

Minutes

The Physical Therapy Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on August 28, 2008. The meeting was held at the office of the Board, 5104 North Francis, Suite C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the Administrative Procedures Act. Members present were:

Staci Freudiger, PT, Chair
Mary Staley, PT, Vice Chair
Suzanne Reese, PT
Nancy Davis, PTA

Member absent was Craig Gavras, Public Member.

Others present included:

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director
Robyn Hall, Director Licensing
Kathy Plant, Executive Secretary
Patricia Podolec, Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The first item of business was election of officers. Ms. Staley moved to re-elect Ms. Freudiger as Chairwoman. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote is recorded as follows:

Suzanne Reese, PT	Aye
Mary Staley, PT	Aye
Nancy Davis, PTA	Aye
Staci Freudiger, PT	Abstain

Ms. Reese moved to re-elect Ms. Staley as Vice Chair. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote is recorded as follows:

Suzanne Reese, PT	Aye
Mary Staley, PT	Abstain
Nancy Davis, PTA	Aye
Staci Freudiger, PT	Aye

The minutes from the May 1, 2008 Committee meeting were reviewed. Ms. Reese asked about the Attorney General opinion requested at the last meeting. Staff reported that the request was put on hold when the new rule ad hoc committee was formed. It was hoped that the opinion would not be necessary if language satisfactory to all individuals involved could

be developed. Ms. Reese moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

CASIE LYNN WESTFAHL appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Westfahl had been requested to appear by the Board Secretary in response to a September 2007 arrest for Driving Under the Influence. She successfully completed six months of probation and 50 hours of community service. Her assessment reported no evidence of addiction and no Agreement for licensure was recommended. Ms. Reese moved to recommend approval of the application pending passing the Physical Therapist licensure exam. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

ROCKY MICHAEL SOWARDS appeared in support of his application for Physical Therapist licensure. Mr. Sowards was present to discuss his 2005 arrest and guilty plea to Driving While Impaired. Mr. Soward's assessment reported no evidence of addiction and no Agreement for licensure was recommended. Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the application. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

RACHEL FARAH SATARAWALA appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Satarawala appeared to discuss her 2007 arrest for Driving While Intoxicated. She successfully completed a six month probation. An assessment reported no evidence of addiction and no Agreement for licensure was recommended. Ms. Reese moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

KENNY FLOYD HOPPER appeared in support of his application for Physical Therapist Assistant examination and licensure. Ms. Reese recused from the proceedings. Mr. Hopper was present in support of his request to retake the PTA licensure exam for the third time. Mr. Hopper's study plan was reviewed. Ms. Davis moved to recommend approval to retake the examination. She further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next on the agenda was the application of **Sherri Lynn Anderson** for reinstatement of Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Anderson was not present so the application was tabled until later in the meeting.

PAMELA LYNN ESK appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Esk's last practice as a Physical Therapist was in May 1997. Ms. Esk testified regarding her practice plans and her activities since her license lapsed. Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of nine months of supervised practice and 140 hours of continuing education, with at least half of

the hours in Category A. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

RABIYYAH HAZZIEZ appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Appearing with Ms. Hazziez was her supervising therapist, Jeanne Wheeler-Loveland, PT. Ms. Wheeler-Loveland testified regarding her supervision of Ms. Hazziez. She recommended that Ms. Hazziez be granted full licensure. She stated Ms. Hazziez had not practiced outside the scope of practice of a PTA while under her supervision. Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the application. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

MARIANNE INEZ RYBERG appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Ms. Ryberg's last practice had been in Texas in 2003. After review of the application, Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of four months of supervised practice and 60 hours of continuing education. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

DAWN MICHELLE YOUNGBLOOD appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Ms. Youngblood's license had expired in 2001. Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of seven months of practice under direct supervision and 100 hours of continuing education. Ms. Staley advised Ms. Youngblood that any approved hours earned from the time her license expired could be included. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

SEAN PAUL DELANO appeared in support of his application for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Mr. Delano's last practice was in 1999. His Arkansas license had been reinstated earlier this year. Mr. Delano provided certificates showing 34 hours of Category B continuing education. The Committee reviewed a letter from Mr. Delano's supervisor, Glen Selling, PT. Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of six months of supervised practice and 50 hours of Category A continuing education and ten hours of Category B hours. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

WAIFONG CHEUNG appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist licensure. The Committee reviewed information regarding Ms. Cheung's education and found it satisfactory. Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the application pending verification of her Taiwan Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

SARAH ELIZABETH GREEN, PTA appeared at staff's request to discuss her continuing education hours. Ms. Green had attended a CE course in December 2007 at St. John's Medical Center, after which time her check was returned for non-sufficient funds. Ms. Green testified to the Committee that she sent a money order to replace the check and assumed that St. John's had received it, but she did not send it by certified mail. The Committee advised Ms. Green to resend St. Johns the \$100 by certified mail and ask St. Johns to send confirmation to the Board. Ms. Green indicated that she would comply with the Committee's request.

ANDREA LEIGH BROWN appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Staff presented a proposed Agreement for licensure based on Ms. Brown's substance abuse. The Committee reviewed a letter of support from Tim R. Webster, Assistant District Attorney for Bryan County. Ms. Reese moved to recommend approval of the application to sit for the licensure exam. She further moved to recommend approval of the application pending passing the exam under terms of the Agreement with the modification that Ms. Brown be required to work under direct supervision for one year. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #1)

ROBIN SELF, PTA appeared at staff's request to discuss patient abandonment issues. Ms. Freudiger recused from the matter; Ms. Staley chaired the meeting. The Committee discussed the circumstances surrounding Ms. Self's departure from Valir Health and the timing of her notification to her supervisor that she would not be returning to work. The Committee discussed requesting an affidavit from Rimoun Hanna, PT, Ms. Self's supervisor at the time. The Committee advised Ms. Self that her obligation was to let her supervising Physical Therapist know that she would not be seeing his patients, in addition to letting her employer know. Two weeks notice is the standard business practice and to cut it short is not good practice. They admonished her to comply with ethical standards.

The Committee discussed Supervision of Physical Therapist Assistants and rule changes to **OAC 435:20-1-1.1. Definitions [AMENDED]** and **OAC 435:20-7-1. Supervision of Physical Therapist Assistants [AMENDED]**. Kathy Johnson, PT, Chair of the Ad Hoc Rules Committee presented proposed amendments to the rules. She introduced other members of the Committee: Sherry Lyall, Ryan Berry, Virginia Harbour, Lynn Jeffries, and Joe Mac Farlane (not present). Staci Freudiger represented the PT Committee. Ms. Johnson reviewed the guidelines utilized by Ad Hoc Committee and the changes made to the rules. Ms. Reese and Ms. Staley were concerned that group setting was not defined. Ms. Reese and Ms. Staley were directed to develop a definition for "Group Setting" and see if there was a need to define "Practice Setting". The Committee thanked Ms. Johnson and other members of the Ad Hoc Committee.

*Ms. Reese stepped out of the meeting.

The application of **SHERRI ANDERSON** for reinstatement of Physical Therapist licensure was called from the table. Ms. Anderson was not present. Her last practice had been in June 2006. Staff reported that her Texas license was active. The Committee discussed having her practice under direct supervision here or in Texas. Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of two months practice under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist with submission of an evaluation by the supervising PT at the end of that time. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

*Ms. Reese returned to the meeting.

Applications for examination, licensure and reinstatement were reviewed. Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the following applications for Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**JENNIFER ELIZABETH BRINK
SARAH JANE SOMMERMEYER
MORGAN MARIAH STIERS
EMILY JACKSON TUBBS**

**KATE GILLESPIE CASE
TERENCE RICHARD STEGMAN
DAVID CHARLES TODD**

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

**KARISSA MISNER HANNASCH
PAULA JEAN PARKER
DONALD SCOTT STRACK**

**CAMILLA REGINA HARRIS
DALTON CHRISTOPHER SMITH
CHAD STEVEN WILLIAMS**

The application of **PHARISIA GAIL LEYALEY TUDLONG** for licensure as Physical Therapist was reviewed. Ms. Tudlong was a foreign-trained therapist who requested waiver of the 800 hours of supervised practice. She had worked in Indiana since December 2006. Ms. Reese moved to recommend waiver of the 800 hours of supervised practice and recommend approval for licensure. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the following applications to sit for the Physical Therapist licensure exam. She further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

SABRINA NICOLE CUTRIGHT

LORI LYNN GREENWAY

**SARAH CORINNE IHLE
MARY BETH LENDERMAN
MARCUS WILLIAM METCALF
KEVIN MICHAEL WILCHER**

**AMANDA SUE L'ESPERANCE
VANESSA RACHEL MEACHAM
GERARD CHARLES II**

Ms. Davis moved to recommend approval of the following applications for licensure as Physical Therapist Assistants. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

BILLY SHANE JOHNSON

TONYA LYNN WILLROTH

Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the following applications for licensure as Physical Therapist Assistant pending satisfactory completion of the files. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

DONALD EUGENE LITCHFORD

REBECCA LYNN STEPHENSON

Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the following applications for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

AMBER NICOLE PRINCE

KELLI DEANNE SHAW

Ms. Davis moved to recommend approval of the following applications to sit for the Physical Therapist Assistant licensure exam. She further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**SHANE BRYANT ABERNATHY
LINDSEY DEANN BRO
CASEY ALAN CHENOWETH
MEREDITH JANE CRUTCHER
LESLI DEANN FADDIS
NAOMI L. JONES
MICAH JEROD LITTLEJOHN
PATRIK JONSON LOVELL
JAMEY LEE MONEY
JULIE LYNN SAUTER
TANA DALENE SCOTT
SARAH ANN WELDON
BETHANY LEIGH WESTERVELT
JAMI LADON WILKINS**

**ANGELA CHRISTINA BIVIN
SARAH ELLEN CHANCELLOR
MORGAN JAHREE CLAYTON
ALLISON LYNNE DAVIDSON
SARA ELIZABETH JOHNSON
CHRISTY KAY LATULIP
ANNA DAWN LLOYD
BRENDA KAY MELTON
KENDRA JANELL MONROE
SAMANTHA WYNE SAXON
JON MORGAN STUART
AMANDA BROOKE WESLEY
JENNIFER MICHELLE WHITT**

A Request for special testing accommodations form Shannon Whaley Keener was reviewed. Ms. Keener had been approved to sit for the Physical Therapist Assistant licensure exam and requested accommodations for her vision insufficiency. She specifically asked that a computer be provided that would allow her to enlarge the font size. A letter from Kenneth E. Plank, OD regarding Ms. Kenner's visual acuity decrease was reviewed. Ms. Staley moved to grant the accommodation. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Requests for approval of continuing education courses were reviewed along with a report from the Continuing Education Sub Committee report. Ms. Freudiger moved to approve the recommendations of the Sub Committee and approve the reviews made by the Committee. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #2)

An appeal of a requirement for double continuing education hours was reviewed. Ms. Teresa McIlroy, PT submitted a request to have the requirement waived. After review, Ms. Reese moved to deny the request. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee reviewed a draft of the next newsletter. Staff was directed to make a few revisions and send it out to all licensees.

The Committee discussed disciplinary action for failure to properly supervise assistive personnel. Ms. Reese and Ms. Staley were directed to review the current rules of unprofessional conduct while they are looking at the supervision rules to see if they needed to be amended or expanded.

The *Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Practice Review Tool* was reviewed. Ms. Reese and Ms. Freudiger will be attending the FSBPTs annual meeting in September. They were directed to bring additional information regarding the PRT to the next Committee meeting.

Staff asked Committee members to provide jurisprudence exam questions for the next renewal cycle.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 2:05 p.m.