

Minutes

The Physical Therapy Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on July 9, 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

Members absent were:

Nancy Davis, PTA
Craig Gavras, Public Member

Others present included:

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director
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 April 23, 2009, Committee meeting were reviewed. Ms. Staley moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

SUSIE PHILLIPS appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Phillips talked about her activities since her license had expired in January 1999. Ms. Reese moved to recommend approval of the application for reinstatement pending satisfactory completion of 180 hours of continuing education and ten months of supervised practice. She further moved that if Ms. Phillips takes the Practice Review Tool (PRT) exam, her continuing education hours could be recalculated by the Committee. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

TERISA DARELLE RASE appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Ms. Rase's license had expired in January 2000. Ms. Rase presented 28.75 hours of continuing education. She testified regarding her observation at the Tulsa Community College pediatric clinic. Ms. Staley moved to recommend reinstatement of the license pending satisfactory completion of nine months of practice under direct

supervision and 90 hours of continuing education. After further discussion, Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

ULYSSES PADILLO appeared in support of his application for Physical Therapist licensure. Mr. Padillo's education had been evaluated by FCCPT and determined to be not equivalent. Maureen Cook, Director of rehab medicine at St Mary's in Enid testified regarding their need for a physical therapist and their desire to bring Mr. Padillo to Enid. The Committee reviewed Mr. Padillo's education. His professional education exceeded the requirements but the general education hours were shown by FCCPT to be deficient. The Committee found some of the courses listed by FCCPT as professional education could be considered general education hours. Ms. Reese moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of 800 hours of practice under direct supervision, passage of the jurisprudence exam, three hours of ethics continuing education and satisfactory completion of any other deficiencies in his file. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

STACIE LUCERO appeared in support of her application to retake the Physical Therapist Assistant licensure exam. Ms. Lucero discussed her difficulties passing the exam. The Committee reviewed her plan of study. Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval to sit for the exam. She further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion except Ms. Reese abstained from the vote.

KELLEY JONES appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Ms. Jones' license had expired in 1996. Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the application pending 12 months of practice under direct supervision and satisfactory completion of 105 hours of continuing education. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The application of **JAMIE BELLE SOBACK** for reinstatement of Physical Therapist license was considered. Ms. Soback had been requested to appear before the Committee but was not present. Her license had expired prior to 1984. Her Georgia and Tennessee licenses had expired in 2001 and her last practice was that year. Ms. Reese moved to table the application until Ms. Soback makes a personal appearance before the Committee. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Committee discussed the practice act and the Medical Board's role in making changes to the law. Mr. Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director for the Board, was present for the discussion. Ms. Reese said the practice act language is archaic. The Oklahoma Physical Therapy Association had several changes they wanted to make but, because some of the changes are so controversial, they are not willing to move forward at this time. Ms. Reese asked Mr. Kelsey what the Committee's options were as far as updating the law. Mr. Kelsey

said the Association is the avenue for lobbying for law changes; however, it could be possible that changes for the sake of doing business could be submitted by the Board. He warned that the current legislature has been turned off by agencies “lobbying”. He reviewed the legislative process with the Committee. He said that they should be ready to provide their bill’s author with the desired language by December 15th. He said it would be best to take the proposed changes to the Medical Board and the Oklahoma State Medical Association for their support. The Committee asked about Sunset Review and Mr. Kelsey reviewed that process. He said the Medical Board and its Committees went through Sunset Review earlier this year so it would not be done again for four more years. The Committee asked that updates to the law be added to the October meeting agenda.

The Committee asked for an update on a matter heard at the last Committee meeting regarding Sherri Boos, PT and Ian Cooper, PT. Elizabeth Scott, Assistant Attorney General, reported on the current status of the case. She asked for the Committee guidance on how to resolve the matter, whether they felt strongly about pursuing disciplinary action or if they would be satisfied with some lesser, non-public resolution. The Committee members stated would respond individually to Ms. Scott at a later date with their suggestions.

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

JESSICA RAE BLODGETT
KRISTOPHER CARL DORRIS
FARLEY LYNN SCHWEIGHART
MEGAN ADELE STORCK

SAMUEL COLE CHAFFIN
MATTHEW CHRISTENSEN GODFRY
RENEE LYNN SKINNER

Ms. Reese moved to recommend approval of the application of **GILBERT SORIANO ROSARIO** for licensure as a Physical Therapist. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Reese moved to recommend, in the following applications for licensure as Physical Therapists, that the 800 hours of supervised practice be waived based upon practice experience in the United States and that licensure be granted. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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

**MEHELLE NICOLE CURD
JULIET ALINA GAY
SHEILA MARIE TEAL**

**MELISSA LAUREN ECKROAT
TRACY KATHLEEN JONES**

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

**KELLY LYNN ANDERSON
CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL BEAUDOIN
RACHEL LINDSEY KREMMER
CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL QUILTER
ALEXANDER MARIE SENOR**

**BROOKE ALEXANDRA ARCHER
RACHEL E HAZELWINKEL
DOUGLAS ELLIOT MITCHELL
KACIE LYNN ROGNLIE
TONI RACHELLE WILLIAMS**

Ms. Staley 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.

**HEATHER BROOKE FARRIS
ROBERT PERRY JONES
RACHEL LYNN WADDELL**

**FLOYD WILLARD GOODMAN
KAREN SUE SMITH**

Ms. Reese moved to recommend approval of the application of **SHERI LYNN DAVIS** for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. She further moved to recommend approval of the application of **APRIL LEFAYE MCCURRY** for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure pending satisfactory completion of her file. Ms. Staley seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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

**LEILA SUSANNE ALCHAMI
NICOLAS RAFAEL ALEXANDER
LATOYA MEHELLE ALLEN
MARLEY KAYE BOBSEIN
RENEE MICHELLE CONNELLY
DONNIE WAYNE CRAGHEAD, JR
JOANNA LYNN DARROW
SHARLA LUCINDA DOWNEY**

**KAROL ANNE WATSON
JAMIE LEE ALLEN
KENDRA JILL BINGHAM
PATRICIA JANE BOWDEN
PAMELA MICHELLE CRABTREE
LILIAN RACHELE DAKIL
DANIEL JAMES DAULTON
JENNIFER MICHELL DOYLE**

JENNIFER RYAN FELTON
JACK WAYNE FRIEND
YESHODA SUBBARAYA GOWDA
TERRI NICOLE HIGGINS
KAREN GAE HUFFERD
MESHELL NICCOLE JOHNSON
LAURA KATHRYN LAFRENIERE
MICA NICOLE LIVELY
MIKE LEE MOODY
AMANDA NICOLE NEWTON
EMILY DAWN PLUNKETT
DUSTIN CADE REAVIS
DANA JEAN SCHILD
JASON JOHN SNYDER
LAUREN JAMIE STEELE
TRENTON O'NEAL TOLLETT
RICHARD LARRY TURNER

BRANDON WAYNE FOSTER
WARREN THOMAS GOFORTH
BLAKE NICHOLAS GUEST
LINDSEY DANIELLE HORTON
JESSICA MARIE IMPSON
ZACKARY M JOHNSTON
HOLLY ANN LITTLEPAGE
BRENT MICHAEL MCREYNOLDS
GERALD DAVID MUZAR
NICOLE NICOLAS
BETTY JO POORBOY
JAIME JEAN SANFORD
KERI LYNN SCHUSTER
CHAUNNA DENIECE SPEARS
SHANNON NICOLE SWIGART
KRISTY LYNN TSOSIE

The application of **STACY ANN GEORGE** to sit for the Physical Therapist Assistant licensure exam and for licensure after passing the exam was considered. Ms. George had submitted information regarding an arrest for unlawful possession of low-point beer by a person under 21. The Committee asked for verification of the statement she provided and for copies of the police report. Ms. Reese moved, once confirmation that the statement was accurate is received, 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.

The application of **PATRICIA ANA ROJAS** to sit for the Physical Therapist Assistant licensure exam and for licensure after passing the exam was considered. Ms. Rojas had submitted a statement regarding her alcohol and traffic related arrests. Ms. Staley moved to recommend approval of the application to sit for the exam and require her to make an appearance at the next Committee meeting for consideration of her licensure application. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Requests for approval of continuing education courses and recommendations from the Continuing Education Subcommittee were reviewed. Ms. Reese moved to deny the course *Human Anatomy 2114* offered by Easter Oklahoma State College as being too basic. Ms. Freudiger seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Ms. Staley moved to approve the recommendations of the Continuing Education Subcommittee. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #1)

A request from Physical Therapy, Inc for additional supervision privileges was considered. Lauanah Stinson, General Operating Manager for the company had submitted a request to supervise additional PTAs. The Committee tabled the request and asked that the request be submitted by a Physical Therapist with information about who the PTs and PTAs are, the hours they will work and the supervision that will be provided.

A request from Duane Louthan, PT for additional supervision privileges was presented. Mr. Louthan's request had been submitted prior to the PTA supervision rule changes. Staff advised that the new rules should resolve his problem.

The Committee asked that staff present report on trends of groups at the next meeting.

The Form #5 Verification of Supervision was reviewed. Staff reported that there had been problems with the form, most notably, since no signatures are required, PTs have been added without their permission. Also PTs have been asked to join groups to meet ratio requirements without requiring the PT to participate in supervision. Requiring form #5 for each practice setting is creating duplication when same PTs and PTAs work at multiple settings. There have been problems with understanding the forms; PTAs are submitting individual forms along with a group form. The forms do not include a section for PT new graduates. Another concern staff had was the rule requires a new Form #5 every year, which will cause unnecessary work for both the PTA and staff if the supervision has not changed.

The Committee directed staff to change the form to require signature of all supervising PTs. Language should be added clarifying that any addition of a PT supervisor to a group can be accomplished by submitting a letter with the signature of the new PT and group director. An option to select PT new graduate also will be added to the form.

The Committee selected Ms. Staley as delegate to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy annual meeting. Staff was directed to ask Ms. Davis if she would like to attend as the alternate delegate. If she is unable to attend, Ms. Freudiger will go.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 11:55 a.m.