

## Minutes

The Physical Therapy Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on February 10, 2010. The meeting was held at the office of the Board, 101 NE 51<sup>st</sup> Street, 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  
Sandra Balzer, Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The minutes from the December 17, 2009, Committee meeting were reviewed. Mr. Gavras moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**SUSAN DAWN FAIN** appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Fain had met with the Committee in December. She had been asked to return with information on a proposal of what direction she would like to take to facilitate her return to practice and an idea of the number of continuing education hours her dissertation would be worth. Ms. Fain stated she felt her dissertation would be worth about 80 continuing education units. She discussed other continuing education opportunities for which she was registered or planned on pursuing. The Committee suggested that she take the PRT, which could meet all remaining CEU hours. Ms. Fain said she had recently found out that to take the PRT, she must be either currently licensed or taking it for the state in which she was previously licensed. She had been licensed in Texas but never licensed in Oklahoma. Staff was directed to contact the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy about her taking it for Oklahoma. The Committee told Ms. Fain to return in April with results from the PRT.

**STEPHANIE DAWN WILSON** appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Wilson previously had applied for reinstatement and been approved pending completion of a supervised practice period and continuing education. She advised the Committee that she had been unable to complete the supervised practice because she did not have child care available. Ms. Wilson testified regarding her continuing education and her observations since she received a temporary license February 1, 2010. After discussion, Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the

application pending satisfactory completion of 80 hours of continuing education, including at least six hours of ethics courses, and six months of practice under direct supervision. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**MARCIA RENEE SALISBURY, PTA** appeared to discuss her continuing education audit. Ms. Salisbury was required to obtain double hours for the 2008-2009 compliance period due to her failure to obtain the required ethics courses during the previous compliance period. However, she had failed to complete the required 60 hours before the end of the compliance period but had completed the hours by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Salisbury testified regarding her reasons for failing to get the hours on time. She said financial constraints prohibited her from taking courses at the time they were offered. After discussion, Mr. Gavras moved to require the Ms. Salisbury be required to obtain double hours again for the 2010-2011 compliance period. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**BETTY POORBOY** appeared in support of her application to retake the PTA licensure exam. Ms. Poorboy's study plan was reviewed. She testified regarding her test anxiety and her attempts to address it. After discussion, Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the application 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.

**AMANDA NEWTON** appeared in support of her application to retake the PTA licensure exam. Ms. Newton's study plan was reviewed. She testified regarding her study strategies. After discussion, Ms. Davis moved to recommend approval of the application to sit for the 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.

**CHRIS QUILTER** appeared in support of his application to retake the Physical Therapist licensure exam. Mr. Quilter's study plan was reviewed. 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 examination. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**SHARLA DOWNEY** appeared in support of her application to retake the PTA licensure exam. Ms. Downey's study plan was reviewed. After discussion, Ms. Davis moved to recommend approval of the application 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.

**STEPHANIE CRISWELL** appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of PTA licensure. Ms. Criswell testified regarding an arrest in 2000, which had not been reported on her original application in 2003 or her current application for reinstatement. She stated she thought since the record had been expunged that she did not have to report the arrest. She

stated she has not had any further incidents since that time. The Committee admonished her to read the questions on applications carefully in the future and to be honest and forthright in providing information. Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the application. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Applications for examination, licensure and reactivation of licensure were reviewed. Mr. Gavras moved to recommend approval of the following applications for Physical Therapist licensure:

**BRIAN DON THIO**

**BENJAMIN WAIN WORTH**

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

**JOSEPH ARTHUR SMITH**

**ERICA LYN MORRISON**

He further moved to recommend approval of the following applications to sit for the Physical Therapist licensure examination and for licensure pending passing the exam:

**STEPHANIE EVA CHAMBERS**

**DEMARCUS LARRY GRAYSON**

**MELISSA DAWN STEEN**

He further moved to recommend approval of the application of **WHITNEY ALISON SOLIZ** for reinstatement of Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Staley seconded his motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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

**DONNA L. LODES-BROOKS**

**ALANA ROCHELLE TOLLE**

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

**AMBER DAWN ADAMS**

**JEAN EMMANUEL JOSEPH**

**JENNIFER CAROLYN REVOAL**

He further moved to recommend approval of the application of **DIANNA MAY TRIPLETT** to sit for the Physical Therapist Assistant licensure exam and to approve licensure pending passing the exam. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee discussed accepting CLEP courses for general education (including chemistry with lab and physics with lab). A request from Viviana Simmons to accept her CLEP credit for chemistry was considered. The Committee determined that CLEP credit could be accepted for general education courses.

Requests for approval of continuing education courses were considered. A report from the Continuing Education Subcommittee was reviewed. Mr. Gavras moved to accept the Subcommittee recommendations. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #1)

Staff presented a report on final continuing education audit results. Ms. Staley moved to accept the audit report. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #2)

Requests to earn all continuing education hours in Category B were reviewed. After review, Mr. Gavras moved to deny the request of Linda Utt, PT. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Mr. Gavras moved to deny the request of Eudora Owasso, PT. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Updates to the Continuing Education Rules in Title 435 Subchapter 9 were reviewed. The Committee directed staff to initiate the rulemaking process. A public hearing would be scheduled for the August 5, 2010 Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed guidelines for granting permission to earn all continuing education hours from Category B. After discussion, the Committee decided to leave the rule as it is now and approve the requests on an individual basis based on the merits of the request.

Ms. Reese reported on progress to update the Physical Therapy Practice Act. She advised that she had met with representatives of the Oklahoma Physical Therapy Association to discuss updating the definition of physical therapy. She advised that with OPTA's issues regarding direct access, it may be difficult to address updating the definition of practice at the same time. The Committee's concern was that the law, written 50 years ago, does not reflect current practice. The Committee discussed proceeding with development of a definition of physical therapy based on the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy's Model Practice Act language. Ms. Reese advised that there were two areas that could be controversial, "diagnosis" and the description of manual therapy. Ms. Reese was directed to begin work on new language.

The next item of business, Listing Physical Therapist and Physical Therapist Assistant specialties on the Board web site, was stricken from the agenda.

The Committee discussed quarterly co-treatments required for PTAs. The question was raised about how long the supervising physical therapist should be present for the treatment and whether it needed to be for the entire treatment time. The Committee ruled that the supervising PT should be there for the duration of the visit/treatment session, whether it is a 15 minute treatment or a 45 minute treatment, not just one intervention. The Committee interpreted the language of the rule to mean that it is a "co-treatment" and not a "supervisory visit", requiring the PT to participate in the visit instead of just watching the PTA provide the treatment.

The Committee discussed PTs and PTAs performing different (non-physical therapy) roles while maintaining licensure. The concern was that PTs and PTAs may be providing services that could crossover into physical therapy. The public may perceive that the PT or PTA is providing the service as a licensed individual. The Committee decided to write a cautionary article for the next newsletter.

Committee member appointments were discussed. The terms of Ms. Reese and Mr. Gavras would be expiring July 1, 2010. Mr. Gavras stated he would be willing to serve again if so desired by the Committee. Ms. Reese said she would not be seeking another term. She had suggested to the Oklahoma Physical Therapy Association's nominating committee that they seek another educator to fill her position.

The Committee requested a discussion of the next newsletter be placed on the April 22, 2010 meeting agenda.

Ms. Staley mentioned Missouri's jurisprudence examination. She said their exam was more educational. The applicant can see which questions they missed in order to learn from the process. Missouri's exam also lists the sections where the answers can be found. The Committee requested a discussion of the jurisprudence exam be placed on the next agenda.

There being no further business, Mr. Gavras moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The time was 11:17 a.m.