLAND, CHRISTY MARIE
PIANALTO, CHRISTINA NICOLE
WATSON, MELODY RENE**

**BOYKO, LISA
GHORMLEY, AMBER RUTH
LIMBER, KAILEY NICOLE
NIDA, HALEY PATZ
PHILPOT, JESSICA LINDSEY
SPILLMAN, JACOB STEPHEN**

A request from **PAYAL SAINI** for waiver of the supervised practice period was reviewed. Ms. Saini had met with the Committee in October 2013. The Committee had recommended that she complete 400 hours of the supervised practice in Oklahoma. Ms. Saini reported that she had been working in Texas and requested waiver of the hours. Mr. Haynes moved to recommend that the request be granted and that she be approved for licensure. Ms. Martin seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Haynes moved to recommend approval of the following applications for reinstatement of Physical Therapist licensure pending satisfactory completion of the files. Ms. Martin seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**CHIDESTER, MIGNON DAWN
NELSON, JENNIFER LYNNE
TAITE, ASHLI JOANN**

**HILBERS, AMY WILCUTTS
SOULEN, LESLIE ANNE**

Mr. Haynes moved to recommend approval of the following applications for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Mr. Titony seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**BALLARD, STEPHANIE ANNE
CARTER, KATHLEEN NICOLE
CROWELL, AMANDA
FRIDAY, JANET DIANE
HINKLE, MAKENZIE LANE
INGLE, JEFF
JOHN, TYLER
LONGPINE, LEAH G
MILES, ALLISON NICOLE
MOSKAL, SUSANNE MARIE
NORTON, CATHRYN BROOKE
PATTERSON, MARIE MICHELL
SHARP, PORTIA LEANN
STEELE, JORI R
WILSON, REX**

**BECK, TIFFANY
CROSS, MICHAEL
DYER, SARAH MARIE
GATES, SAMANTHA TAMER
HOLLOWAY, KILEY MARIE
JACKSON, AMANDA JUNE
LAYNE, ASHLEY DAWN
MARTIN, HEATHER NICOLE
MOORE, DANIEL EDWARD
MURNAN, NICOLLE DIANE
OCKER, LORI ANN
ROBERTS, JOHN GLEN JR
SPENCER, CHEYENNE RACHEL
TILLSON, ANDREW MCCLELLAN**

Mr. Haynes moved to recommend approval of the following applications for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure pending satisfactory completion of the files. Mr. Titony seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**BLANCHARD, RACHEL ELIZABETH
COLE**

**CONWAY, SARA BETH ANN
ELAM, AMBER
HART, HEATHER ALEECE
JACKSON, TOMMY Joe
LADD, MARGARETT
LONGTAIL, TISHA
PETERSON, STACY ALINE
HEATHER
STUBBLEFIELD, SYDNEY RAE**

WESTMORELAND, BRANDON

**CRAVENS, SPENCER TODD
GONZALEZ, ADRIANA
HENRY, MORGAN ASHLEY
JOINES, ANGELA RAE
LANE, CLINTON THOMAS
MACKEY, SHERRY ANN
SHERWOOD, CHRISTIAN**

Mr. Haynes moved to recommend approval of the following applications for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure pending satisfactory completion of the files. Mr. Titony seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**ADAMS, AMBER DAWN
MORRIS, DANNY RAY**

**CLINTON, MARIE ANNETTE
VILLARREAL, RICARDO R**

Requests for approval of continuing education courses/credit were reviewed. Mr. Haynes moved to approve the courses as indicated on the forms. Mr. Titony seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #3)

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting. The time was 10:29 a.m.