

Minutes

The Physical Therapy Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision met on August 5, 2010. The meeting was held at the office of the Board, 101 NE 51st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and the Administrative Procedures Act. Members present were:

Staci Freudiger, PT, Chair
Nancy Davis, PTA
Carolyn Craven, PT

Member absent was:

Mary Staley, PT, Vice Chair

Others present included:

Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director
Robyn Hall, Director Licensing
Kathy Plant, Executive Secretary
Gay Tudor, Assistant Attorney General
Bill O'Brien, Assistant Attorney General
Elizabeth Scott, Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The first item of business was election of officers. Ms. Freudiger moved to elect Ms. Staley as Chairwoman. Ms. Craven seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Ms. Craven moved to elect Ms. Davis as Vice Chair. Ms. Freudiger seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The minutes from the April 22, 2010, Committee meeting were reviewed. Ms. Craven moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

A public hearing for consideration of adoption of permanent amendments to **OAC 435:20-9-3. Continuing education categories** was held. No one was present to offer comment on the proposed rules. Staff reported no written comments had been received. Ms. Craven moved to recommend the Board adopt the proposed amendments. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

JENNIFER JO ROLLAND appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Information regarding Ms. Rolland's arrest in 2008 for public intoxication and obstruction of an officer was reviewed. At the request of staff, Ms. Rolland had obtained a substance abuse evaluation, which showed no substance abuse or dependency problems. Ms. Davis moved to recommend approval of the application. Ms. Craven seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

SARA DAWN MORRIS appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist Assistant examination and licensure. Information regarding Ms. Morris' 2006 arrest for public intoxication was reviewed. After review of the information and discussion of the incident with Ms. Morris, Ms. Davis moved to recommend approval of the application. Ms. Craven seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

HUMBERTO GRIMALDO-SALAZAR appeared in support of his application for Physical Therapist Assistant examination and licensure. Information regarding Mr. Grimaldo-Salazar's 2008 arrest for driving under the influence was reviewed. Ms. Craven moved to recommend approval to sit for the licensing exam. She further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending his passing the exam. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

DEBORA HASENKAMP STOLZ appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Ms. Stolz' last practice was in 2001, although her license was active through 2004. Ms. Stolz testified regarding her activities since 2001 and her practice plans. Ms. Davis moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of 90 hours of continuing education and 132 days of practice under direct supervision. Ms. Craven seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

FONDA ELAINE COTTON appeared in support of her application for Physical Therapist Assistant examination and licensure. Information regarding Ms. Cotton's arrests in 2006 for minor in possession of beer and for driving under the influence was reviewed. After review of the information, Ms. Craven moved to recommend approval to sit for the exam. She further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

CAROL JEAN STATHAM appeared in support of her application for reinstatement of Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Ms. Statham's license had expired in 2008. Her last practice was in 2007. After review of the application, Ms. Davis moved to recommend approval of the application pending satisfactory completion of 30 hours of continuing education and 44 days of practice under direct supervision. Ms. Craven seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Applications for examination, licensure and reactivation of licensure were considered. Ms. Davis moved to recommend approval of the following applications for Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Craven seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**RYAN JACOB BISHOP
ELIZABETH ANN HEISKELL
LINDSAY MARIE JACKSON
ALLISON KAELEN JONES
AMY NICOLE LUKEN
CARRIE MARIE MASCHMEIER
MICHELLE LYNN PARRISH
ANDREW MARK SHIDELER
DARBI LYN STERLING-HINDE**

**APRIL RENAE CAUGHLIN
CHRISTOPHER RYAN HUNT
TENA SHERI JENKINS
CARINA DAWN LOWRY
KATHLEEN D MARTIN
RACHEL DANAE NEIL
PAUL ANDREW RIERSON
ALLISON LYNN SNIDER**

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

**MARTHA ELIZABETH KANE
REBECCA ANN SPEER
DANA MARIE TORICK**

**KRISTINA LOUISE PETERSON
JAMIKA L. TATUM**

Ms. Craven moved to recommend approval of the following applications for reactivation of Physical Therapist licensure. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

KARI LYNN FIELDS

MICHELLE LEA KRAUSE

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

**NATALIE KATHRYN BLISS
CASEY LYNN COVINGTON
NATASHA MARIE HOOD
ALYSSA PATRICE MCCARTHY
DARIN EDWIN PAPE**

**CATHERYNE MAE CHAPUIS
JACEY LANE HENDRICKS
SIMI SUSAN JOHN
KIMBERLY ANN ODQUIST
ADAM KEIL RICHARDS**

Ms. Craven moved to recommend approval of the following to sit for the Physical Therapist Assistant licensure exam. She further moved to recommend approval for licensure pending passing the exam. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

**AMANDA MARIE ALDRIDGE
VANCE EDWIN BARBER
KATHLEEN SCARLETT BELCHER
NICOLE ST. AMANT COBURN
CORY WAYNE COMPTON
CHRISTOPHER KYLE FAIRCHILD
JAMES LEO FARMER
MICHELLE DENISE HAND
KEVIN JEROME LEWIS
KATHERINE LOUISE MAYNOR
SHANNON RAE MCMILLEN
JAQUICELE FERNANDA O'ROURKE
ASHLEY GAIL POSEY
RACHELLE AMANDA RODRIGUEZ-ERVIN
HEATHER JANE SLAVEN
ESTHER LEE STEWART
CANDACE MARIE TAYLOR
REBECCA RENAE WHITE
KAREN DEE WILLIAMS
TAMARA DAWN YOUNG**

**FRANK ALAN BALCH
LEAH MARIE BEAN
KORTNI RICHELE BOREN
SARA JEAN COCHRAN
DANIEL LYNN DAVIS
GINA MARIE FALTISCO
ASHLEY DEANNE GREEN
VINCENT LEE LACLAIR
JANET NOELLE MARTIN
NICOLE MARIE MCCOY
RODNEY LYNN MUDD
MELVIN WAYNE PERKINS
BRANDY N. RANDOLPH
SOMMER ANN SIMMONS
ROBIN KAY STACY
KENDRA LEEANN STOWELL
TAMMY JUNE THOMPSON
JADE NICOLE WHITEHEAD
CHRISTINE M. YANCEY**

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

SHERYL LYNN GILLESPIE

JEFF EDWARD HELLBUSCH

STEPHANIE ANN HERTEL
TERRA LYNN PELTS

HALEY SUMMER MAHONEY
JOHN STEVEN THOMASON

Ms. Craven moved to recommend approval of the application of **KAREN FRANCINE SWIGGETT** for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure pending satisfactory completion of the file. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Davis moved to recommend approval of the application of **GINA MICHELE MOLSKNESS** for reactivation of her Physical Therapist Assistant licensure. Ms. Craven seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Requests for approval of continuing education courses were reviewed. A list of courses reviewed by the Continuing Education Subcommittee was reviewed. The Committee evaluated courses the Subcommittee recommended for further review. Ms. Craven moved to approve the list as recommended. Ms. Davis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. (See attachment #1)

A request for reconsideration of denial of continuing education credit was reviewed. Eudora Owoso, PT requested that a course previously denied by the Committee, "Food Addictions, Overeating and Mood Swings", be reconsidered. After discussion, Ms. Davis moved to affirm the denial of continuing education credits. Ms. Craven seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Updates to the Physical Therapy Practice Act were discussed. Ms. Tudor commented that, as written in the draft, the definition of "physical therapy" was a bit of a circular definition. The Committee discussed amending the definition of "Physical Therapy" to include the definition of the "Practice of Physical Therapy". Mr. Kelsey discussed the process that would be required to change the law. He suggested that the Committee talk with the Association about any proposed law changes they may have in order to coordinate legislative activities and so the Committee could be aware of any potential conflicts. The deadline for reserving bill numbers is December 15th. The Committee would meet again in October so language could be finalized by that time and then presented to the Board at the November meeting. The Committee discussed "airway clearance techniques", which was included in the new language. Ms. Craven suggested looking at the APTA Guide to Physical Therapy Practice for guidance from cardiopulmonary physical therapy for better wording.

The Committee discussed PTAs performing sharp debridement. The national professional association's stance is that PTA should not perform sharp debridement.

But if the supervising PT feels confident, and the PTA has been taught, it may be possible and appropriate for the PTA to perform. The Committee discussed that early PTAs were taught some debridement but it was no longer included in the curriculum. New PTAs are not being educated in sharp debridement, but may be taught through continuing education. Another consideration was the supervising PT should not delegate something that they themselves are not competent to perform. The Committee discussed developing a position statement. Staff was directed to collaborate with Vince Lepak on drafting a position statement and bring it to the October Committee meeting. The Committee felt the position statement should state that the PTA should not perform sharp debridement except in those rare circumstances where they had received formal education and their supervising PT was competent and had the expertise to perform wound debridement. Additional warnings should be included that if something goes wrong, the national association does not support PTAs performing this procedure, which may be used against the PT and PTA in legal proceedings.

Election of a delegate and alternate delegate to FSBPT Annual Meeting was next on the agenda. Ms. Davis moved to elect Ms. Freudiger as delegate and Ms. Craven as alternate. Ms. Freudiger seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Staff reported on the National Physical Therapy Examination security breaches and resulting actions by the FSBPT. The Committee had been following the developments as they occurred. No further action was taken.

The Committee discussed temporary practice in Oklahoma without a license. The Federation of State Medical Boards had reported that the APTA House of Delegates was considering a motion to amend one of their current statements supporting exemptions to licensure for those providing care for athletic teams and performing arts companies traveling to states in which the therapist was not licensed. The proposed amendment would expand the exemption to include time-limited educational opportunities such as fellowships and residency programs for possibly up to six to nine months. They discussed that Oklahoma has provisions for a temporary permit for less than one year for those types of situations. No further action was taken.

The Committee requested that a discussion of jurisprudence exam questions be placed on the next agenda. Each member should write five to ten questions by that time, with statutory references included.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 11:09 a.m.