

Physical Therapy Advisory Committee

Minutes

The Physical Therapy Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on January 28, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the office of the Board at 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This regular meeting is being held consistent with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Advance notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on October 15, 2021 and posted on the Board's website on January 26, 2022 at 3:15 p.m. in accordance with Title 25 O.S. § 311.9.

Members present:

Jennifer Ball, PT/ATC, MHR, Chair
Kelly Berry, PT, MPH, Cert. MDT, Vice-Chair
Deb Mason, PT
Sharon Lawrence, DHSc, PTA
Kristin Hincke, Public Member

Others present:

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director
Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary
Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing (via Zoom)
Valeska Barr, Assistant Director of Licensing
Thomas Schneider, Assistant Attorney General, Committee Advisor

Having noted a quorum, Ms. Ball called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Berry moved to correct the December 3, 2021 minutes to show that Nina Maas obtained 29.5 CEU hours prior to December 31st and then obtained the remaining required hours after the compliance period. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The personal appearance of **SARAH ZEINAB JAAFAR** was called and Ms. Jaafar was not in attendance. The Committee agreed to take up other agenda items and call Ms. Jaafar's application later in the meeting.

TAYLOR WADE-WHITING RANDLE appeared in person in support of his application for Physical Therapy licensure and in response to allegations of possibly practicing without a license. He stated that he has been working with the Oklahoma City Thunder but has not been practicing as a Physical Therapist. He is a certified strength coach and has been working in the weight room performing in that role. He intends to work in a clinical role eventually with the team which is why he applied for Oklahoma licensure. His application is complete. Ms. Berry moved to recommend the application of **TAYLOR WADE-WHITING RANDLE** for Physical Therapist be approved. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

KATIE PERCIVAL, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant licensure, appeared virtually in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy

exam for a third time. She expressed thanks to the Committee for tabling her request at the last meeting. Ms. Percival reported that she feels much more confident in her testing abilities. She went through her study plan, as well as areas of deficits, with the Committee. She also confirmed that she has mentors helping with her study plan. Ms. Mason move to recommend approving the request of **KATIE PERCIVAL**, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant licensure, to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Ms. Berry seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

BRINKLEY RAMOS, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant licensure, appeared virtually in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Her initial request was tabled in December and Ms. Ramos said she feels much better about her revised study plan and has found it to be very beneficial. She went through her study plan, as well as areas of deficits, with the Committee. She advised that she has a mentor and they meet every other week, but the mentor is available in between meetings to answer questions. Ms. Mason moved to recommend approving the request of **BRINKLEY RAMOS**, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant licensure, to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

TRACY RIOS, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant licensure, appeared virtually in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Her request was tabled in December because she did not show for her appearance at that time. She presented a study plan to the Committee and identified her areas of deficits. She advised she has a mentor/accountability partner. Ms. Mason moved to recommend approving the request of **TRACY RIOS**, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant licensure, to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam for a third time. Ms. Hincke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

COLTON BUNNEY, applicant, Physical Therapist licensure, appeared virtually in support of his request for special accommodations (time and half) when sitting for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam. Following discussion, Ms. Berry moved to recommend approving the request for **COLTON BUNNEY**, applicant, Physical Therapist, for a special accommodation of time and a half when sitting for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam pending receipt of an evaluation as required by Part 3 of the Accommodations Request Form. Ms. Hincke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

KAYLEE MOSS, applicant, Physical Therapist licensure, appeared virtually in support of her request for special accommodation (to have candy immediately available) when sitting for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam. Ms. Ball moved to recommend approving the request of **KAYLEE MOSS**, applicant, Physical Therapist, for a special accommodation of having candy immediately available when sitting for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam. Ms. Hincke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

HEATHER SQUIRES, Physical Therapist, appeared in person in support of her appeal of denial of a continuing education course she submitted for credit. On December 11, 2021 she took a Part A course, “Defensible Documentation: The Do’s and the Don’ts by Great Seminars

and Books.” On December 12th she submitted a course approval request and immediately received a message that it was successfully submitted but “do not call as this will further delay the process.” She emailed supporting documents to PT CEU email. Again, she received a response saying they had been received, but “do not call as this will further delay a response.” In January, and having still not heard whether the course had been approved or denied, she phoned the licensing department. She was told the course had been denied, she would need to very quickly take another course in order to be able to renew her license, and that she would need to obtain double hours for the next compliance period. Ms. Squires took another course, Multiple Sclerosis, in order to renew her license. Ms. Berry apologized and expressed concern for the lack of communication in this regard. She requested the internal number assigned to the course from Ms. Squires and/or staff.

A brief recess was held for Ms. Squires to obtain the course number.

Upon reconvening, Ms. Squires provided the course number which was 202116237.

Mr. Kelsey stated he has been actively auditing all CEUs for the past six months. Mr. Kelsey apologized to Ms. Squires for the frustration she experienced and thanked her for being here today.

Ms. Berry moved to recommend approving Course No. 202116237 for the 2020-2021 compliance period and that **HEATHER SQUIRES, Physical Therapist**, not be required to obtain double CEU hours for the 2022-2023 compliance period, and that the course she has taken, “Multiple Sclerosis”, be allowed to count for the current compliance period. Ms. Hincke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. A staff directive was issued to the licensing department to send a follow-up letter to Ms. Squires once the Multiple Sclerosis course has been moved to the current compliance period.

SARAH ZEINAB JAAFAR, applicant, Physical Therapist, appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist licensure. Her application is incomplete and her Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (“FCCPT”) scores are not equivalent to Oklahoma’s educational standards. She stated that she has not taken the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (“FSBPT”) exam because she was instructed by the licensing department to first apply for licensure. She applied for licensure and stated she was then told by the licensing department that she was required to take the FSBPT exam. Regardless, she does not meet the education criteria for Oklahoma licensure. In order to obtain Oklahoma licensure she will need to obtain 66.50 credits of general education, successfully complete the FSBPT exam, and successfully complete 800 hours of supervised visits. The applicant requested her application be tabled. Ms. Ball moved to table the application of **SARAH ZEINAB JAAFAR** for Physical Therapist licensure pending a personal appearance. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next, the Committee reviewed applications for licensure. Ms. Berry moved to recommend approval of the following incomplete applications for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure pending completion of the files. Ms. Hincke seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

RIVERA, YAJAIRA

RIGSBY, EMILEE NICOLE

**THOMPSON, BRIANNA LEA
RIDGE, RYAN PERRY**

MCLEOD, ANDREW ORIN

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

**THOMPSON, DARREL
MILLIGAN, MARK LOUIS
KEMP, COURTENEY MONIQUE
BAHR, LAUREN
MARTIN, CHRISTOPHER CHARLES
MOSS, KAYLEE MARIE
LAIR, JOHN DANIEL**

**DUDNEY, ABIGAIL GRACE
FRY, EMILY DAWN
HUGHEY, SARAH NICOLE
JONES, ALLISON BUCHANAN
GARNER, JESSICA LYNN
GARCIA, ILIANA MICHELLE
PALMERI, MATTHEW VINCENT**

Ms. Berry moved to recommend approval of the complete application of **SERENA CHIKAKO SABOVICH** for Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next, the Committee began to review the CEUs which had been pre-reviewed and were recommended for denial or approval. It was determined that the Defensible Documentation course (taken by Ms. Squires) was not listed on either list. Rachel Herbert explained that the Defensible Documentation course was not shown on the approved or denied list of CEUs attached to the agenda because the “date fill” information is missing. Ms. Berry would like to know what or how that happened and if other courses are having the same issue. Ms. Berry issued a staff directive to Lisa Cullen and Rachel Herbert to look into the matter and present a follow-up report at the March 2022 committee meeting.

After much discussion, Ms. Berry moved to recommend denying Course Nos. 202116320 through 202116236 CEUs identified on the list attached to the agenda. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. *(See revised CEU list reflecting this action attached hereto as Attachment #1)*

Ms. Berry moved to recommend approving the 2022-2023 courses on pages 5-56 of the list attached to the agenda. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. *(See revised CEU list reflecting this action attached hereto as Attachment #1)*

Ms. Berry moved to recommend denying Course Nos. 202311277, 202311383, 202311522 and 202311741 listed on pages 57-58 of the list attached to the agenda. Ms. Mason seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. *(See revised CEU list reflecting this action attached hereto as Attachment #1)*

Ms. Berry moved to recommend approving the remaining courses listed on pages 57-58 of the list attached to agenda pending further review by subcommittee. Ms. Ball seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. *(See revised CEU list reflecting this action attached hereto as Attachment #1)*

The Committee took a brief recess.

Upon reconvening, to accommodate the Committee's guest, Joanne Slater, the agenda was reordered to take up Item No. 11, Demonstration of PT CEU Portal. Lisa Cullen presented a demonstration of the portal and trained Ms. Slater on how she, as a potential approved provider, will enter information for CEU courses. Lisa advised that although the program remains incomplete at this time, it will be ready to go live at 12:00 a.m. on February 1st. In closing, Ms. Slater was advised that the provider number assigned to her will only be active for one compliance period. Ms. Slater thanked the Committee for the information.

Next, the Committee returned to the order of the agenda and took up Item No. 6, the revised Form 5. Valeska Barr advised the Form 5 has been revised because the previous form was somewhat confusing. The Form 5 will have an instruction sheet that directs the licensee as to which section applies to them. Valeska presented the proposed revisions. She also presented a proposed Form 5 for use with group supervision. This was provided to the Committee for informational purposes only and no action was taken at this time.

The Committee then discussed Okla. Admin. Code 435:20-7-1 as it relates to the annual submission of Form 5s (Agenda Item Nos. 7 and 9). After much discussion, Mr. Kelsey advised that he will schedule a work study with staff to come up with some solutions to this issue.

Lisa Cullen advised that she had not prepared the form for a PT/Group to use when requesting to add additional PTAs to their licensees (Agenda Item No. 8). She will create a similar form to those used by Occupational Therapists and bring it before the Committee at a later date. No action was taken on this matter

Ms. Mason discussed concerns with the current CEU process (Agenda Item No. 10). Mr. Kelsey stated those licensees who do not respond to the audit will need to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and, perhaps, with leniency. Ms. Mason hopes to lessen any delays for audited licensees receiving information in the future. Ms. Kelly believes the process will improve because the subcommittee will be reviewing only one-third of the licensees it normally reviews and the CEU portal will certainly help with the process. Lisa Cullen will work on the concerns presented.

Ms. Berry reported that Thomas Schneider, AAG, is currently working on the proposed revision of the administrative rules regarding telehealth and will have an update at a later date.

Under "New Business," Barbara Smith advised that the minutes are usually provided within a week of the meeting to give the committee members an opportunity to review the minutes while their memories are still fresh. Therefore, it is important that the minutes be reviewed when they are originally provided via email. Any changes, corrections, or questions regarding the minutes need to be submitted to her in writing immediately following review. After reviewing with Mr. Kelsey, the approved suggested changes/corrections will be made prior to the next meeting and presented for review/action at that time.

Additionally, any requested items for the agenda need to be submitted in writing. And lastly, any notes prepared by a committee member in preparation for presentation of an agenda item should be submitted to Barbara Smith well in advance of the meeting for distribution to all committee members and staff.

There being no further business, Jennifer Ball adjourned the meeting. The time was 12:49 p.m.