

## Minutes

The Physical Therapy Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on April 23, 2009. 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  
Craig Gavras, Public Member

Others present included:

Robyn Hall, Director Licensing  
Kathy Plant, Executive Secretary  
Patricia Podolec, Assistant Attorney General  
Elizabeth Scott, Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The minutes from the January 22, 2009 Committee meeting were reviewed. Mr. Gavras moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**ANDREA BROWN** appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Ms. Brown had met with the Committee in September 2008 and signed an Agreement for licensure requiring direct onsite supervision for the first year. A temporary license had been issued in February for Ms. Brown to begin work at a hospital in Oklahoma. Ms. Brown advised that she is working in Texas full time and wants to work at the Oklahoma hosp on weekends but there is no PT on-site on weekends. After discussion, Mr. Gavras moved to leave the Agreement as presented. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #1)

**SHERRI BOOS, PT and IAN COOPER, PT, Assistant Vice President, Integris** appeared with **DIANE PERKINS, PT** to discuss issues at Integris Canadian Valley Regional Hospital. Maggie Martin, Attorney, was present representing Ms. Boos and Mr. Cooper. Brian Lofgren, Attorney, was present representing Ms. Perkins. The individuals appeared at the request of the Committee so that the facts surrounding a complaint filed by Ms. Perkins could be investigated. Ms. Perkins explained that the basis for her complaint arose when she was asked to do treatments that she was not comfortable providing and was subjected to disciplinary action by her employer because of it. Ms. Boos and Mr. Cooper responded to Ms. Perkins' statements. Ms. Perkins offered testimony from Don Landis, PT and Peggy Newman,

PT as experts. The Committee declined to hear the testimony as it was not a hearing and notice was not provided to Ms. Boos and Mr. Cooper that experts would be testifying.

After discussion, Mr. Gavras moved to recommend that the complaint be forwarded to the Board based on 435:20-5-9 (12), which says a Physical Therapist shall respect the rights, knowledge and skills of colleagues and other healthcare professionals. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**CHELSIE LANAE BAHR** appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Ms. Bahr appeared with her supervisor, **Cynthia Goss, PT**, to discuss practice without authorization from the Board. Ms. Bahr had reported working as a Graduate PTA since September 2, 2008. Ms. Bahr and Ms. Goss stated that they were not aware of the specific requirements for licensure, including the need for authorization from the Board prior to beginning practice. Ms. Goss said Ms. Bahr never practiced on her own patients and never practiced as a GPTA. She only helped as an aide and did do some learning and educational practice. Once they received the letter from the Board, Ms. Bahr's status, pay, and benefits were all changed to that of a tech. Ms. Goss talked about new facility policies developed since this happened. Ms. Reese moved to issue letters of no tolerance to Ms. Bahr and Ms. Goss. She further moved to recommend approval of the application of Ms. Bahr pending satisfactory completion of the file. Mr. Gavras seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**JEANETTE CAROL MCBROOM** appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of PTA licensure. Ms. McBroom had been out of practice since September 2007. Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of 60 hours of continuing education and one month of supervised practice. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**SAMSON OLATUNJI ISOLA** appeared in support of his application for Physical Therapist licensure. Mr. Isola's last practice was in 2005. Mr. Isola said testified regarding his activities since 2005. He received his DPT in 2007. Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the application for licensure. She further moved to require the Mr. Isola have forty hours of continuing education by December 31, 2009. Mr. Gavras seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**KATHRYN PATRICIA CASTELLOW** appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Castellow had met with the Board Secretary and signed an Agreement for licensure because of her history of substance abuse. She asked the Committee about removing the counseling requirement as it was financially prohibitive since her health insurance would not be effective for 90 days. The Committee recommended she talk with Dr. Zumwalt about the change. Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval for licensure under terms of the Agreement. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #2)

**CHRISTY DAWN LIETCH** appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Lietch's last practice was in 2002. Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of seven months of supervised practice. She further moved to require that Ms. Lietch complete 40 hours of continuing education by the end of the current compliance period, December 31, 2009. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**DONALD GLEN CRISMOND** appeared in support of his application for Physical Therapist licensure. Mr. Crismond had last practiced in 2003. The Committee mentioned the possibility of utilizing the Practice Review Tool (PRT) exam. The exam would be discussed later in the meeting. It was possible that the PRT could be used to reduce or direct the continuing education hours Mr. Crismond would need in order to reinstate his license. Ms. Reese moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of 150 hours of continuing education and six months of supervised practice. She further moved that the continuing education hours and supervised practice time may be decreased based on the PRT exam results. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**MELISSA KINDELL** appeared in support of her application to sit for the Physical Therapist exam. Ms. Kindell discussed her arrest in 2005 for possession of a fake identification. Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the application to sit for the exam. He further moved to recommend approval of the application for licensure pending passing the exam. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**MARTHA ANN FERGUSON** appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Ferguson's license had expired in 2001. Her last practice as a Physical Therapist was in 2003. Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of 120 hours of continuing education and six months of practice under direct supervision. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**SHELSHIE DIANE BENNETT** appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Ms. Bennett testified regarding an arrest for underage drinking in 2007. Ms. Davis moved to recommend approval to sit for the licensure exam. She further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam. Mr. Gavras seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**SARAH IHLE** appeared in support of her application to retake the Physical Therapist licensure exam for the third time. Ms. Ihle described her efforts to prepare for the exam. Ms. Reese moved to recommend approval to sit for the exam. 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.

**CHRISTOPHER STRAIN** appeared in support of his application to retake the Physical Therapist exam. Mr. Strain had met with the Board Secretary to discuss his past alcohol related arrests. A proposed Agreement for licensure was presented that would allow the Board to monitor him for substance abuse. A letter of support from Denise Bender reviewed. Mr. Strain told the Committee that he does not believe he needs the Agreement. The incidents happened four years ago and he has had the opportunity to learn from his mistakes. He stated he has taken steps to insure it does not happen again. Marty Ferretti, PT appeared in support of Mr. Strain. She confirmed that he joined the PT program at OU in 2006, has been on the Dean's honor roll frequently, was cited by faculty in 2007 for outstanding performance, has had strong recommendations from his clinicals, and no problems with his behavior had been noted. Ms. Reese moved to recommend approval to sit for the exam under terms of the Agreement. She further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam. Mr. Gavras seconded the motion. When asked, Mr. Strain stated there were no specific terms of the Agreement to which he objected. He just felt the Agreement was unnecessary. The vote was called and was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #3)

**BRITTANY LYNN KING** appeared in support of her application to retake the Physical Therapist Assistant exam. The Committee reviewed information about Ms. King's DUI arrest in 2005. Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval to sit for the exam. He further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**KARI DIANNE MONTGOMERY** appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Montgomery reported on a charge against her in 2007 for retail theft, which was subsequently dismissed. Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the application. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**JAMES MADISON LUNSFORD** appeared in support of his application to sit for the Physical Therapist Assistant licensure exam. Mr. Lunsford discussed his arrest in 1995 for possession of marijuana. Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval to sit for the exam. He further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**MICAH JEROD LITTLEJOHN** appeared in support of his application to sit for the Physical Therapist Assistant exam for the third time. After review of his study plan, Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval to sit for the exam pending completion of the study plan. He further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**DUSTIN FRAVEL** appeared in support of his application for reinstatement of Physical Therapist licensure. Mr. Fravel last practiced in 2005. Mr. Fravel stated he has been in medical school and will graduate in 2009. He said that he had not been completely away from the practice of physical therapy during that time. He did do some per diem throughout his time in medical school. He stated he plans to sit out of residency one year and pursue a Master's degree in public health. Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the application. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**ANDREA QUEEN** appeared in support of her application to sit for the Physical Therapist Assistant licensure exam. The Committee reviewed her study plan. Ms. Davis moved to recommend approval to sit for the exam pending completion of the study plan. She further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam. Mr. Gavras seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The application of **CAROL JEAN STATHAM** for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure was considered. Ms. Statham had been requested to appear to discuss her application. Mr. Gavras moved to table the application until Ms. Statham requests an appearance. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee requested that staff not require a personal appearance of applicants who have had one minor arrest, such as a DUI, occurring more than five years ago.

The application of **MICHAEL SOVELL** for Physical Therapist licensure was considered. Mr. Sovell was not present. He had a DUI arrest in Minnesota in 2003, which was reduced to a careless driving charge. Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the application. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The application of **BRYAN HOSKEN PITTMAN** for Physical Therapist licensure was considered. Staff reported Mr. Pittman was in Virginia and could not appear. Mr. Pittman had six alcohol related arrests. An assessment for substance abuse/addiction was reviewed, which found no problem. The Committee was concerned that there was too much of a pattern and requested that Mr. Pittman make a personal appearance. The Committee directed that no temporary license be issued. Mr. Gavras moved to table the application until Mr. Pittman could make a personal appearance. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the following applications for licensure as Physical Therapists:

**TONYA ANN BIBLE**  
**STEPHEN SCOTT LYNN**  
**LEE ANNA WADE**

**THOMAS GENE BILLINGS**  
**KELLI PAUAHI MORE**

He further moved to recommend approval of the application of **IRVING NORFLIN RILEY** for Physical Therapist licensure pending satisfactory completion of his file and approval of the following applications for reinstatement of Physical Therapist licensure:

**CYNTHIA DENISE BRISCOE  
ANDREA DENISE VANDROSS**

**JULIE ANN STEWART**

Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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

**BARBOUR, ROBERT WAYNE  
BERRIOS, CAROLYN FAYE  
COOLEY, RACHEL DIANE  
DAVIS, MICHELLE LEA  
ELAND, CHELSEA MICHAEL  
FARROW, JONATHAN WADE  
GRIDER, AMANDA RENEE  
HARRINGTON, MATTHEW JOE  
HORN, SARAH ELLEN  
KIRKES, CASEY WILL CHATHAM  
LINDBLOM, JOSHUA MICHAEL  
MATTHEWS, CAMI JANAE  
MICHAEL, DEREK CURTIS  
MOODY, BRITTANY ANN  
POWELL, ELIZABETH ANN  
RAUH, LAURA ELIZABETH  
SMITH, DANA  
STEINBROOK, JAMIE JENE  
STUMBO, SARAH ANN  
TRUESDELL, CHELSEE MARYSSA  
VAUGHN, JESSICA ARLENE  
VON RAESFELD, AMANDA  
WILLIAM, DAMON ANTHONY**

**BECK, JAMIE MAY  
BLUBAUGH, LINDSEY ANN  
CHRISTOPHER, ZACHARY COLE  
DENNIS, KYLE REMINGTON  
FANNING, ASHLEY DIANE  
GREENWOOD, KATHRYN LYNNE  
HALL, HILEY NICOLE  
HIRST, SUSANNA PERRY  
JASPERSON, RACHEL ALICIA  
LARSEN-PURVIS, MARY SUZANNE  
LONG, JASON MICHAEL  
MCMILLER, JULIE ANN  
MILLER, KENDRA MICHELLE  
PARTEN, JACOB THOMAS  
RANEY, JAI ANNE  
REAGAN, MICHELLE ANN  
SMITH, DRU CODY  
STEWART, MATTHEW WAYNE  
THANSCHIEDT, LINDSEY RENE  
VANDAVEER, JOSEPH BENJAMIN  
VOIGHT, RUSTY SCOTT  
WEST, CHRISTY LYNN**

Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the following applications for licensure as Physical Therapist Assistants:

**ABATELLI, JOAN MARIE**

**HANDLE, COLLEEN MARIE**

**MARTIN, ASHLEY ANN  
MCKEITHAN, WILLIAM FRANKLIN JR**

**MATOS, LISA MARIE  
TREISA, PAUL ALLEN**

He further moved to recommend approval of the following applications for licensure as Physical Therapist Assistants pending satisfactory completion of the files:

**KARKOSKY, JOANNA ELIZABETH**

**LINDSEY, JUDY ANN**

He moved to recommend approval of the application of **PATRICIA JO ANNE HOCKETT** for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure and to recommend approval of the following applications for reinstatement pending satisfactory completion of their files:

**GIESECKE, KRISTI NOELLE**

**MOLSKNESS, GINA MICHELE**

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

Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the following applications to sit for the Physical Therapist Assistant licensure exam. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**BOYD, STEVEN DOUGLAS  
EMERY, TAQUOYAH JORAI  
HASKINS, JESSICA JEAN  
JACOBS, LACY MARIE  
KILPATRICK, JAMIE FAYE  
MACKEY, WILLIAM CHARLES  
PIERSALL, RONDA DIANNE  
SAHU, SANGHAMITRA  
SMITH, JUSTIN BRENT  
WHITE, ALICIA DAWN  
WORLEY, APRIL LYNN  
ARGANBRIGHT, CARRIE RENAE**

**BURRELL, SERENA KRISTEN  
GILVIN, JESSICA  
HLADIK, CANDICE JOHNNELL  
JOHNSON, KELLY DAWN  
LASSITER, KRISTIN DOWNING  
MCMASTERS, JESSE K  
PORTER, JULIE LAYNE  
SAVAGE, REGINA KAY  
TOWERS, ANDREA LEAH  
WINTER, MEGAN RANAE  
PAINTER, HEATHER MARIE**

The Committee considered requests for approval of continuing education courses. Ms. Staley moved to approve the recommendations from the Continuing Education Subcommittee. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #4)

A request from Angela Arthaud, PT to earn more than half of her continuing education hours from Category B was considered. Mr. Gavras moved to deny the request. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee discussed forming a continuing education task force. Debbie Catteeuw, PT discussed with the Committee the need to update continuing education rules. Changes in evaluating courses and new methods for obtaining continuing education are not covered by the rules. The FSBPT's continuing competency exam also should be addressed. Ms. Reese volunteered to look at other methods of continued competence. The Committee directed Ms. Catteeuw to proceed with cleaning up the language to make it more representative of what is actually being done by the Committee and also investigate what the FSBPT is doing to move forward with continuing competence. The Committee talked about Donald Crismond, applicant for reinstatement of PT licensure. Staff was directed to inform him that he could take the exam and then obtain 20 hours of continuing education in each area that he does not pass. Ms. Staley or Ms. Reese would review his results to direct him to the appropriate continuing education areas. The Committee asked Ms. Freudiger to serve on task force with Ms. Catteeuw.

Changes to the Form #5, Verification of Supervision were reviewed. New rules relating to the supervision of PTAs would be effective May 11, 2009. Staff was directed to e-mail the rules, the forms and other relevant information to all licensees with e-mail addresses listed with the Board and mail to the remaining licensees. A newsletter could also be sent to everyone directing them to get online for information and include penalties for failure to comply. A notation was added to the Form #5 stating that a form must be filed for each practice setting. Staff was directed to send a letter to all PTAs stating they must have a new Form #5 for each setting. (See attachment #5)

The Committee reviewed a State Dept of Oklahoma Veterans Affairs' recruitment notice sent to all Oklahoma licensed PTAs. The notice said the PTA would serve as a supervisor of three aides under the direction of a PT consultant who would visit the facility at least twice per month. The Committee was concerned about the apparent lack of supervision the PTA would be receiving. Ms. Podolec said she would talk with the VA's Assistant Attorney General about the Committee's concerns.

A sample PTA Supervision log was reviewed. The form will be sent out with the Form #5 as a guide for PTAs.

A request from Marci Russell, PT to supervise four PTAs was reviewed. Ms. Reese moved to approve the request until the July 9, 2009 meeting with submission of documentation showing all recruitment efforts. Mr. Gavras seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative except Ms. Freudiger abstained from voting.

The Committee discussed trigger point dry needling. A request from Jason Fuser, PT regarding PTs performing the procedure was reviewed. The law and rules do not preclude the use of dry needling but a PT should be trained and competent and cautious about performing

the procedure. The Committee suggested he look at the rules of **Standards of Ethics and Professional Conduct** under 435:20-5-9 (4), which states in part:

(4) Exercise sound professional judgment and perform only those procedures or functions in which they are individually competent and that are within the scope of accepted and responsible practice.

The Committee requested that a discussion be placed on the July meeting agenda of the on going update of practice act and the Medical Board's assistance in making changes.

There being no further business, Mr. Gavras moved to adjourn. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The time was 2:08 p.m.