

Physical Therapy Advisory Committee

Minutes

The Physical Therapy Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on October 17, 2023, at 9:00 AM 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 November 22, 2022, and posted on the Board's website on October 11, 2023, at 10:49 AM in accordance with Title 25 O.S. § 311(A)(9).

Members present:

Kelly Berry, PT, MPH, Cert. MDT, Chair
Deb Mason, PT, Vice-Chair
Sharon Lawrence, DHSc, PTA
Samantha Chamberlain, PT, DPT, Cert. MMOA

Member(s) absent:

Public Member – Vacant

Others present:

Barbara J. Smith, Executive Secretary
Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing
Valeska Barr, Assistant Director of Licensing

Having noted a quorum, Ms. Berry called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Barbara Smith confirmed the quorum via roll call for purposes of the record.

Following review, Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the August 22, 2023 meeting minutes. Ms. Lawrence seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

NEALA HARPER appeared personally in support of her complete application for Physical Therapist licensure. Her license lapsed in January of 2023 and she last practiced in 2007. She has been a home caregiver to her parents and in-laws in the interim and she is current on her CEU requirements. Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the application pending completion of fifteen (15) days of direct onsite supervision with an adequate performance evaluation from the supervising Physical Therapist at the conclusion thereof. Ms. Chamberlain seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

MICHAEL GRIFFITH, PT, appeared virtually in support of his request to supervise an additional Physical Therapist Assistant, specifically Rebecca Blossom, PTA, at Maplewood Care Center in Tulsa. They currently have only one PRN PT (which is Mr. Griffith) and one PTA. He went on to say that the physical therapy department currently has a 20-patient caseload at this facility. Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the request to supervise Rebecca Blossom, PTA, for a period of one year with a personal appearance and a supervisory log presented at the conclusion thereof. Ms. Chamberlain seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The Committee strongly suggested that the facility work diligently to hire an

additional physical therapist and, if possible, for Mr. Griffith to bring documentation of the facility's efforts in that regard when he appears next year.

CATHY BROWN, applicant, Physical Therapist Assistant, appeared personally in support of her request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy examination a third time.

**Ms. Lawrence RECUSED. Because there was no objection by the applicant for Ms. Lawrence to remain in the meeting, she remained in the meeting but did not participate in any portion of this matter.*

Ms. Brown is hoping to retake the exam in January of 2024. She provided a study plan for the committee's review. She was advised that this will be the last time she will be able to take the exam in Oklahoma. Following review and discussion, Ms. Lawrence moved to approve the request to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy examination a third time. Ms. Chamberlain seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee then reviewed the supervision report of **KEVIN McFARLAND, PT**. No action was needed on this matter.

The Committee then considered applications for licensure. Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the incomplete application(s) for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure pending completion of the file(s) as shown on *Attachment #1* hereto. Ms. Chamberlain seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the complete application(s) for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure as shown on *Attachment #1* hereto. Ms. Chamberlain seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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The Committee reviewed the application of **JUSTIN-EDGAR VILLAFANIA MENDOZA** for Physical Therapist licensure, whose FCCPT report did not meet the current standard of education for Oklahoma. However, Mr. Mendoza is licensed in another state and has passed the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy exam. The Committee was comfortable in recommending the approval of licensure by endorsement. Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of licensure by endorsement pending completion of the file. Ms. Chamberlain seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the incomplete application(s) for reinstatement of Physical Therapist licensure pending completion of the file(s) as shown on *Attachment #1* hereto. Ms. Chamberlain seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Then Lisa Cullen, Director of Licensing, presented continuing education courses and providers for Committee review and action. Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the continuing education courses previously reviewed and recommended for approval by the education subcommittee and as shown on *Attachment #2* hereto. Ms. Chamberlain seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Mason moved to recommend approval of the continuing education providers previously reviewed and recommended for approval by the education subcommittee and as shown on *Attachment #3* hereto. Ms. Chamberlain seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Next, Valeska Barr, Assistant Director of Licensing, presented information regarding the Professional Development Audit for the Compliance Period February 1, 2022 – January 31, 2024 pursuant to Okla. Admin. Code 435:20-9-4. Ms. Barr stated that, according to the current rule as provided above, there is no pre-renewal CEU audit required nor is there any authority for one to be conducted and, therefore, there will be no pre-renewal audit conducted this year. Ms. Barr stated that the Medical Board's general counsel suggested audit letters for this compliance period, which ends January 31, 2024, be sent out to auditees March 1, 2024. The Committee thanked Ms. Barr for this updated information.

Barbara Smith, Executive Secretary, presented information regarding the newly effective Administrative Rules that cover, primarily, licensure by agreement and telehealth. The rules went into effect on September 14, 2023, and each committee member was provided a copy. The rules are also posted on our website.

There being no further business, Ms. Berry adjourned the meeting. The time was 9:59 AM.