

State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals Louisiana Physical Therapy Board 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507

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March 19, 2014

6:30 Call Meeting to order

Approval of draft minutes from February 26, 2014 board meeting

6:35 Reports

Chairman's Report

Professional Development and Conferences

Treasurer's Report

- February 2014 actual vs. budget
- February 2014 balance sheet
- February 2014 securities

Executive Director's Report

- Licensing and renewals: Update
- > Clarification: Practice Act & Rules
- IT Support & Website Redesign
- SSA Meeting Update

6:50 Legal

Legislative Session 2014

8:00 Old Business

- Task Tracker February/March 2014
- Monitoring Consent Orders
- 9:00 Correspondences
- 10:00 New Business
- 11:00 Adjourn

LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

March 19, 2014 APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Chairman Al Moreau, Treasurer/Secretary Danny Landry, Jerry Jones, Jr., Kristina Lounsberry, Elizabeth "Beth" Austin Dr. Gerald Leglue, and Sue Bartol. Advisory committee member present was Wayne Campbell. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director, George Papale, General Counsel, and Courtney P. Newton, Attorney were also present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from the February Board meeting approved as written.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Al Moreau introduced and welcomed the Government Affairs Committee Chair of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association, Cristina Faucheux.

Chairman Moreau discussed the LPTA Spring Meeting, mentioned that the Board booth was a success. Danielle from the board staff attended the booth, along with a few board members and Charlotte Martin. The LPTA also recognized Charlotte Martin at the general meeting.

Chairman Moreau discussed the upcoming FSBPT Board and Administrator Training. A motion by Secretary/Treasurer Danny Landry for the Executive Director Charlotte Martin to attend the FSBPT Board and Administrative Training Course June 6 -8, 2014was voted in and unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Landry presented the cash in the bank for the month of February 2014 totaled 120,726.61. He reported that the income for February 2014 totaled \$74,615.14 and expenses totaled \$85,561.97

CDs at the Bank of Montgomery total \$711,862.18 at the end of February. The Business Savings account at Chase Bank was \$202,484.64.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director, Charlotte Martin reported on the status of renewals for 2014: 856 renewals.

Mrs. Martin requested clarification on three points of the practice act & rules:

What is the application refund policy for individuals who decide to withdraw their application from Louisiana because they cannot sit for the exam in April? The board responded: The board will grant a refund.

Provisional License Clarification: If an applicant has taken the exam and failed, can they apply for a provisional license? The board responded: yes, as long as they have never applied for a provisional license before. The provisional license is a one-time license granted for 90 days.

If the applicant has finished all didactic requirements of the PT program, but has not finished "terminal clinical education experiences" can they sit for the exam? The board responded: "no" because they have not completed all educational requirements to graduate.

Mrs. Martin updated the board on IT support and hardware needs. A motion by Secretary/Treasurer Danny Landry to approve an IT contract not to exceed \$15,000 in upfront hardware and setup cost and \$2,000 a month in monthly support fees was voted in and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Martin updated the board on SSA Consultant discussions since the February board meeting. SSA, Covalent Logic (the website design company) and Charlotte Martin met in Baton Rouge to discuss a website redesign proposal from Covalent Logic, as well as moving forward with the final organizational assessment from SSA.

LEGAL

Courtney Newton, Attorney presented Bills filed for legislative session 2014 mentioning Bills that could potentially impact the practice and regulation of Physical Therapy if moved forward.

OLD BUSINESS

TASK TRACKER

Cherry Aquino-De Lara, PT, DPT has a question regarding PTA supervision and discharge summaries. **Kristina Lounsberry drafted a final response that was sent from the Board.**

Lannie Herndon asked if it is ok for the therapist or staff to retrieve a patient from the ALF and bring them to the outpatient therapy facility. **Jerry Jones sent a response directly.**

Mike Conlin asked about the two year requirement of practice before undertaking education and training in dry needling. **Jerry Jones sent a response directly.**

Mary Beth Churbock suggested that the board consider offer two Lafayette Jurisprudence Courses, or offering the course at a larger venue to accommodate all who wish to attend. **The board sent a response.**

Rachel Henderson asked if it is within the scope of practice for PTs to do a training/education session with sitters to get everyone on the same page with regards to ROM, stretching, and positioning. And, if so, are there restrictions as to what I may and may not instruct the sitters on? **Sue Bartol drafted a response and it was sent by the Board.**

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Kim Licausi asked a question regarding Goal Setting. **Beth Austin drafted a response and it was sent out by the Board.**

Kim Licausi is trying to get the board's opinion on how the settlement of the Jimmo versus Sebelius case affects the practice of PT in Louisiana, especially for the acute care setting. **Beth Austin drafted a response and it was sent out by the Board.**

Kim Licausi has questions involving the PT plan of care. Beth Austin will call Kim Licausi.

Mildred Moore asked: Are face to face documentations required if my PTA treats the patient less than 5 times in a row? If a face to face continues to be required, is the computer documentation with my electronic signature only, sufficient? **Beth Austin drafted a response and it was sent by the Board.**

Sarah Myers asked, in regards to 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, 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? **George Papale drafted a response and it was sent by the Board Office.**

Matt Slimming PT requested further clarification regarding the Board's statement addressing 10th visit reassessment. **Al Moreau called Mr. Slimming to respond to his question.**

Jason Cargill inquired about providing a service of Nexalin Technology in his clinic to be used as treatment of relief from anxiety, depression, and insomnia for which it is FDA approved. This would simply be a service provided in his clinic and not for the use of as a Physical Therapy modality. **Kristina Lounsberry drafted a response and it was sent by the board.**

Ashley Winfrey asked questions regarding a Functional Maintenance Program. Kristina Lounsberry drafted a response and it was sent by the Board.

Todd S. Danos would like the PT Board to render a comment regarding the recently released CMS Transmittal 175. **Sue Bartol drafted a response and it was sent by the board.**

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 Landry drafted a response. Be consistent with all language throughout.**

MONITORING DISCIPLINED THERAPISTS

Monitoring Disciplined Therapists – Charlotte Martin is working on a streamline process for monitoring disciplined therapists. The board briefly discussed the inability to contact two licensees who are being monitored. Add case numbers of two licensees.

NEW CORRESPONDANCES

Lori Matherne asked the board regarding HIPAA compliance. The board responded.

Judd Patterson asked for clarification regarding "evaluate and treat" and the need for further approval from a physician. **The board responded.**

Megan Penick asked a question regarding SOC and ROC if nursing is in the home. **The board responded.**

Nickie Wolf asked, provided that the PTA is trained and competency assessed, may the PT delegate performance of the PT/INR test with coag monitor device to a PTA? **The board responded. Be consistent with language.**

Samantha Theimann asked a question regarding speech therapists performing patient screens. Al Moreau will call her to discuss.

Beth Wilkins, PTA is requesting clarification regarding therapists supervising CNAs in the field. **Sue Bartol is drafting a response.**

Marcy Linxwiler informed the board that a Chiropractic Clinic has been advertising PT services. Charlotte Martin called the Chiropractic Clinic and they do not have a PT on staff. Charlotte Martin will draft a letter to be sent to the Chiropractic Board, to be reviewed at the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Secretary/Treasurer Danny Landry to approve funding up to \$250,000 for a Louisiana Physical Therapy Public Service Announcement was voted in and unanimously approved. Who seconded the motion?

BOARD MEMBER MONTHLY CALLS

Board meeting was adjourned at 10:40pm.

Motions Passed: Recapture

FSBPT Board/Administrator Training

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IT Support

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