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Louisiana Physical Therapy Board
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December 4, 2013

- 5:00 Informal Meeting case 2013I15
6:30 Call Meeting to order
➤ Conference call with Joseph Whitmore/Symantec
6:35 October Board Meeting Minutes
6:45 Reports
Chairman's Report
Treasurer's Report
➤ October 2013 actual vs. budget
➤ November 2013 actual vs. budget
➤ Securities – October 2013
➤ Securities – November 2013
Executive Director's Report
7:00 Executive Session
7:15 Unfinished Business
➤ Task Tracker for October 2013
7:30 Monitoring Disciplined Therapists Report
8:00 New Business
8:30 Correspondence
➤ Medication management question
➤ OLOL College PTAP spring 2014 semester guest speakers
➤ Recent board opinion re Mr Vale
➤ PTA role in serial casting total contact casting
➤ SNF OP ALF Question

Recess

December 5, 2013

- 8:30 Legal
➤ Declaratory Statements pertaining to PT treatment on athletic field
➤ 12-5-13 letter to Mouton from Gaudin re med board meeting
➤ PT Declaratory Statements Re Treatment on Field
➤ Smith Inquiry re CEU exemption revised (12-5-13)
9:00 Board Monthly Call Discussion
9:15 Statutes, Rules and Regulations Issues
➤ Rule 171 – 4th NPTE failure
9:30 Meeting with Kirby Pecot, Architect
10:00 Adjournment
10:30 Meeting for case 2013I018

LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

December 4 & 5, 2013 ACCEPTED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. Donna "Dee" Cochran, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Donna "Dee" Cochran, Jerry Jones, Jr., Kristina Lounsberry, Elizabeth "Beth" Austin, Al Moreau, III, and Danny P. Landry. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director, George Papale, general counsel and Courtney P. Newton, attorney were also present. Beth Ward, President of LPTA and Cristina Faucheux, Governmental Affairs were present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the October Board meeting were accepted as written.

A conference call was established with Joseph Whitmore, III employed by US-Analytics to provide information about Microsoft Office 365 features that could be of benefit to the board. The main feature of interest to the board is Enterprise Vault software for email which would be supported by Microsoft.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

CDs at Montgomery Bank total \$710,832.51. The Business Savings account at Chase Bank has \$402,415.16. Cash on hand for the month of October was \$1,127,764.21. Receipts for October totaled \$14,407.14 and expenses totaled \$42,624.98.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The board reviewed the letter drafted to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) and approved the letter. The letter will be forwarded to LSBME.

An Informal Hearing was held for Case 2013I015.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TASK TRACKER

Beth Austin drafted a response to Amanda Greer, MS. CCC-SLP Director of Therapy Services at LaSalle General Hospital clarifying the need for certification for lymphedema with physical therapy who are trained in lymphedema, but not necessarily certified.

Kristina Lounsberry drafted a response to Don Casanova, Jr., MPT, DPT, OCS regarding services offered by a licensed physical therapist such as; (1) Instructing a regular mobility class at a gym on self soft tissue mobilization and joint mobilization techniques utilizing various, self administered approaches, i.e.: utilizing TP Massage Ball, lacrosse ball and/or monster bands; and (2) Performing musculoskeletal screening of individuals at a gym and making recommendations for corrective exercises based on the results of the screening. The request was for board opinion on scenarios that both involve pain and do not involve pain.

Advisory Committee Member Anna Smith requested clarification regarding continuing education requirements for new licensees. If an applicant graduated this year (2013) or obtains a license through reciprocity, and the license issued expires March 2014 (a one year), is this new licensee required to obtain 15 hours of CEU's when they renew in March? At what point do they not need the 15 hours? Dec, Jan? Motion was made by Jerry Jones, Jr, seconded by Al Moreau, III; "To accept the proposed resolution on the interpretation of Rule 171 drafted by Courtney P. Newton. All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr, Al Moreau, III, Beth Austin, Kristina Lounsberry, Donna "Dee" Cochran, and Danny P. Landry. No one opposed the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sarah Myers emailed the board indicating she reviewed the LAPT board's website's "scope of practice" page for information regarding medication management and was unable to find specific information addressing her question. In a home health setting, is it within a physical therapist's scope of practice to 1) Assist in filling the patient's medication planner? 2) Call the pharmacy or doctor to request a refill for an empty bottle? 3) Educate the patient on side effects, medication interactions, and medication purposes? 4) Instruct the patient on dosage/frequency? 5) Take medications from bottles or planner and hand to patient per their medication schedule? and 6) handle the medication bottles each visit to ensure medications have been filled, taken, and no changes have occurred since the last visit?

Christine Cook PT, MS, PTA Program faculty at Our Lady of the Lake College scheduled the boards' presentation to their students for May 5, 2014.

Matt Slimming, PT requested further clarification regarding the Board's statement addressing 10th visit reassessment. The Board opined that the 10th visit FLR is an evaluation component of the treatment which must be completed by a physical therapist. I think Mr. Vale's question was not posed in a way that allowed the Board to provide complete clarity on this issue. He asked if a TA can do the 10th visit FLR assessment. I think it is clear from the state practice act and regulations that the reassessment is to be done by the PT. However, often the reassessment is only a portion of the 10th visit. For example, on the 10th visit, after the reassessment is performed (or possibly before), the PTA may (under the direction of the PT) carry out some exercises. These exercises are not part of the assessment. And so from my interpretation of the practice act and regulations, as long as the PT performs all components of the reassessment, the PTA can perform some component of the treatment on that visit also. Al Moreau, III will contact Matt Slimming.

Corina Herndon, PTA requested the board's position on PTAs carrying out the POC for serial casting and total contact casting physical therapy treatments, such as cast removal and recasting with proper training? Danny P. Landry will draft a response to Herndon.

Lannie Henderson reported working in a SNF that also offers outpatient therapy services to discharged residents and other appropriate residents in the community. This SNF is unique in that it also has an assisted living facility section where some of our SNF residents discharge. Some of these residents return to their gym to receive outpatient therapy services and are able to bring themselves to therapy. A resident was recently discharged the SNF to the ALF and then returned to the facility as an outpatient. This resident, however, is not able to negotiate between the two facilities well enough to bring herself safely to our gym. The family was advised, at length, that it is their or the patient's responsibility to bring the resident to therapy, as she is considered an "outpatient." Otherwise, Home Health therapy may be a better option. The ALF Director stated to the family and the company's CEO that staff cannot be responsible for taking the resident to therapy and it was suggested that our staff be responsible for transfer of the resident to and from our gym for her therapy services. This mandate was also approved by our company's CEO. The ALF and the SNF is owned by the same company but different entities. The two facilities are connected by a corridor. Is it appropriate and/or legal for a therapist or therapy tech employed by a SNF to transfer an ALF resident to and from our facility for outpatient therapy services?

LEGAL

Courtney P. Newton, attorney for the Board prepared a letter addressing Rule 171 for board review and approval. This letter will be provided to applicants who have been unsuccessful in achieving a passing score on the NPTE after four attempts.

MONITORING DISCIPLINED THERAPISTS

STATUTE, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

BOARD MEMBER MONTHLY CALLS

The meeting was recessed at 12:00 pm.

An informal Hearing was held for Case 20131018.
