



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Louisiana Physical Therapy Board
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AGENDA

January 18, 2012

- 5:00 Informal Conference Case #2011I025
 - 6:30 Call Meeting to order
 - 6:45 Minutes of the December 2011 board meeting
 - 7:00 Meeting with the board – Jonathan Albritton
 - 7:15 Reports
 - Chairman’s Report
 - Property purchase
 - Treasurer’s Report
 - Dec 2011 actual vs. budget
 - Securities
 - Executive Director’s Report
 - 8:30 Rules and Regulations Implementation Issues
 - dry Needling episodes language
 - 9:30 New Business
 - Election of Officers
 - Booth at LPTA Spring Meeting in Bossier City
 - LPTA Board of Directors Meeting
- Recess for evening

January 19, 2012

- 8:30 Legal
 - FORMAL COMPLAINT POLICY
- 9:00 Formal Hearing, Case 2011I021
- 10:00 Monitoring Disciplined Therapists Report
- 10:30 Unfinished Business
 - Advisory Committee Appointments
 - Advisory Committee
 - Advisory Committee Butler
 - Chad Asher resume
 - Task Tracker
 - Correspondence
 - dry needling question
 - Waiving late fee
 - Opinion of the Board
 - Question on HH PTA rules
 - Questions about reciprocity
 - Clarification of private pay
 - Laser Question
 - PT DC and Wellness massage questions
 - Acute care discharge summary
- 11:30 Board Monthly Call Discussion
 - Leglue – Jason Bland use of Sombra requiring a physician order.
- 11:45 Investigation Summary Reports (one-on-one meetings)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Adjournment

LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

January 18 & 19, 2012

Accepted

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on Wednesday, January 18 & 19, 2012, at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. Jerry Jones, Jr., Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Dan Wood, Gerald Leglue and Danny Landry. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director, Glenn Ducote, attorney, George Papale, attorney were present. Advisory Committee Members present were Allison Roux, Arma Veneracion, Anna Smith, and Kevin Touchet.

Guests present were Beth Ward, President of LPTA, Alix Sorrel Lafayette District chair for LPTA and Wayne Campbell.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the December 2011 board meeting were accepted as amended.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Discussion was held about the LPTA Spring meeting to be held in March in Bossier City. The board discussed having a booth at the meeting. Alix Sorrel indicated she would inquire if the board would have to pay for a booth at the meeting and would respond with information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand for the month of December 2011 was \$1,164,137.10. Receipts for December 2011 totaled \$273,634.51 and expenses totaled \$40,732.76.

Motion was made by Teresa Maize, seconded by Al Moreau, III; "To acquire a new CD for \$200,000 using monies available in the board's checking account." All in favor were Teresa Maize, Al Moreau, III, Jerry Jones, Jr., Gerald Leglue, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Dan Wood, and Danny Landry. No one opposed the motion.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

§187. E. addresses reinstatement of a lapse license. The rules do not address allowing for the issuance of a Provisional license for reinstatement until the possibility of disciplinary action can be addressed. The board determined a full license must be issued to an applicant who had an active license the previous year and applied for reinstatement during the month of January. The issue of disciplinary action will follow if required.

MONITORING DISCIPLINED THERAPISTS

Dwayne Hogan and Catherine Nelson will be contacted to attend the March meeting.

Provide Sheryl Townsend work location to either Dan Wood or Danny Landry to monitor.

Carrie Signal did not provide proof of continuing education required by her Consent Order. Staff will write to her indicating she has 30 days to complete the requirement.

RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTATION

The board completed the language for the Dry Needling Episodes Declaratory Statement. The statement was posted to the web.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jerry Jones, Jr. was re-elected Chairman and Teresa Maize was re-elected Secretary/Treasurer. Teresa Maize and Donna "Dee" Cochran were appointed to the Continuing Education Committee for a two year term.

Response was received from Brian Soignier, Nicholas Butler, Wendell Juneau, Chas Asher, Wayne Campbell regarding interest of an appointment to the Advisory Committee. Soignier decided not to put his name forward for the appointment at this time. The board appointed Nicholas Butler from Monroe and Wayne Campbell from Lafayette to serve a two year term on the Advisory Committee.

The meeting was recessed at 11:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened on Thursday, January 19th at 8:30 a.m. A quorum of members was present. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Al Moreau, III, Gerald Leglue, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Dan Wood, and Danny Landry. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director, Glenn Ducote, attorney, George Papale, attorney were present. Advisory Committee Members present were Allison Roux, Arma Veneracion, Anna Smith, and Kevin Touchet.

Guest present was Wayne Campbell.

CORRESPONDENCE

Rene LeBlanc inquired what the current rules are regarding dry needling in Louisiana and if there are any changes being planned in the future. LeBlanc is considering taking Kinetacore's Level 1 course which appears to be a 27 hour class. Is this enough to perform needling techniques in clinic immediately after the course? Staff will respond to Ms. LeBlanc.

Khaled T. Kholy, PT wrote to the board indicating numerous attempts to renew his license unsuccessfully. Kholy requested a refund based on the fact his electronic device was not compatible with the board's webpage. The board agreed to refund the reinstatement fee of \$75.

Danny P. Landry, PTA Board Member requested clarification regarding a PTA continuing to treat a patient delegated to him for gait training. The question was if after the patient received a prosthetic leg, does the PT see the patient prior to the PTA continuing to treat the patient? Staff will respond to Landry.

Beth Bueche requested clarification if a PTA can treat patients with a copy of the goals and interventions alone. Danny Landry will draft a response to Bueche for staff to forward.

Mysti Moore, PT reported two physical therapists will be conducting reviews for insurance pre-authorization requests in the state of Louisiana. The contract with the state requires PTs to be licensed in Louisiana. The question was do the therapists have to attend a personal interview or can a telephone interview be conducted instead. The board determined all applicants must follow the current rules which require an in person interview. Staff will respond to Moore.

Amanda Burson requested clarification of private pay by the patient. Can physical therapy services continue after a patient has either met all goals or reached a plateau of progress? Is that to say that a PTA cannot supervise patients in these programs? Staff will respond to Burson.

Phil Page, PT forwarded a copy of an article from the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners Fall 2011 newsletter for board review. The article addressed PTs using lasers for therapy. Staff will respond to Page.

Cheryl Jeane, PT indicated she is planning on beginning a PT practice with shared space in a chiropractic office. The chiropractor plans on taking care of the billing, etc. however, Jeane wants to be proactive, and know what things legally, and financially to watch for. The PT practice will be its own separate entity and Jeane will be credentialed with the insurance companies. Jeane also asked if physical therapists are able to do massage under wellness and if the massage is called a wellness massage since it would only be for stress relief and relaxation. Staff will respond to Jeane indicating she should hire a lawyer for business advice and refer her to the Declaratory Statement regarding wellness.

Rachael Feirman, PT requested clarification regarding discharge summaries in the acute care setting. Frequently the last visit is done by a PTA as actual discharge time since discharge is not usually predictable or known to the PT staff. What are the requirements for discharge summaries and goal reassessment in this setting? Staff will respond to Feirman.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS
TASK TRACKER**

Staff scheduled dates for the traveling jurisprudence in Lafayette for March 22, Baton Rouge for April 3, New Orleans for March 15, Alexandria for March 1, Lake Charles for April 17, Houma for March 20, Shreveport for February 28, and Monroe for March 13. A postcard will be forwarded to all licensees notifying them of the course. This jurisprudence course will count toward the 2 hour requirement for license renewal.

LEGAL

George Papale presented a Policy and Procedure for Formal Complaints for review by the board. Motion was made by Dan Wood, seconded by Al Moreau, III; "To accept the policy for formal complaints." All in favor were Teresa Maize, Al Moreau, III, Jerry Jones, Jr., Gerald Leglue, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Dan Wood, and Danny Landry. No one opposed the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS

BOARD MEMBER MONTHLY CALLS

Jason Bland contacted the board office to inquire if a physician's order is required to use Sombra during patient treatment. Gerald Leglue, MD Board Member responded the therapist could use Sombra to treat a patient without the need for a script from a physician.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.





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February 15, 2012

- 5:00 Informal Conference Case #20111038
- 5:30 Informal Conference Case #20121002
- 6:30 Call Meeting to order
- 6:45 January Board Meeting Minutes
- 7:00 Reports
 - Chairman's Report
 - Property purchase
 - Treasurer's Report
 - ⇒ Jan 2012 actual vs. budget
 - ⇒ Securities
 - Executive Director's Report
- 8:30 Rules and Regulations Implementation Issues
- 8:45 New Business
 - ⇒ 2012 NCIT Program Announcement- Austin TX
 - ⇒ Comprehensive Rule Jurisprudence
- 9:00 Legal
 - ⇒ Ethics filing
- 9:15 Unfinished Business
 - Task Tracker
 - ⇒ CEUWorld.com
 - Correspondence
 - ⇒ Electrical stimulation
 - ⇒ CPR & CEU'S
 - ⇒ Selling wellness products
 - ⇒ Scope of practice question
- 9:45 Board Monthly Call Discussion
- Recess for evening

February 16, 2012

- 8:30 Monitoring Disciplined Therapists Report
- 9:00 Investigation Summary Reports (one-on-one meetings)
- 10:30 Adjournment

LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

February 15 & 16, 2012

Accepted

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on Wednesday, February 15 & 16, 2012, at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. Jerry Jones, Jr., Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Dan Wood, Gerald Leglue and Danny Landry. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director, Glenn Ducote, attorney, George Papale, attorney were present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the January 2012 board meeting were accepted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Jones reported the acquisition of property at 100 Fairlane Drive to build a new board office.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand for the month of January 2012 was \$1,164,393.17. Receipts for January 2012 totaled \$14,220.26 and expenses totaled \$120,316.45.

Motion was made by Teresa Maize, seconded by Al Moreau, III; "To acquire a new CD for \$200,000 using monies available in the board's commercial savings account." All in favor were Teresa Maize, Al Moreau, III, Jerry Jones, Jr., Gerald Leglue, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Dan Wood, and Danny Landry. No one opposed the motion.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

MONITORING DISCIPLINED THERAPISTS

RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTATION

The board completed the language for the Dry Needling Episodes Declaratory Statement. The statement was posted to the web.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff forward information to board and advisory committee members regarding the 2012 NCIT Basic Investigator Training course offered in Austin, TX on May 21st. Any board or advisory committee member who has not taken the course is encouraged to schedule to attend this course.

The meeting was recessed at 11:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened on Thursday, February 16th at 8:30 a.m. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Dan Wood, and Danny Landry. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director, Glenn Ducote, attorney, George Papale, attorney were present.

CORRESPONDENCE

Pam Janssen, PT asked a question about the use of a needle electrode to do electrical stimulation. Al Moreau, III to draft response.

Jerry Paine I do home health part time and have to take a CPR certification class every other year. It is a 4 hour class with testing afterwards. Could this count toward my CEU requirements for that year? Staff will respond to Paine that CPR certification courses do not count toward CEU requirements for license renewal.

Blake Walker, PT reported having a small company to sell items that patients and wellness clients may like to purchase. The main item is a posture shirt made by Evidence Based Apparel, and in

order to get these shirts at a lower cost than the MSRP, he must become a reseller, which will allow me to get them to patients at a lower cost than the MSRP. If I do so, I will have to get an LLC with appropriate insurance to cover this new company. Doing what I have explained above, would there be anything that would make having this small business unethical, so long that I do not charge more than the suggested price and I do not try to convince people to purchase an item that I as a physical therapist do not feel would be beneficial to the patient? I do not feel this would be a conflict of interest, but I want to have the board review this prior to going forth. Staff will respond to Walker indicating there is no problem with the scenario described.

David Bock, PT asked if there is any scope of practice issues concerning PT's performing Manual Lymphatic Drainage. Staff will respond to Bock that it is within the scope of practice for a PT to perform Manual Lymphatic Drainage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS TASK TRACKER

Staff contacted CEU World to determine interest in developing an Ethics course for the board to be offered free of charge to La physical therapy licensees. The course would be available from the board's website. A response has not yet been received.

Rene LeBlanc inquired what the current rules are regarding dry needling in Louisiana and if there are any changes being planned in the future. LeBlanc is considering taking Kinetacore's Level 1 course which appears to be a 27 hour class. Is this enough to perform needling techniques in clinic immediately after the course? Staff responded including a copy of the Declaratory Statement regarding dry needling.

Khaled T. Kholy, PT wrote to the board indicating numerous attempts to renew his license unsuccessfully. Kholy requested a refund based on the fact his electronic device was not compatible with the board's webpage. The board agreed to refund the reinstatement fee of \$75. Staff responded to Kholy.

Danny P. Landry, PTA Board Member requested clarification regarding a PTA continuing to treat a patient delegated to him for gait training. The question was if after the patient received a prosthetic leg, should the PT see the patient prior to the PTA continuing to treat the patient? Mr. Landry drafted a response referencing Rule 333.

Beth Bueche requested clarification if a PTA can treat patients with a copy of the goals and interventions alone. Staff responded indicating applicable rules for review.

Mysti Moore, PT reported two physical therapists will be conducting reviews for insurance pre-authorization requests in the state of Louisiana. The contract with the state requires PTs to be licensed in Louisiana. The question was do the therapists have to attend a personal interview or can a telephone interview be conducted instead. The board determined all applicants must follow the current rules which require an in person interview. Staff responded to Moore.

Amanda Burson requested clarification of private pay by the patient. Can physical therapy services continue after a patient has either met all goals or reached a plateau of progress? Is that to say that a PTA cannot supervise patients in these programs? Staff will respond to Burson.

Cheryl Jeane, PT indicated she is planning on beginning a PT practice with shared space in a chiropractic office. The chiropractor plans on taking care of the billing, etc. however, Jeane wants to be proactive, and know what things legally, and financially to watch for. The PT practice will be its own separate entity and Jeane will be credentialed with the insurance companies. Jeane also asked if physical therapists are able to do massage under wellness and if the massage is called a wellness massage since it would only be for stress relief and relaxation. Staff responded to Jeane suggesting she consult legal counsel.

Rachael Feirman, PT requested clarification regarding discharge summaries in the acute care setting. Frequently the last visit is done by a PTA as actual discharge time since discharge is not

usually predictable or known to the PT staff. What are the requirements for discharge summaries and goal reassessment in this setting? Staff will respond to Feirman.

LEGAL

Discussion was held regarding board member requirement to file with the Ethics Board prior to May. Glenn Ducote provided information and forms for board members to complete.

Glenn Ducote reported he received an email from Cecelia Cangelosi, attorney for the Louisiana Board of Wholesale Drug Distributors regarding the newly adopted rule addressing legend drugs. Ducote will contact Cangelosi and ask her to forward a formal letter.

OTHER BUSINESS

BOARD MEMBER MONTHLY CALLS

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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March 22, 2012

- 8:00 Call Meeting to order
- 8:15 February Board Meeting Minutes
- 8:30 Reports
 - Chairman's Report
 - LA SB 191
 - Treasurer's Report
 - ⇒ Feb 2012 actual vs. budget
 - ⇒ Securities
 - Executive Director's Report
- 9:30 Rules and Regulations Implementation Issues
- 10:00 New Business
- 10:15 Legal
 - Synergy PT issues
 - Synergy PT issues 1
- 11:15 Unfinished Business
 - Task Tracker
 - Correspondence
 - Assuming Care
 - Clarification Request
 - FACE BOOK COMMENT
 - Face to Face Documentation
 - Please clarify
 - Questions
 - Therapy Time
 - Inquiries from Shreveport meeting
 - Meeting topic question
 - Change of employer and address
 - Question
 - Question for the Board
 - Question regarding student supervision
 - Jurisprudence meeting Houma
 - Face to Face conferences!
- 1:00 Board Monthly Call Discussion
- 1:15 Monitoring Disciplined Therapists Report
- 2:00 Investigation Summary Reports (one-on-one meetings)
- 3:00 Adjournment

LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

March 22, 2012 Accepted

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on Thursday, March 22, 2012, at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. Jerry Jones, Jr., Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Dan Wood, Gerald Leglue and Danny Landry. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director, Glenn Ducote, attorney, George Papale, attorney were present. Advisory Committee Member Wayne Campbell was present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the February 2012 board meeting were accepted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Senate Bill 191 authored by Senator Claitor: "**HEALTH/HOSPITALS DEPT:** Abolishes the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy and moves its functions to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board." The board was informed of this bill and discussed how to proceed and/or what action they should take. A committee of the board to deal with legislative issues was assigned consisting of Jerry Jones, Jr., Al Moreau, III, and Glenn Ducote. Al Moreau, III, Cheryl Gaudin, and Glenn Ducote met with Senator Claitor to discuss the Office of Inspector General Report and inquire as to the administrative, legal, and financial costs that would affect the board if this bill passed. The committee would follow this bill and others and attempt to obtain more information.

The jurisprudence course scheduled for Thursday, March 22nd was postponed to March 27th due to a forecast of heavy rains, flooding, and thunderstorms.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand for the month of February 2012 was \$1,015,691.14. Receipts for February 2012 totaled \$9,152.25 and expenses totaled \$55,845.53.

After review of the board securities, motion was made by Teresa Maize, seconded by Al Moreau, III: "To withdraw \$150,000 from the proceeds of CD 8010823 and open a new CD with the remaining proceeds. The new CD will be for a period of 6 months." All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Gerald Leglue, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Dan Wood, and Danny Landry. No one opposed the motion.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The February 28th jurisprudence course held in Shreveport had 160 attendees. The March 1st course held in Alexandria had 220 attendees. The March 6th course presented in Shreveport had 150 attendees. The March 13th course presented in Monroe had 175 attendees. The March 15th course presented in New Orleans had 412 attendees. The March 20th course presented in Houma had 83 attendees.

MONITORING DISCIPLINED THERAPISTS

Glenn Ducote will write to Kim Licausi requiring him to rewrite his essay.

Dan Wood conducted a monitor visit with Dwayne Hogan and Cole Padgett.

Staff will request Anna Smith conduct a monitor visit with Matthew Sliming and Miles Becnel.

Contact Amy Stewart for an update of her whereabouts and if she is practicing in the state of Louisiana.

Staff will contact Dwayne Hogan and Catherine Nelson to schedule a meeting with the board for the April board meeting.

RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTATION

NEW BUSINESS

George Papale, attorney for the board suggested an amendment to La. R.S. 37:2410(5). The suggestion is to delete the period (.) after the word Chapter I the first sentence and adding "and the board shall have the discretion to specify the content of the supervised practice and the qualifications of the clinical supervisors by rule." Additionally, amend La R.S. 37:2410 (5) by deleting the word "six" following the word "least" in the second sentence and replacing source with the word "three". Papale also suggested amending La. R.S. 37:2410 (4) to add "through appropriate testing" and following the word "demonstrate" and before the word "in". Motion was made by Teresa Maize, and seconded by Donna "Dee" Cochran to amend the practice act at the appropriate time. All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Gerald Leglue, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Dan Wood, and Danny Landry. No one opposed the motion.

Motion was made by Donna "Dee" Cochran, seconded by Danny P. Landry; "To amend La. R.S. 37:2420.A.(1) to replace the period (.) after the word "practice" at the end of the sentence with a comma (,) and add "or which person has aided and/or abetted any such violations by any act or omission". This action would be taken at the appropriate time. All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Gerald Leglue, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Dan Wood, and Danny Landry. No one opposed the motion.

LEGAL

John Wilson, Goff Wilson law firm representing Synergy Care, Inc. requested In light of the recently adopted rules for physical therapists, Synergy Care, Inc.'s newly arrived foreign-trained physical therapists were having a very difficult time in trying to obtain a provisional license to begin practicing. John Wilson indicated Synergy as well as the four identified physical therapists have invested a tremendous amount of time and resources to come to the US and work in the field. The immigration process is a very lengthy and arduous process. Three of the four physical therapists are currently in the US. The request is for these four physical therapists to be given a special consideration and grandfather them under the previous Physical Therapists rules as they started the process before the current rules were adopted and were pre-approved for licensure pending an interview with a Board's representative. John Wilson indicated the financial cost to Synergy for not allowing it to continue to process those PTs that have been in the 'pipeline' for (in some cases) years is huge, and the humanitarian toll is excruciating – these PTs have given up everything they own to come to the US, they are here in some cases with their families, and they have nowhere else to return to. After discussion, motion was made by Al Moreau, III "that the Board would allow the following applicants to continue pursuit of licensure under the old rules: Farah Joan Candol (Caballero), Aubrey Rubia, Ruel Oga. This is based on the fact that they have passed the national examination." All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Gerald Leglue, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Dan Wood, and Danny Landry. No one opposed the motion.

Celia Cangelosi, attorney wrote to the board questioning rules addressing Legend Drugs and Legend Devices. In question is where in the rules are legend drugs and legend devices defined?

CORRESPONDENCE

Lisa James, PT posed a question to the board regarding staff covering acute care areas on the weekends. On Monday mornings the full time staff PT's go through and read each plan of care for all of the new evals done on the weekends by PRN or outpatient therapist who help cover. If the staff PT's agree with the plan of care based on the assessment, they type a statement that they agree with the care plan and assume responsibility for the pt's care. If for any reason they don't agree with the care plan based on the written assessment, they assign the patient to themselves and go see the patient for a reassessment. Will this suffice in relieving the weekend therapist of their supervision responsibility? This is also done when a PT from one acute facility assists in picking up evals at another facility that is very busy on a particular day. Does this meet the standard? On Monday, there are more evals waiting to be seen so it would be virtually impossible for all of the patient's to get the necessary care if the staff PT's have to go back and reassess all

of the patient's seen over the weekend. Teresa Maize will draft a response to Lisa James.

Lynn Wollman, Tri-State Physical Therapy reported staff therapists who attended the Jurisprudence Meeting held in Shreveport needed clarification on two points made during the meeting.

1. Regarding the PT/PTA Patient Care Conference, is it required that the meeting note be signed by the PT and the PTA. We have EHR and have a software problem in that there is only one signature possible at this point for each note. We would like clarification on this before we go to the expense to make this change.
2. Regarding the attendance of a conference in which many classes are available, such as APTA CSM, it is understood that verification of attendance hours is now required. Since this has not been required in the past what would the outcome be if a therapist were audited after attending a conference in Feb 2012?

Teresa Maize will draft a response to Lynn Wollman.

Eric Bunyog, PT employed at Autumn Leaves Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, LLC posed a question regarding documentation of the 6th visit / face to face conference. Is the PT required to continue writing and documenting the face to face conference with the PTA if the PT is in the building 100% of the time treating patients in the gym? The PT and PTA communicate every day and make adjustments to the treatment plan as deemed appropriate. Staff will respond to Bunyog that he must continue to document the face to face conference.

Cristina Fauchaux, PT asked the board to review a declaratory statement posted on the website which addressed prescriptions prescribed for a duration of 3 times per week for 3 weeks. After review, the board will remove this statement from the web.

Pam Janssen, PT asked a question about the use of a needle electrode to do electrical stimulation. Al Moreau, III will draft a response.

Todd Danos, Director of Therapy Services asked if from a Physical Therapy Board standpoint, can a physician mandate that a PT see a patient for a certain timeframe? For example, can a physician state that he wants he patients seen for at least 30 min or specify that certain patients be seen for at least 30 min? The board's response is a physician can write a script as specific as he wants.

Jill G. Bugner, PT, DPT, Pediatric Physical Therapy for LA Early Steps questioned patients filming or photographing treatment with or without PTs knowledge and posting on social media. What is the physical therapist liability? Donna "Dee" Cochran will contact Bugner as the board cannot address liability issues.

Kathy Carpenter, PTA inquired when topics that were not covered at the Jurisprudence meeting would be addressed. Such topics are Finger printing/FBI background checks, Cease & Desist authority, use of PT tech in clinic, license information changes. Staff will respond if there is a specific question to forward that to the board for clarification.

Lance Lemoine, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT provided the board with documentation of a dry needling course which he completed twice. Lemoine asked if he is certified to use and bill for trigger point dry needling with the 50+ hours being from the same class, Level I taken twice. Staff will respond to Lemoine that he would be limited to the muscles taught in the course.

Kathy Kramer, PT requested clarification of PTA Supervision in the home health setting with electronic signatures. The software being utilized does not allow for two professional signatures on one entry. A solution is for each discipline to make a separate entry for the face to face, therefore both PT and PTA have signed and verified they attended the face to face meeting. Is this acceptable? Staff will respond that a separate entry by PT and PTA is acceptable as long as the entries are a few minutes apart.

J. Parrish Tadlock, PTA, CLT is the owner of a contract group for home health care services. Tadlock posed a situation to the board for clarification. The nurse manager of a home health company requested clarification on a PT note. In particular, she inquired about documenting the exact distance in feet a patient ambulated. The P.T wrote "patient increased amb". While at the home health office with their staff present, Tadlock called the PT to clarify the distance the patient ambulated. At this point the PT stated, "patient had increased ambulation distance by approximately 10 feet." Tadlock wrote on the note approximately 10 feet. Two months later the nurse manager claimed Tadlock committed fraud by writing "approximately 10 feet" on that note, and was threatened by the nurse manager that "she should have his license." Was this an act of fraud? In retrospect, the appropriate action should have been writing an addendum to clarify the original note.

Shannon Fox, PT, DPT, CCCE at LSU Health Rehabilitation Services Department indicated they work closely with the PT school in Shreveport regarding student clinical experiences. There are times that the school sends groups of level one students to the clinic for an "introduction to patient care". These students are mainly observing – little to no direct patient care by the students is involved. If there is no direct patient care, are these students considered part of 2418 – F (2) a iii "no more than 5 students". In the past the school has sent the students to us under the assumption that as long as they were "observing" then it fell more under education of the student than the PT supervision law. Please clarify. Jerry Jones, Jr. will draft a response.

Jason Ledet, PT Program Director, Rehabilitation Center of Thibodaux Regional thanked the board for presenting the jurisprudence course as it brought additional awareness to all licensees regarding the new statutes in the Practice Act. Ledet brought up a few scenarios at the jurisprudence with regards to the face to face conference. As a result of these scenarios, the board adopted a Declaratory Statement addressing the face to face conference. A copy of the Declaratory Statement will be forwarded to Ledet and will be posted to the web. Motion was made by Al Moreau, III, seconded by Donna "Dee" Cochran; "To approve the face to face declaratory statement as presented." All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Gerald Leglue, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Dan Wood, and Danny Landry. No one opposed the motion.

Kim Cox, PT, Med., Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education at Bossier Parish Community College Physical Therapist Assistant Program forwarded an Adobe fillable Clinical Instructor form for review by the board. Ms. Cox would not distribute without board approval. The form is very similar to the form developed by the board. The board's CI form is almost identical to the one submitted and requested no distribute the form other than the board. Staff will respond to Ms. Cox.

OTHER BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TASK TRACKER

Teresa Maize created a form to be used for documenting time as a Clinical Instructor. The form must be submitted for proof of acting as the primary CI for continuing education credit. This form will be made available from the board's website.

Staff responded to Jerry Pine that CPR certification classes do not count toward CEU requirements for license renewal.

Staff responded to Black Walker, PT that offering a posture shirt made by Evidence Based Apparel would not be a violation of the La Practice Act or Rules.

Staff responded to David Bock, PT that it is within it is within the scope of practice for a PT to perform Manual Lymphatic Drainage.

BOARD MEMBER MONTHLY CALLS

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.



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April 18, 2012

- 6:30 Call Meeting to order
Meeting with Catherine Nelson
- 6:35 March Board Meeting Minutes
- 6:45 Reports
Chairman's Report
Treasurer's Report
⇒ Feb 2012 actual vs. budget
⇒ Securities
Executive Director's Report
- 7:30 Rules and Regulations Implementation Issues
- Rule 321.A and Rule 337 Clinical Instructor
- 8:00 New Business
- 8:15 Unfinished Business
Task Tracker
Correspondence
- clarification of attached memo
 - Credentialing FSBPT Delegates & Administrators for 2012 Delegate Assembly
 - Spinal Manipulation Course
 - Jurisprudence Course
 - Wellness Questions
 - laf juris
 - PT Board Meeting Agenda
 - Registration for Jurisprudence Course
 - Shreveport Jurisprudence from 2 28 12
- Jurisprudence Course

April 19, 2012

- 8:30 Legal
- Opinion on Lobbying
 - legislation
 - Re legislation Landry
 - RE legislation Moreau
- 9:00 Board Monthly Call Discussion
- 1:15 Monitoring Disciplined Therapists Report
- 2:00 Investigation Summary Reports (one-on-one meetings)
- 4:00 Adjournment

LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

April 18, 2012 Accepted

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on Thursday, April 18 & 19, 2012, at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. Jerry Jones, Jr., Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18th. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Dan Wood, Gerald Leglue and Danny Landry. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director, Glenn Ducote, attorney, George Papale, attorney were present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the March 2012 board meeting were accepted.

The board met with Catherine Nelson to discuss closure of the probation time.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand for the month of March was \$978758.83. Receipts for March totaled \$9,975.78 and expenses totaled \$44,954.89.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The March 27th traveling jurisprudence course presented in Lafayette had 309 attendees. The April 3rd and April 10th courses presented in Baton Rouge had a total of 439 attendees. The April 17th course presented in Lake Charles had 120 attendees. Twelve locations/dates were offered with a total of 2,068 attending licensees.

MONITORING DISCIPLINED THERAPISTS

Review Sheryl Townsend file to determine when the probation will terminate based on her intermittent schedule when not employed or providing at least 20 hours per week patient care.

Request Nicholas Butler, PT Advisory Committee Member in Monroe conduct a monitor visit with Shirley Bryan if she is currently employed as a physical therapist assistant.

RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTATION

After review of Rule 321.A and Rule 337 Clinical Instructor, the board requested staff add these rules to the list of rules which require additional changes.

NEW BUSINESS

LEGAL

Upon presentation of the findings in a complaint submitted to the board, motion was made by Al Moreau, III, seconded by Gerald Leglue; "It is moved that the Board, under the authority of Rule 379 on Emergency Action, finds that public health and safety requires the immediate summary suspension of the license of PTA David Watkins effective April 19, 2012. An order to this effect shall be issued today." All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Donna "Dee" Cochran, Teresa Maize, Gerald Leglue, Al Moreau, III, Danny Landry, and Dan Wood. No one opposed the motion.

George Papale, attorney for the board was asked to submit an opinion of lobbying for board members who may wish to address the legislature on bills which would affect their livelihood.

CORRESPONDENCE

Joy Helgerson, PT Regional Vice President of Operations at TherEX reported that as a national therapy provider, they monitor licensure issues and discussion, and then educate their therapists of any changes. Ms Helgerson drafted a company policy of her interpretation of the rules to distribute their employees and requested the board review for accuracy. Teresa Maize will draft a response.

An email notification was received from the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy requesting Louisiana vote for and Credential FSBPT Delegates & Administrators for 2012 Delegate Assembly. Motion was made by Donna "Dee" Cochran, seconded by Dan Wood; "For the FSBPT Annual Meeting scheduled for September 22, 2012, Jerry Jones, Jr. was elected to represent Louisiana at the Delegate Assembly as the Delegate and Teresa Maize was elected as the Alternate Delegate. Cheryl Gaudin is the Administrator representing Louisiana at the Council of Board Administrators." All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Donna "Dee" Cochran, Teresa Maize, Gerald Leglue, Al Moreau, III, Danny Landry, and Dan Wood. No one opposed the motion.

James Dunning, DPT, MSc Manipulation Therapist, FAAOMPT, MAACP, MMAPC (UK), provided seminar descriptions for DN-1 and DN-2 in that, for each course, 17 hours is onsite, and 10 hours is home study reading of journal articles on the topic of dry needling followed by an online examination. Thus in total, they offer 54 hours of continuing education in dry needling after completion of DN-1 and DN-2. Al Moreau, III will contact Dunning to request he submit the course documents.

Paul Jones, PT thanked the board for the traveling jurisprudence presentation in Metairie to explain the rule changes. Mr. Jones expressed his appreciation to State Board representatives for taking the time and making the effort to get everyone on the same page and would welcome other initiatives like this in the future.

Teri Hammonds, SPT, Robbie Lazarine, SPT, Lori Matherne, SPT, Lindsay Benjamin, SPT, and Justin Breaux, SPT are 3rd year PT students from LSUHSC in New Orleans working on a business plan to develop a wellness program at an existing outpatient PT clinic. The Students had questions regarding what can and cannot be included into a wellness program. (1) Can a PT use ASTYM or Graston for a wellness patient? (2) Can taping be performed on a wellness patient for postural correction or injury prevention other than athletes? (3) We understand that a "feel good" massage is appropriate as found in the declaratory statements, but would myofascial release techniques be included? And (4) Can joint mobilizations be utilized for a wellness patient, and if so, what grades are appropriate? Jerry Jones, Jr. will draft a response.

David H. Napier, Continuing Competence Analyst with the Federation of State Boards of Physical requests the monthly board meeting agenda every month. Mr. Napier indicated he is charged with reviewing board actions and advising interested FSBPT staff of topics of interest they may want to pursue. Specifically, Mr. Napier indicated he is hoping to hear about CC/CE changes before they are implemented in order to ensure the accuracy of the information in aPTitude which is a continuing education approval process and storage located on their website.

Ed Mahoney, PT, DPT CWS Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy at LSHSC-Shreveport requested clarification which pertained to Section 195.4.d at which states "that a maximum of 5 hours will be given for publication of papers, posters, etc." How will it be determined as to what is worth 1 hour, 2 hours, up to 5 hours? The board responded to Mr. Mahoney that these publications, posters, etc must be submitted to the board on a case by case basis for review and approval for credit toward the license renewal requirement.

OTHER BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS TASK TRACKER

Staff responded to Lisa James regarding physical therapy staff covering acute care areas on the weekends. The response referenced the definition of Supervisor of Record and recommended that the weekday PT's either reassess or treat the patients that were evaluated on the weekend. The transfer of care does not occur from the weekend therapist to the weekday staff therapist until one or the other occurs. Writing a statement in the chart that one is assuming the care without treatment or reassessment does not suffice.

Staff responded to Eric Bunyog, PT regarding documentation of the 6th visit / face to face

conference. Bunyog was advised that he must continue to conduct the 6th visit face-to-face conference with the PTA.

Staff responded to Pam Janssen, PT regarding the use of a needle electrode to do electrical stimulation.

Staff responded to Kathy Carpenter, PTA suggesting she request clarification of specific rules she wants addressed.

Staff responded to Lance Lemoine, PT that the board is in receipt of course completion certificates in Dry Needling. He has met the rule requirement to provide this technique but would be limited to the muscles taught in the course.

Staff responded to Kathy Kramer, PT regarding PTA Supervision in the home health setting with electronic signatures.

The board responded to Shannon Fox, PT, DPT, CCCE at LSU Health Rehabilitation Services Department addressing the question of student clinical rotation experiences.

BOARD MEMBER MONTHLY CALLS

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.



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Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, scheduled for May 23 & 24, 2012, were cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.



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June 13, 2012

- 6:30 Call Meeting to order
- 6:35 Meeting with ABS Design, Contractor
- 7:15 Meeting with Monty Warren, Beau Box
- 7:45 April Board Meeting Minutes
- 8:00 Devon Nolan request to address board/Dry Needling issue
- 8:20 Reports
 - Chairman's Report
 - Treasurer's Report
 - ⇒ March 2012 actual vs. budget
 - ⇒ Securities
 - ⇒ P&P Expense Reimbursement
 - Executive Director's Report
 - ✓ Proposal for new Telephone system
 - ✓ Website/database
- 8:45 Rules and Regulations Implementation Issues
- 9:30 New Business

Recess

June 14, 2012

- 8:30 Meeting with Miciotto CM & Sons, Contractor
- 9:30 Legal
 - Corrected Opinion Letter Lobbying
- 10:00 Board Monthly Call Discussion
- 10:30 Unfinished Business
 - Task Tracker
 - Correspondence
 - Clarification of face to face
 - discharge summaries
 - FW Request for Reconsideration Urgent Matter
 - Provisional licensees
 - brace practice act question
 - Contractures
 - PT for early steps
 - evals reevals billing DRG
 - PT PTA supervision
 - Palmetto Policy Statement
 - board question
 - Physical Therapy Telemedicine Pilot in Louisiana
 - physician self-referral
 - Request for Participation in Research Study Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistant Board Members
 - Splinting
 - Wholesale Drug Board letter
 - needle electrical stim and scope of practice

- discharge summaries
 - Arizona bill
 - licensure for foreign educated
 - Peru Mission Trip
- 1:15 Monitoring Disciplined Therapists Report
- 2:00 Investigation Summary Reports (one-on-one meetings)
- 3:00 Adjournment

LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

June 13, 2012

ACCEPTED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on Wednesday and Thursday, June 13 & 14, 2012, at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. Jerry Jones, Jr., Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13th. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Gerald Leglue and Danny Landry. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director, Glenn Ducote, attorney, George Papale, attorney were present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the April 2012 board meeting were accepted as written.

The May meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

6:35 Meeting with ABS Design, Contractor and Monty Warren, Beau Box. The board met with Monty Warren and the owner of ABS Design to discuss a Design/Build for the new office. During the meeting, Glenn Ducote reported state regulations would not allow for a Design/Build. Monty Warren stated he knew of a contact who dealt with state agencies that built their own buildings and would make contact for additional information. Armed with new information regarding the Design/Build issue, the board decided to cancel the meeting scheduled for Thursday morning with Miciotto CM & Sons, Contractor.

Devon Nolan, PT, DPT requested time on the agenda to make an appeal regarding the issue of practice for a minimum of two years prior to being eligible to provide the Dry Needling technique. Ms Nolan was requesting a waiver as Dry Needling was included in the physical therapy academic program she recently completed. The board determined they are bound by the rules recently adopted and could not provide a waiver specifically for Ms. Nolan.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Two contracts were professional services were approved by the board, HUB Enterprises, Inc. and Elaine Richard, CPA. Staff will follow through with requirements to obtain DHH approval for these contracts for FY 2012/13.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand for the month of April was \$910,915.04. Receipts for April totaled \$14,730.63 and expenses for the month of April totaled \$32,788.72.

Cash on hand for the month of May was \$954,287.48. Receipts for May totaled \$19,211.76 and expenses totaled \$25,458.25.

Motion was made by Teresa Maize, seconded by Gerald Leglue: "To move \$200,000 from the Board checking account to the Commercial Savings account." All in favor were Teresa Maize, Gerald Leglue, Jerry Jones, Jr., Donna "Dee" Cochran, Al Moreau, III, and Danny P. Landry. No one opposed the motion.

Teresa Maize proposed changes to the Board Policy & Procedure Expense Reimbursement. The change would include the requirement to arrange for flight no less than 21 day in advance of departure to obtain a reasonable rate. A limit of \$500 plus applicable taxes was set. If renting a vehicle was more cost effective than cab fare, the traveler would be required to arrange for the vehicle rental at the same time the flight arrangements were made.

Teresa Maize indicated June is the last month of the fiscal year and asked that all expense reimbursement requests and billing statements be submitted in a timely manner to close out the books for end of year.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Cheryl Gaudin worked with Office of Telecommunication Management to obtain two proposals from state contract vendors to replace the existing 20 year old telephone system. Black Box and Preferred provided a presentation of the functionality of their proposals for telephone equipment. After listening to both presentations, staff chose the Toshiba brand by Preferred over the Black Box equipment due to functionality differences.

Motion was made by Teresa Maize, seconded by Danny P. Landry, "Approve the purchase of a new Toshiba telephone system and Polycom equipment." All in favor were Teresa Maize, Gerald Leglue, Jerry Jones, Jr., Donna "Dee" Cochran, Al Moreau, III, and Danny P. Landry. No one opposed the motion.

Cheryl Gaudin discussed an assignment to have the web page rewritten in a more common language as the board was experiencing difficulty locating and contracting a web programmer who worked with ColdFusion. Contact was made with two vendors who only wanted to work with the webpage as long as we engaged them for database services as well. More research would be done to bring a solution to the board.

Cheryl Gaudin reported she was contacted by Maggie Donahue, President of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy and told she was to be awarded the McDougall Long Time Service Award at the upcoming FSBPT Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, IN.

MONITORING DISCIPLINED THERAPISTS

Staff contacted Cole Padget regarding submission of Celebrate Recovery forms. Padget complied and forwarded the requirements as indicated in his Consent Agreement.

Staff will contact Joseph Heath Clampit to request he attend the August board meeting.

Staff will contact Anna Smith and request she monitor Kim Licausi.

RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTATION

NEW BUSINESS

Teresa Maize will contact Susan Welsh to discuss the possibility of developing an Ethics course for the board to be available on the board's website for licensees.

The meeting was recessed at 10:30 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 am. June 14th. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Gerald Leglue and Danny Landry. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director, Glenn Ducote, attorney, George Papale, attorney were present.

LEGAL

Motion was made by Teresa Maize, seconded by Al Moreau, III; "Approval of the Consent Order for Adam LaFleur with the following provisions: (1) to include a psychological evaluation post the suspension, (2) restriction from practicing in a home health environment during his probation time, and (3) require Adam Lafleur reimburse for patient care visits not completed." All in favor were Teresa Maize, Gerald Leglue, Jerry Jones, Jr., Donna "Dee" Cochran, Al Moreau, III, and Danny P. Landry. No one opposed the motion.

Motion was made by Danny P. Landry, seconded by Jerry Jones, Jr., "To dismiss the new complaint against Shelly Sonnier, PTA and write a Letter of Concern addressing particular areas identified in the new complaint that could present a liability issue for Sonnier." All in favor were Teresa Maize, Gerald Leglue, Jerry Jones, Jr., Donna "Dee" Cochran, Al Moreau, III, and Danny P. Landry. No one opposed the motion.

Motion was made by Teresa Maize, seconded by Donna "Dee" Cochran; " To accept the

recommendation to write a Letter of Concern for Bryan Hicks with stipulations of completing the Ethics & Professionalism Course offered by CEU World and write an essay of no less than 750 words. The Ethics course must be completed within 60 days." All in favor were Teresa Maize, Gerald Leglue, Jerry Jones, Jr., Donna "Dee" Cochran, Al Moreau, III, and Danny P. Landry. No one opposed the motion.

Motion was made by Donna "Dee" Cochran, seconded by Teresa Maize, "To accept the terms of the proposed Consent Agreement for David Watkins as presented." All in favor were Teresa Maize, Gerald Leglue, Jerry Jones, Jr., Donna "Dee" Cochran, Al Moreau, III, and Danny P. Landry. No one opposed the motion.

George Papale, legal counsel, provided the board with a Corrected Opinion Letter on Lobbying.

CORRESPONDENCE

Katie Blanchard emailed a scenario requesting clarification. A p.r.n. PTA works in the hospital setting 1-2 weekends a month. Is this PTA required to have a face to face with the PT on record if on visit 1-4, or does the full time PTA face to face with the PT following visit 5 (or do both have to occur)? 2) Same scenario as above except a PT will see the pt following the weekend p.r.n. PTA and prior to a fifth visit. Does a face to face have to occur in this situation? Teresa Maize will draft a response to Blanchard.

Sara W. Borne, PT asked for clarification of what information must be contained in the discharge summary. The facility is revising its documentation forms and wants to be in compliance with facility requirements and La Physical Therapy Practice Act and Rule requirements. There has been some conflict among staff members as to what info has to be included in the discharge summary. Staff will respond to Sara Borne.

Martha L. Ellis, Case Manager, GoffWilson forwarded a letter to Cheryl Gaudin directed to Glenn Ducote, attorney for the Board, requesting prompt reconsideration of a previous decision rendered by the board regarding applicant for Louisiana licensure Ms. Alma Grace Masamayor. After review and discussion of the request, the board determined their previous decision would stand. Glenn Ducote was assigned the task of responding to GoffWilson.

Dionne Francois, PT Director of Physical Medicine at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital stated in the past a PT could be approved to supervise two new graduates under a temporary permit. With the new Provisional license, can a PT supervise two provisional licensees who split their day between acute care and outpatient rehab? The provisional licensees will only have one employer, just two supervisors. The board agreed to allow one PT to supervise two provisional licensees. Staff will respond to Francois and list this issue to be addressed with new rule changes.

Matt Pokorny, PT, DPT, OCS, ATC indicated a worker's compensation patient was referred by an MD specifically to provide a sacroiliac brace and fit her for it. The authorization was obtained for the insurance company and ordered the brace. After fitting and dispensing the brace to the patient, the Mississippi-based Worker's Compensation Company was billed. The CPT Code L0621 which I thought was the most appropriate code was used for the billing yet the insurance company denied the claim because the adjustor stated, "In the state of Louisiana, it is not within a PT's scope of practice to fit or provide the equipment." Staff will respond to Pokorny it is within the scope of practice for a PT to apply orthotics. However, the board can't address the issue of coding.

Kevin Bias, PT, MS, M.Ed an outpatient ortho clinician is now practicing in a SNF setting as the full-time supervising/treating therapist and has been asked to begin a contracture management program. Bias reported he was unable to find documented gold standard research that states ROM deficits from contractures can be improved with physical therapy. Bias stated to his employer that since he is an evidenced based practitioner, he cannot treat contractures. The employer wants him to start ordering AO for patients, fitting them, checking the patient on the hour, and educating CNA's on schedules, donning, and doffing and billing for his time to the

patient. 1. Is there evidence that proves PT can reverse ROM deficits from contractures? 2. Do SNF facilities throughout the state have contracture management programs as described in the last sentence above? 3. Is my time billable and of course legal to perform in a SNF setting? Al Moreau will draft a response and forward to all for review.

Michele Walker, PT could treat children without a referral with diagnosis of developmental delay? Ms. Walker works in the Early Steps program and sees kids after assessment according to their plan of care which is the IFSP (individualized family service plan). Should the PT send the evaluation to the doctor within 15 days of first seeing the baby? Donna "Dee" Cochran will draft a response to Ms. Walker.

Kim Licausi, PT works in an acute care PT setting posed several questions to the board.

- (1. In the acute care setting, are initial evaluations and /or PT re-evaluations timed as for other charges to reflect the 8 minute rule i.e. 8-22 minutes evaluation 1, 23-37 evaluation 2 etc or is the evaluation and/or re-evaluation charge not timed?
- (2. Can the initial evaluation charge in the acute care setting bill for anything other than PT/patient evaluation time i.e. documentation or treatment?
- (3. Are patients and insurance companies including Medicare actually billed or charged for the initial PT evaluation i.e. do clinics/hospitals receive financial reimbursement for the initial PT evaluation? (I've had some clinicians say yes others no)
- (4.) Does the PT initial evaluation & plan of care have to be completed (including the written documentation component) before PT can start billing for treatment charges?
- (5.) When can a PT in the acute care setting legally & ethically begin billing for treatments after doing an evaluation or reevaluation in the acute care setting?
- (6.) In the acute care setting is it usual & customary to assign units of productivity to the initial evaluation & any billable reevaluation? If so, how many units are usually assigned?
- (7.) Any good sources of info on how DRGs work in the acute care setting? I'm particularly curious as to the relationship between how the number of units of service "billed" affects the total reimbursement paid out. Teresa Maize will draft a response to Licausi.

Kim Licausi, PT posed additional questions regarding PT/PTA supervision. 1. When weekend only PTs at a clinic see patients that the PTAs can't see, can those patients be seen the following Monday prior to another regular PT treating the patient & subsequently hands the patient to the PTA? 2. Are PTAs allowed to see patients previously seen by a PT who is not on site or readily available by telephone, email etc., but has 1 or more other PTs readily available in the clinic? 3. May a PT assign another PT's patients to a PTA for treatment when the assigning PT has never seen the other PT's patients and that other PT is not readily available for contact/communication? Let's say the patients assigned are not @ the 6th visit. Is the PTA in this situation allowed to treat solely based on the plan of care and PT documentation in the chart or would he/she need a PT/PTA conference before any provided treatment? Teresa Maize will draft a response to Mr. Licausi.

The Board received a mailing from Palmetto providing their Policy Statement. No response is required.

Raymond Prince, PT asked if a PT with a provisional license under supervision can practice physical therapy in home health in an assisted living facility while the supervising PT is practicing at the same location. Al Moreau will draft a response to Mr. Prince.

Mireya Zapata, Regional Director, Activism & Long Term Services at National Multiple Sclerosis Society, is considering funding a pilot project in Louisiana that would connect persons living with Multiple Sclerosis in rural parts of the state with health care professionals that have expertise in treating multiple sclerosis. Multiple sclerosis is life-long, unpredictable and often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Physical therapy is an important part of health care delivery for persons living with multiple sclerosis as it can greatly improve a person's independence and quality of life by improving movement and function and relieving pain.

Physical therapy can help with balance problems, lack of coordination, fatigue, pain, immobility, and weakness. Zapata is asking if there are any prohibitions, either in the Louisiana Physical Therapy Practice Act or in other sections of Louisiana statute, that would prohibit physical therapists licensed in Louisiana from delivering physical therapy services via telemedicine to persons living with multiple sclerosis in rural communities in Louisiana. Also what steps the board would recommend if they chose to proceed with such a pilot or how one would go about expanding the scope of the Act to allow PTs to practice via telemedicine. Staff was asked to contact Mireya Zapata to make a presentation to the board.

John Ware, PT asked if a physician can write a referral for themselves. Staff will respond to Mr. Ware that he can accept the self-referral.

Tina Gualdo, PT emailed the board requesting Participation in a Research Study she is conducting for her PhD.

Sherie Callihan, PT asked if it is legal for a PT to recommend splinting equipment after doing a screening on a Nursing Home Patient or does a full evaluation need to be done before the recommendations are provided? Jerry Jones, Jr. will draft a response to Ms. Callihan.

Pam Janssen, PT requested clarification of placing a needle to do stimulation to the posterior tibial nerve as part of the process for e-stim for incontinence and overactive bladder is within the scope of practice act using the URGENT PC neuromodulation system is within the scope of practice. The needle is similar to an acupuncture needle. It is not used to inject or withdraw anything. There is one needle and one surface electrode used. Can I set this system up by inserting needle and use it? Al Moreau, Jr. will draft a response to Ms. Janssen.

Laura Bryant, Med., PT, Program Director at Bossier Parish Community College PTA Program forwarded a link to the Arizona PT site which indicated plans to address the NPTE fixed date testing. Louisiana has already addresses the issue.

Yoel Trenk recruits foreign educated physical therapists to bring to the United States. With the new rule changes, Trenk inquired about the process which included the letter for immigration purposes. The letter for immigration purposes is provided after required documentation has been received but the applicant has not yet applied for and been issued a Social Security Number or legal immigration rights. Upon review of the current template used for immigration purposes, attorneys for the board were assigned the task of review and editing the template letter.

Russ Gunter, PT, DPT reported a medical mission trip to Peru and asked if the board could forward details to all licensees. The board determined we are unable to comply with his request.

OTHER BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TASK TRACKER

Teresa Maize responded to Joy Helgerson, PT Regional Vice President of Operations at TherEX regarding their company drafting a company policy of their interpretation of the rules to distribute to their employees.

Staff registered Jerry Jones, Jr. as Delegate to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Annual Meeting, Teresa Maize as Alternate Delegate and Cheryl Gaudin as Administrator.

Al Moreau, III contacted James Dunning, DPT, MSc Manipulation Therapist, FAAOMPT, MAACP, MMACP (UK), requesting course seminar descriptions for DN-1 and DN-2 on the topic of dry needling followed by an online examination. Dunning indicated course participants would be awarded 54 hours of continuing education in dry needling after completion of DN-1 and DN-2.

Danny P. Landry, drafted the response to J. Parrish Tadlock, PTA who asked for clarification of

documentation of ambulation of a patient.

Contact Nicholas Butler regarding CLEAR NCIT Basic Training offering in Austin in May.

Glenn Ducote provided a copy of a response to Cecelia Congelosi, attorney for the Wholesale Drug Board in response to her request regarding a list of "legend devices and topical legend drugs which are employed in the delivery of physical therapy".

BOARD MEMBER MONTHLY CALLS

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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 - Chairman's Report
 - Treasurer's Report
 - ⇒ June 2012 actual vs. budget
 - ⇒ Securities
 - Executive Director's Report
 - ⇒ Expiration of provisional license after exam failure
- 7:00 Meeting with Shirley Bryan, PTA
- 7:30 Rules and Regulations Implementation Issues
 - Resolution
 - Acknowledgments Certification
 - Participation Agreement
- 8:00 New Business
- 8:15 Legal
- 8:30 Board Monthly Call Discussion
- 8:45 Unfinished Business
 - Task Tracker
 - Correspondence
 - Teaching Class
 - PT PTA conference
 - Nathan Jeane Request
- 9:15 Monitoring Disciplined Therapists Report
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- 10:00 Adjournment

LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

July 18, 2012

ACCEPTED

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ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the June 2012 board meeting were accepted as written.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jerry Jones, Jr. welcomed Kristina Lounsberry, PT who was appointed by the Governor on July 5, 2012. Kristina is co-owner of Industrial Strength Work Rehab Center in Lake Charles.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand for the month of June was \$911,675.70. Receipts for June totaled \$6,671.85 and expenses for the month of June totaled \$51,911.57.

The two CD's will mature in September and December 2012.

A previous motion was made to move \$200,000 from the checking to the savings account. Only \$175,000 was moved to the savings account to allow funds for payment of board expenses.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The board office received a call questioning the expiration date of the provisional license upon receipt of NPTE scores. As a result, motion was made by Donna "Dee" Cochran, seconded by Gerald Leglue; "Issuance of a 90 day provisional license will be for 90 days regardless if the scores are passing or failing. This decision is retroactive to the July 2nd administration of the NPTE." All in favor were Donna "Dee" Cochran, Gerald Leglue, Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Kristina Lounsberry, and Danny P. Landry. No one opposed the motion.

Staff reported converting all Adobe .pdf documents available on the web to fillable forms.

The Annual Attestation has begun and documents have been forwarded to the auditor for initial review.

Research for computer programmers who could maintain and edit the board's website and database have produced two vendors for consideration. In an effort to obtain a contract in a timely manner to meet the deadline for renewals in 2013, motion was made by Teresa Maize, seconded by Jerry Jones, Jr.; "Allow the board to enter into a contract with Killer Websites or 5 Pixels Studio for computer services not to exceed \$20,000." All in favor were Donna "Dee" Cochran, Gerald Leglue, Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Kristina Lounsberry, and Danny P. Landry. No one opposed the motion.

7:00 pm Meeting with Shirley Bryan - Discussion was held regarding Ms. Bryan's compliance with her Consent Order. After discussion, Ms. Bryan was scheduled to be at the August Board Meeting to provide proof of compliance with her Consent Order.

MONITORING DISCIPLINED THERAPISTS

Amy Stewart has completed the terms of her Consent Order with the board.

Staff will contact Joseph Health Clampit and schedule him for the August Board Meeting.

RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTATION

George Papale provided the following documents for Board review to be used as a Policy to address the Recovering Physical Therapy Program: a Resolution, the Acknowledgments Certifications, and a Participation Agreement. These documents had previously been discussed by a conference call with Jerry Jones, Jr, Cheryl Gaudin, and George Papale. Motion was made by Donna "Dee" Cochran, seconded by Teresa Maize; "To adopt the proposed Board Resolution for establishment and implementation of the Recovering Physical Therapy Program." All in favor were Donna "Dee" Cochran, Gerald Leglue, Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Kristina Lounsberry, and Danny P. Landry. No one opposed the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Danny P. Landry provided a copy of the APTA House of Delegate packet to all Board Members and Executive Director.

George Papale provided a copy of Act No. 276 from the 2012 Legislative Regular Session which addressed licensure issues for military individuals and their spouses. Cheryl Gaudin was asked to research the branches of the military for identification of physical therapy positions, what those positions are classified as, and what training and/or experience was required. The board may have to draft rules depending on the findings of the research.

LEGAL

Glenn Ducote, attorney requested to attend the Federation of Association of Regulatory Boards Attorney Certification meeting scheduled for October 5 – 7, 2012 in Atlantic Beach, FL. Motion was made by Donna "Dee" Cochran, seconded by Jerry Jones, Jr., "Approve Glenn Ducote to attend the FARB meeting held October 5 – 7, 2012." All in favor were Donna "Dee" Cochran, Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Danny P. Landry, and Kristina Lounsberry. No one opposed the motion.

Glenn Ducote reported an update from the Drug and Wholesale Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lacey Pierce, PTA works in a hospital with the state where they care for indigent patients an receive multiple scripts from physicians for Low Back Pain (LBP). Due to multiple no shows for evaluations, the hospital now requires the LBP patient to attend a Back School taught by a PT. The class gives basic mechanics and stabilization exercises for the Back. The hospital is now receiving multiple Knee and Shoulder scripts for chronic pain and wants to start a knee and shoulder class. Is it within the scope of practice for a PTA to teach one of these classes? Staff will respond to Ms Pierce.

Breanna Green, PTA requested suggestions for the weekly PT/PTA conference in a SNF where computer system documentation is used. Should the PT document in the daily note "conference between name, PT and name, PTA", without signatures or should the documentation be on paper then copied into pt's chart? Staff will respond to Ms Green.

Nathan Jeanne, physical therapy graduate from Sacred Heart Academy in Fairfield, Connecticut has been unsuccessful in passing the NPTE PT exam. Jeanne was allowed to sit for the PTA exam in Texas and granted a PTA license after passing that exam. Jeanne is requesting to be allowed to obtain a PTA license by reciprocity in the state of Louisiana. Per board rules, Jeanne is ineligible to reciprocate his PTA license as La rules require graduation from a physical therapy assistant program to be licensed as a PTA. Jerry Jones, Jr. will respond to Jeanne.

OTHER BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TASK TRACKER

Teresa Maize drafted a response to Katie Blanchard regarding clarification when a PTA works PRN in the hospital setting 1-2 weekends a month, is this PTA required to have a face to face with the PT on record if on visit 1-4, or does the full time PTA face to face with the PT following visit 5 (or

do both have to occur)? 2) Same scenario as above except a PT will see the pt following the weekend PRN. PTA and prior to a fifth visit. Does a face to face have to occur in this situation?

Staff responded to Sara W. Borne, PT with information required in discharge summaries.

Glenn Ducote responded to Martha L. Ellis, Case Manager, GoffWilson regarding the board decision rendered for Louisiana licensure applicant Ms. Alma Grace Masamayor.

Staff responded to Matt Pokorny, PT, DPT, OCS, ATC regarding the worker's compensation patient he fitted and provided a sacroiliac brace for indicating it is within the scope of practice for a PT to apply orthotics. However, the board can't address the issue of coding.

Teresa Maize drafted a response to Kim Licausi, PT reporting the majority of his questions pertained to billing issues. The Physical Therapy Board does not address billing issues and referred him to the hospital's billing and coding office for direction, or contact CMS or JCAHO. Information on productivity issues can be addressed in the hospital's billing and coding office, or with specific insurance carriers and CMS.

Teresa Maize drafted a response to Kim Licausi, PT who practices in an acute care PT setting addressing additional questions regarding PT/PTA supervision. Mr. Licausi was informed that many times it is the department supervisor who assigns patients to therapists and therapist assistants requiring the PTA to follow the documented plan of care. The patient conference does not have to occur until treatment has been performed for five consecutive treatment days by the PTA.

Staff responded to John Ware's question if a physician can self refer for treatment. The board determined that a self-referral is allowed.

BOARD MEMBER MONTHLY CALLS

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



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August 22, 2012

- 5:30 Informal Conference Case #20121019 Jerry Jones, Jr. Board Member
6:30 Call Meeting to order
6:35 July Board Meeting Minutes
6:45 Reports
Chairman's Report
Treasurer's Report
 - July 2012 actual vs. budget
 - SecuritiesExecutive Director's Report
 - La Attestation Questionnaire
 - Louisiana Physical Therapy Board Proposal
 - Electronic Dean Form7:00 Meeting with Shirley Bryan, PTA
Meeting with Joseph Heath Clampit, PTA
7:30 Rules and Regulations Implementation Issues
 - CEU credit for having a student
 - Cont ed hr for seminar presentation
 - Ethics requirement8:00 New Business
8:15 Legal
 - reciprocity Military
 - Military licensing
 - ACT 276 Military provisionRecess for the evening

August 23, 2012

- 8:30 Monty Warren
9:30 John McKowen, CPA
10:15 Board Monthly Call Discussion
 - documentation concerns questions addendum
 - documentation question concern8:45 Unfinished Business
Task Tracker
Correspondence
 - concern about d c recommendations
 - upcoming joint Board Chairs Administrators Session at the annual meeting
 - 2013 NPTE Fee Increase Deferred
 - Med Board AT Guidance9:15 Monitoring Disciplined Therapists Report
9:30 Investigation Summary Reports (one-on-one meetings)
10:00 Adjournment

LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

August 22 & 23, 2012 ACCEPTED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on Wednesday and Thursday, August 22 & 23, 2012, at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. Jerry Jones, Jr., Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Gerald Leglue and Danny Landry. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director, Glenn Ducote, attorney, George Papale, attorney were present. Advisory Committee Member Arma Veneracion was in attendance.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the July 2012 board meeting were accepted as written.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jerry Jones, Jr. reported the scheduling of Monty Warren's meeting with the board to discuss contracting with him to guide the construction of the board's new office. Warren is scheduled for Thursday morning to meet with the board.

7:00 pm Meeting with Shirley Bryan, PTA – Ms Bryan contacted the board to report she was unable to attend the Board meeting on Wednesday evening due to her husband's surgery that morning. The board questioned staff if Ms Bryan had complied with documentation required in her Consent Order. Ms Bryan did provide current home and work address, however, she has not forwarded documented proof of attendance at AA/DA meetings. The board asked staff to schedule Ms Bryan for the October board meeting.

7:00 pm Meeting with Joseph Clampit, PTA - Mr Clampit met with the board to discuss his probationary time and what measures he was taking to avoid future recurrences. Mr. Clampit has completed the terms of his Consent Agreement with the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand for the month of July was \$911,675.70. Receipts for July totaled \$9,639.86 and expenses for the month of July totaled \$31,827.41.

The two CD's will mature in September and December 2012.

The board discussed results of the Annual Attestation with John McKowen, CPA who conducted the audit. Discussion surrounded the OPEB category and the funds restricted to that category.

Motion was made by Teresa Maize, seconded by Jerry Jones, Jr.; "To accept the Attestation for the year ending June 30, 2012." All in favor were Teresa Maize, Jerry Jones, Jr., Al Moreau, III, Danny P Landry, Gerald Leglue, Donna "Dee" Cochran, and Kristina Lounsberry. No one opposed the motion.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Cheryl Gaudin presented the board with an electronic Certificate of Dean form submitted by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and suggested the board approve this electronic form of submission. The document contained all information required and included an electronic signature. The board approved acceptance of this electronic document.

Cheryl Gaudin obtained a listing of state contractors offering audio/visual equipment and contacted Audio Visual Innovators. Technicians came to the board office to determine the needs for a custom audio visual solution. The quote came in at \$22,220 for the solution. Decision for approval was tabled.

MONITORING DISCIPLINED THERAPISTS

Staff will contact Peggy Wilson and request she conduct a monitor visit with Stacey Andrus.

Staff will contact Anna Smith and request she conduct a monitor visit with Matthew Slimming and Miles Becnel.

Donna "Dee" Cochran will monitor Carrie Signal Jordan.

George Papale was asked to send certified mail to Shelly Sonnier in an attempt to obtain an update on her work status.

Anna Smith conducted a monitor visit with Kim Licausi. Smith reported it appeared Licausi was in compliance with the terms of his Consent Order.

Cole Padgett's sponsor submitted his monthly report on Cole's progress with his step program.

RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTATION

Anne Melvin, PT owner of Lagniappe Seminars inquired as to whether the courses she submits to the board for approval on an annual basis could be used toward her continuing education requirement for licensure. In review of the courses, it was identified that Ms Melvin developed these courses several years prior. While the new rules allow a license to obtain credit for developing a continuing education course and presenting that course, the requirement includes development of that course during the current renewal period. Staff will respond to Ms Melvin the result of her inquiry.

NEW BUSINESS

A meeting was held with Monty Warren, Beau Box Commercial Real Estate to discuss entering into a contract with the board to oversee the building project for the board. Additional information is necessary to move forward. Cheryl Gaudin will make the necessary contacts to move forward and report to the board.

LEGAL

George Papale reported receipt of a letter from the Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs indicating Act 276 of the 2012 Legislative Session should address two major problems in the state of Louisiana: veteran unemployment and spousal unemployment. Each professional or occupational licensing board is being asked to draft rules to address these issues. Cheryl Gaudin has conducted research to identify what action other states have taken as identical legislation was introduced and passed. Mr. Papale and Ms Gaudin will draft language for board review.

Glenn Ducote reported to the board that personal circumstances required that he resign from his position as legal counsel for the board.

The meeting was recessed at 10:30 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 am. June 14th. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Gerald Leglue and Danny Landry. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director, and George Papale, attorney were present.

CORRESPONDENCE

Brad Ciolino, PT reported his employer recently asked all therapists to avoid making specific recommendations regarding patients' need for SNF vs Rehab vs Home Health. Instead, the employer requested recommendations such as "continued therapy services" and allow Case Management (along with other disciplines) to make the determination where patients receive this "continued therapy". The concern is that this is unethical and goes against his professional obligation to the patients he treat.

Maggie Donohue, PT President of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)

reported on August 6, 2012, the Board of Directors for the FSBPT passed a motion to defer the effective date of the planned and previously-approved NPTE fee increase from January 1, 2013 to January 1, 2014. This means that the NPTE fee will remain \$370 at least until January 1, 2014.

The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners wrote a letter to the board reporting that certain professional groups and organizations are promoting athletic trainers as "physician extenders" and/or "orthopedic technicians." There were also instances in which athletic trainers in Louisiana held themselves out as "Athletic Trainer Physician Extender" and rendered services to a general patient population in an office setting and other practice settings based on their athletic trainer certification issued by the Medical Board. The letter indicated the scope of practice for an Athletic Trainer is limited to prevention, emergency management and physical rehab of athletics. Information purposes only.

Julia Thomas, PT Director at Slidell Memorial Hospital Outpatient Therapy, reported her staff is required to take an ethics course provided by The Louisiana Ethics Administration Program as they are considered public servants because who work for a Parish District Hospital. The course is entitled "2012 Code of Ethics for Public Servants" and is a one hour online training program. Ms Thomas inquired if this course would meet the ethics requirement for renewal of license. After review, the board determined the course offered by The Louisiana Ethics Administration Program would not be approved for credit toward the ethics requirement for renewal of license as it does not pertain to the profession.

Nina Dubret inquired if she completed requirements for being a Student CI and completed the form to receive continuing education credit, does she submit the form to the board? Rule 197.C indicates "Continuing education activities undertaken for the purpose of license renewal shall be maintained by the licensee in a file in which records of activities are kept, including dates, subjects, duration of the program, certificates of participation and completion, and any other appropriate documentation for a period of four years after the program date. Upon request, course or activity sponsors and licensees shall supply the board with such documentation. Staff will respond to Ms Dubret.

OTHER BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TASK TRACKER

Staff responded to the question posted by Lacey Pierce, PTA inquiring if it is within the scope of practice for a PTA to teach basic mechanics and stabilization exercises for the back or a class addressing chronic pain of the knee and shoulder. It was determined that it is not within the scope of practice for a PTA to teach these classes.

Staff responded to Breanna Green, PTA regarding the weekly PT/PTA conference in a SNF where computer system documentation is used. The documentation must be copied into the patient's.

Jerry Jones, Jr. responded to Nathan Jeanne, physical therapy graduate from Sacred Heart Academy in Fairfield, Connecticut that he is ineligible to obtain a PTA license in Louisiana without graduating from a CAPTE accredited PTA program.

Al Moreau, III spoke with Pam Janssen, PT regarding her request for clarification of placing a needle to do stimulation.

BOARD MEMBER MONTHLY CALLS

Dianna Parr works in a fairly large hospital in Metairie in an acute care setting where during a departmental meeting they were informed by the director (who is an OT) and the administrator (who is a nurse), that PT/OT/ST are not to document in their evals any D/C plans that specify what level of care the patient should D/C to. They were told to document continued therapy services (PT/OT/ST). It is then the decision of the case manager to obtain all necessary information to ultimately determine D/C disposition. Teresa Maize and Donna "Dee" Cochran consulted and Maize responded to Parr.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



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October 24, 2012

- 5:30 Case 2012I016 Maize
- 6:00 Case 2012I018 Jones
- 6:30 Call Meeting to order
- 6:35 August Board Meeting Minutes
- 6:45 Reports
 - Chairman's Report
 - Letter from Beth Ward
 - Chairman Letter to LPTA
 - Treasurer's Report
 - August 2012 actual vs. budget
 - September 2012 actual vs. budget
 - Securities – August & Sept
 - Executive Director's Report
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Provisional license issue
 - October PT exam score reporting
- 7:00 Meeting with Shirley Bryan, PTA
- 7:30 Rules and Regulations Implementation Issues
 - CEU Policy
 - Ethics Course
- 8:00 New Business
- Recess for the evening

October 25, 2012

- 8:30 Legal
 - Ducote Letter for Board
- 9:00 Board Monthly Call Discussion
- 9:30 Unfinished Business
 - Task Tracker
 - Newsletter/Direct Access Report
 - Correspondence
 - Practice act to forward to a practicing board member
 - Ashley Thomason - PTA - Questions (change employer info & ethics CEU course)
 - Practice act issue
 - Pharmaceuticals in the outpatient clinic
 - CBT Comments
 - DPT
 - face to face conferencing for PT PTA supervision LA
- 11:00 Monitoring Disciplined Therapists Report
 - Boyd Sexual Harassment
- 11:30 Investigation Summary Reports (one-on-one meetings)
- 12:00 Adjournment

LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

October 24 & 25, 2012 ACCEPTED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on Wednesday and Thursday, October 24 & 25, 2012, at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. Jerry Jones, Jr., Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 24. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Kristina Lounsberry, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Gerald Leglue and Danny Landry. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director and George Papale, general counsel to the board were present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the August 2012 board meeting were accepted as written.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jerry Jones, Jr. received a letter from Beth Ward, President of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association thanking him for efforts the board has made to work with LPTA. The letter to Ms Ward acknowledged the working relationship with LPTA on the recent Legislative Session and recognizing Cristina Faucheux for her role in that process.

Beth Ward also requested the board draft an article to be included in their next Bayou Bulletin issue addressing changes to renewal and continuing education. Discussion surrounded further confusing licensees as to the role of the Board versus the Association. After discussion, the board decided to offer the article printed in its recent newsletter with the caveat that it be prefaced with "printed with permission of the La Physical Therapy Board" and to include if there are questions, those questions should be directed to staff of the Physical Therapy Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand for the month of August was \$841,568.89. Receipts for August totaled \$13,952.19 and expenses totaled \$57,438.34.

Cash on hand for the month of September was \$816,573.89. Receipts for September totaled \$8,736.30 and expenses for September totaled \$33,703.30.

Teresa Maize reported several changes Chase Bank is requiring the board to accept. Some of these changes are causing additional and excessive work for Cheryl Gaudin who processes accounts receivable and accounts payable. Motion was made by Al Moreau, III, seconded by Kristina Lounsberry, "To research moving banking services from Chase Bank to another bank such as Iberia Bank, Hancock Bank, etc." All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Kristina Lounsberry, Danny P. Landry, Gerald Leglue, Al Moreau, III, and Donna "Dee" Cochran. No one opposed the motion. Cheryl Gaudin will research other banks services as this change in banking institutions includes the online commerce processes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Cheryl Gaudin reported a "thread" started on the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy administrator list serve regarding Letters of Recommendation. It was questioned if any state had ever received a negative recommendation letter and the value of those recommendations as a result. After discussion, it was determined no applicant would ask to have a negative recommendation forwarded to the board so that reinstatement requirement would be removed during the next set of rule changes.

It was reported that the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy schedule release of the PTA NPTE scores for November 4th which is a state holiday. Although, Cheryl Gaudin made the Federation aware of this holiday around the country, the reporting date was not changed. The board determined that since scores are released on the internet, board staff would not work on the holiday eliminating the need for overtime pay. Scores would be forwarded as usual on November 5th.

Cheryl Gaudin provided the 3 month and 6 month evaluation/Skill Checklists completed by the supervising physical therapists of Farah Candol Caballero. Several comments were made regarding the clinical competence of Ms. Caballero. One of the requirements for permanent licensure of a foreign educated physical therapist is completion of the required 1,000 supervised clinical hours with a favorable recommendation from the supervising physical therapist. Ms. Caballero's 3 month and 6 month evaluations indicated she required additional supervised clinical supervision. Ms. Caballero has since applied to Texas for a physical therapy license and been granted that license. Motion was made by Kristina Lounsberry, seconded by Al Moreau, III, "To deny licensure to Farah Candol Caballero." All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Kristina Lounsberry, Danny P. Landry, Gerald Leglue, Al Moreau, III, and Donna "Dee" Cochran. No one opposed the motion. George Papale will draft a letter to Ms. Candol Caballero.

MONITORING DISCIPLINED THERAPISTS

Cheryl Gaudin made several attempts unsuccessfully to contact Shirley Bryan to schedule her for a meeting with the board at this meeting. After review of information regarding the Consent Order with Shirley Bryan, motion was made by Teresa Maize, seconded by Gerald Leglue, "George Papale construct an Administrative Complaint for Shirley Bryan, PTA for failure to comply with stipulations in the consent order signed and dated June 1, 2011." All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Kristina Lounsberry, Danny P. Landry, Gerald Leglue, Al Moreau, III, and Donna "Dee" Cochran. No one opposed the motion. A Formal Hearing will be scheduled for the December meeting of the board.

Cheryl Gaudin reported forwarding appropriate paperwork to require a sample for drug testing from James Cole Padgett, Shirley Bryan, Robyn Alleman, Sarah Saenger-Ormand, and Stacey Andrus. Results of these hair sample tests have not yet been received.

Cheryl Gaudin reported David Watkins has not returned the Consent Order with the board he agreed to. Unsuccessful attempts have been made to contact Watkins by telephone and email.

It was reported Adam Lafleur had not complied with the term of his Consent Order which required him to submit an essay no later than July 13, 2012. At the direction of the board, George Papale will contact Lafleur by mail for follow-up.

RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTATION

Teresa Maize and Donna "Dee" Cochran review continuing education courses prior to the October meeting and reported a couple of providers were using the word count method to determine contact hours for home study material. Using the word count method eliminates the need to determine if pictures and illustrations were contained on pages of the text. The board agreed to incorporate this method in its CEU Policy which will be posted on the Board website for continuing education providers.

Donna "Dee" Cochran asked the board for its input on an Ethics course she reviewed and questioned. After review of the checklist from last year, it was determined the board had approved the course and would again approve the course this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Kristina Lounsberry reported that graduates and instructors of Physical Therapy Technician programs are using the title of PTA to identify the education they are receiving. These students are receiving a certificate for physical therapy technicians but are being told they are graduating Physical Therapist Assistants. A letter will be forwarded to all Unitech Training Academy locations defining the difference in educational levels between a technician and an Associate Degree PTA.

Danny P. Landry reported he read that all state employees which included board members, are required to complete the State Ethics course.

LEGAL

George Papale reported that La. R.S. 37:2405.B(4) indicates the board may "issue subpoenas to

require attendance, testimony, and the production of documents to enforce the laws and rules relative to the practice of physical therapy and to secure evidence of violations thereof." This statute does not authorize the board attorney to sign subpoenas on its behalf. Motion was made by Donna "Dee" Cochran, seconded by Danny P. Landry, "To authorize George Papale to sign and issue subpoenas on behalf of the board." All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Kristina Lounsberry, Danny P. Landry, Gerald Leglue, Al Moreau, III, and Donna "Dee" Cochran. No one opposed the motion.

The meeting was recessed at 10:30 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 am. October 25. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Gerald Leglue and Danny Landry. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director, and George Papale, attorney were present.

CORRESPONDENCE

Terese Ford, PT has a patient who has reached a plateau and was discharged. The patient continues to have pain flair ups and benefits from occasional Ultrasound (2-4 times per month). Can PT/PTA staff perform physical medicine on this patient under the care of the MD prescription? If we provide this care, the patient will not be billed for these services. Kristina Lounsberry will draft a response.

Ashley Thomason, PTA inquired how to report a change in employment and whether the board has an Ethics course posted on its website for licensees free of charge. Cheryl Gaudin will provide instruction on how to report a change of address. The ethics course is still in process, so information will be provided to Thomason to find courses approved on the board website.

Judd Patterson, LOTR, Director of Rehabilitation Services at Ochsner Medical Center Kenner wrote the board for clarification of an issue stemming from a recent citation from a CMS/DHH survey of their acute care hospital setting. One of their hospitals was cited for a PT not practicing within their scope of practice, because a physician wrote an order for "PT eval and treat". The PT evaluated the patient and established a plan of care. Treatment was initiated the next day based upon the plan that was established. The surveyor cited the hospital because the therapist did not get additional orders on specific modalities before beginning treatment. The surveyor interpretation is that treating from an eval and treat order violated La R.S. 37:2418.B. Is the PT acting within their scope of practice, receiving an order from an MD that reads "PT eval and treat" if they evaluate the patient establish a plan of care and then begin treatment? Cheryl Gaudin drafted a response which was reviewed and approved by George Papale then forwarded to Patterson.

J. Christian Armetta, SLP.D, CCC-SLP, Doctor of Speech-Language Pathology, Director of Rehab Services at Beauregard Memorial Hospital inquired about guidelines for the use of pharmaceuticals in our outpatient clinic located within Beauregard Memorial Hospital. Specifically, the question related to the storage of two physician prescribed medications: Dexamethasone and Hydrocortisone (prescription strength). Is the rehabilitation clinic allowed to store these prescriptions within the department under proper storage guidelines (i.e., locks, refrigeration, etc.)? Donna "Dee" Cochran will draft a response.

Rhonda Collins, Administrative Assistant to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy forwarded comments from the 3rd quarter National Physical Therapy Exam administration. Results indicated candidates were dissatisfied with the availability of exam sites and seats as well as the speed of processing applications to sit for the examination.

An anonymous licensee forwarded a flyer which had numerous references to a licensee using the title "Dr." with his name. The flyer clearly indicated the license identified himself as a physical therapist with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy and is in compliance with the La Physical Therapy Practice Act and Rules. The board determined there was no attempt to deceive the public with

the publication.

Nickie Wolfe, LOTR, Therapy Resource Manager at LHC Group forwarded a template they wish to use to document the PT/PTA face-to-face conference. The board determined the template/form provided was acceptable to scan in to the patient record and could be incorporated by reference; however, both the PT and PTA must sign the form. Cheryl Gaudin will respond to Ms. Wolfe.

OTHER BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TASK TRACKER

Cheryl Gaudin responded to Anne Melvin that while the new rules allow a license to obtain credit for developing a continuing education course and presenting that course, the requirement includes development of that course during the current renewal period.

Cheryl Gaudin responded to Nina Dubret that Rule 197.C indicates "Continuing education activities undertaken for the purpose of license renewal shall be maintained by the licensee in a file in which records of activities are kept, including dates, subjects, duration of the program, certificates of participation and completion, and any other appropriate documentation for a period of four years after the program date. Upon request, course or activity sponsors and licensees shall supply the board with such documentation.

Jerry Jones, Jr responded to Sherrie Callihan, PT addressing her question about a PT recommending splinting equipment after completing a screening or evaluation on a Nursing Home Patient.

Brad Ciolino, PT reported his employer recently asked all therapists to avoid making specific recommendations regarding patients' need for SNF vs. Rehab vs. Home Health. Instead, the employer requested recommendations such as "continued therapy services" and allow Case Management (along with other disciplines) to make the determination where patients receive this "continued therapy". The concern is that this is unethical and goes against his professional obligation to the patients he treat. The board opined the employer cannot require the therapists to make specific recommendations as they do not have jurisdiction to require this action.

Ann Melvin, owner of Lagniappe Seminars asked if she could use continuing education courses she developed to count toward her continuing education requirements for renewal of license. Staff research indicated a couple of those courses were developed three to four years ago. Rule 195.B.3.a indicates "The credit will be given only for the first time the course is presented, during the renewal period;" Cheryl Gaudin responded to Ms. Melvin.

BOARD MEMBER MONTHLY CALLS

Jerry Jones, Jr. received a call from Claire Joiner Guyton who requested he draft a letter to a proposed insurance carrier addressing her disciplinary action with the board. Jones responded to her request, however, Guyton contacted the board again indicating the insurance carrier was requesting additional information. Cheryl Gaudin responded to the request.

Teresa Maize indicated she received a call regarding PT/PTA supervision and whether the PT must meet with the PTA prior to the PTA beginning treatment. Maze indicated the PTA could begin treatment of the patient as long as the Plan of Care was written.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



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December 4, 2012

- 6:30 Call Meeting to order
- 6:35 October Board Meeting Minutes
- 6:45 Reports
 - Chairman's Report
 - Proposed Meeting Dates
 - Treasurer's Report
 - October 2012 actual vs. budget
 - Securities – October 2012
 - Executive Director's Report
- 7:00 Advisory Committee Appointments
- 7:30 Rules and Regulations Implementation Issues
- 8:00 New Business
- Recess for the evening

December 5, 2012

- 8:30 Legal
 - Proposed Consent Order Case 20121016
 - Malpractice guidelines
- 9:00 Formal Hearing Shirley Bryan
- 11:00 Meeting with Robyn Alleman
- 11:30 Board Monthly Call Discussion
- 11:40 Unfinished Business
 - Task Tracker
 - Correspondence
 - Letter from Cristina Faucheux
 - NICU setting question
 - Physical Therapy Residency CEU Proposal
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30 Monitoring Disciplined Therapists Report
- 1:30 Investigation Summary Reports (one-on-one meetings)
- 2:00 Adjournment

LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

December 4 & 5, 2012 ACCEPTED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on Wednesday and Thursday, December 4 & 5, 2012, at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. Jerry Jones, Jr., Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Kristina Lounsberry, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, and Gerald Leglue. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director and George Papale, general counsel to the board were present.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the October 2012 board meeting were accepted as written.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand for the month of October was \$776,885.16. Receipts for October totaled \$9,488.32 and expenses totaled \$38,137.60.

Discussion was held regarding the CD at Bank of Montgomery maturing on December 27th. Teresa Maize suggested rolling over the CD for the same time period if the interest rate offered is the same or better. The board concurred with Ms Maize.

The proposed budget FY 13/14 was provided for review. Motion was made by Teresa Maize, seconded by Donna "Dee" Cochran; "To accept the proposed budget with changes to legal fees of George Papale, Glenn Ducote, increase to salaries for the third position (investigator) and to add legal fees for the AGs office to cover cases in conflict of interest to the amount of \$15,000." All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Kristina Lounsberry, Al Moreau, III, and Gerald Leglue. No one opposed the motion. Cheryl Gaudin will prepare the budget documents to forward to the appropriate officials.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Cheryl Gaudin forwarded the letter drafted by Kristina Lounsberry to Unitech's three locations by certified mail as requested. Ms Gaudin was instructed to forward the Unitech link to PTA programs directors in the state.

MONITORING DISCIPLINED THERAPISTS

Cheryl Gaudin will contact Anna Smith and request she conduct a monitoring visit with Matthew Slimming and Miles Becnel.

RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTATION

NEW BUSINESS

Cheryl Gaudin provided a proposal from Susan Welsh, PT to write an ethics course. The course would be owned by the board, posted on the board website and available to Louisiana licensees free of charge to meet the ethics continuing education requirement for renewal of license. Motion was made by Teresa Maize, seconded by Kristina Lounsberry; "To accept the proposal from Susan Welsh to construct the ethics course for the board with a contract cap of \$10,000. Cheryl Gaudin is authorized to prepare the contract." All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Kristina Lounsberry, Al Moreau, III, and Gerald Leglue.

Proposed meeting dates for 2013 are:

January 16 & 17

February 21, 27 & 28

March 20 & 21

April 24 & 25

May 22 & 23
June 19 & 20
July 24 & 25
August 21 & 22
September 25 & 26
October 23 & 24
December 4 & 5

LEGAL

George Papale presented the proposed Consent Agreement to the board on behalf of Dana Altazan, PTA. Motion was made by Kristina Lounsberry, seconded by Al Moreau, III; "To accept the Consent Order for Dana Altazan, PTA." All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Kristina Lounsberry, Al Moreau, III, and Gerald Leglue. No one opposed the motion.

George Papale and Kristina Lounsberry presented a proposed action plan for processing Medical Malpractice Claims reported to the board. The board discussed and approved the action plan.

The meeting was recessed at 9:30 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 am. December 5. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Kristina Lounsberry, and Gerald Leglue. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director, and George Papale, attorney were present.

A Formal Hearing was conducted regarding licensee Shirley Bryan, PTA. Ms. Bryan did not show up for the hearing, resulting in the hearing being conducted in abstentia.

Robyn Alleman, PT met with the board at the conclusion of her probation time period. Ms Alleman successfully met all terms of her agreement with the board.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cristina Faucheux emailed the board with the following message:

"Thank you very much for the letter of appreciation that you all submitted to Beth Ward regarding the cooperation and communication you all received this legislative session from the LPTA. Beth shared your letter with me during the opening Board meeting at the LPTA State Conference. I truly appreciate all of the the patience, opinions, and suggestions that you all expressed to me as I navigated uncharted territory. Your insight and opinions helped me determine the role and stance that the LPTA should stand on specific issues."

Jessica Marloff, PT asked if a PT working in the NICU setting could assess and introduce/practice bottlefeeding with patients. Can the PT educate mothers on breastfeeding their babies? Donna "Dee" Cochran was assigned the task of contacting Ms Marloff and drafting a response.

Christopher Garcia, PT asked for clarification for clinical instructors providing clinical mentorship for Residency students and obtaining continuing education credit. Teresa Maize was assigned the task of drafting a response to Mr. Garcia.

OTHER BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TASK TRACKER

Teresa Maize provided the Dry Needling Education newsletter article for board review.

Al Moreau, III provided the Direct Access newsletter article for board review.

Donna "Dee" Cochran attempted unsuccessfully to contact Michele Walker, PT by work and home

telephone as well as by the email address listed in her record with the board in order to respond to her question to the board.

Kristina Lounsberry drafted a response to Terese Ford, PT that a physical therapist is required to have a written order to provide treatment. Please see Rule 305. In the provided scenario, the patient would need to resume physical therapy with a stated frequency of 2-4 times/month for pain control as ordered by the physician with records kept accordingly. This would occur regardless of billing. The term "physical medicine" applies to unlicensed personnel working under direct supervision of the physician outside of a physical therapy setting.

Cheryl Gaudin responded to Ashley Thomason, PTA with information on how to report a change in employment, that the board sponsored Ethics course is not yet available, and provide instruction on how to report a change of address.

Cheryl Gaudin responded to Nickie Wolfe, LOTR, Therapy Resource Manager at LHC Group the board determined the face to face template/form provided was acceptable to scan in to the patient record and could be incorporated by reference, however, both the PT and PTA must sign the form.

BOARD MEMBER MONTHLY CALLS

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m
