



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

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AGENDA

August 18, 2010 – Held at the Drury Inn and Suites

6:30 p.m. Call Meeting to order
Reports
Chairman's Report
Treasurer's Report

8:00 p.m. Recess for the evening

August 19, 2010 – Held at the Board office on Fairlane Drive

9:00 Rules and Regulations Update
Task Tracker

9:30 Unfinished Business
Dharmisha Naik

10:00 New Business
Correspondence
Amelia Embley Act 139
Pat Boulet medical license # for ordering ethyl chloride spray
Janet Crawford – reference to DR in literature
Babette Skipper – Act 139

10:30 Monitoring disciplined therapists

10:45 Legal

11:15 a.m. Adjournment

Investigation Summary Reports (one-on-one meetings)

LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

August 18 & 19, 2010

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on Thursday, August 18, 2010, at the Drury Inn and Suites Conference room located at 120 Alcide Domingue Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. Board members present were: Dan Wood, Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Dr Gerald Leglue, and Danny Landry. Glenn Ducote, general counsel was present

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

July 2010 minutes were not available for review as the Executive Director was out on medical leave.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dan Wood reported receiving numerous phone calls with questions about Act 139 which took effect August 15, 2010.

Discussion was held regarding the attendance and health of board member Al Moreau, Jr. Dan Wood indicated he would contact Al's son to discuss the issue.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial reports were not available for review due to absence of Executive Director.

Appropriate paperwork to redeem the CD maturing in August was forwarded to Jerry Jones, Jr. by the Executive Director prior to taking medical leave. The original CD document was signed by Jones, forwarded to Union Bank for processing, and the proceeds will be deposited into the boards checking account. Upon maturity of the CD, a search for a different institution with the best possible interest rate will be sought. The new CD will be opened with \$300,000.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Absent due to medical leave. Danny Landry took minutes of the meeting to provide to Cheryl Gaudin.

Cheryl Gaudin emailed foreign educated questions to address individuals already in various stages of the application process. The board determined applicants would not be seeking licensure in Louisiana from India, Pakistan, Egypt, or the Philippines. If individuals from these countries do make application for licensure, the board has discretion not to issue the temporary permit due to FSBPT decision to suspend offering the NPTE to individuals from these countries until the fall of 2011.

PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS/LEGISLATION

At the June board meeting, Glenn Ducote was assigned the task of drafting a declaratory statement to address changes of PTA supervision by Act 139. Cheryl Gaudin responded to Ducote's request to review the draft declaratory statement and comment. Gaudin responded with concerns and suggestions for inclusion to the draft of the declaratory statement. The board will revisit the revised statement at the September board meeting. Motion was made by Donna "Dee" Cochran, seconded by Gerald J. Leglue to: "Accept the proposed declaratory statement language and post on the board's website. All in attendance were in favor of the motion. No one opposed the motion.

General discussion was held regarding communication between the PT and PTA when supervising PT takes a day off and the PTA works with a PRN PT.

The board discussed transfer of patient care from one therapist to another and communication of the care of the patients with the treating PTA. Suggestion language for "when assigning care" to a PT or PTA not familiar with the designated care may help clarify the issue as well as communicating patient information essential for rendering treatment. This issue again brought discussion of the proposed declaratory statement to clarify Act 139.

A meeting was scheduled for the week following the board meeting between Cheryl Gaudin and Glenn Ducote to draft proposed rule language to address confidential reporting of a first offense of substance abuse. Gaudin emailed Ducote cancelling the scheduled meeting as it was imperative staff was briefed and provided necessary tools to continue the work of the board during her medical leave. Gaudin suggested Ducote draft the language

and submit to the board for review and/or approval in an effort to move the assignment forward. Ducote had not drafted the language and reported he would schedule another meeting with Gaudin.

The board meeting recessed at 8 p.m.

The board meeting recovered at the Board office located at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507 at 9:20 a.m. A quorum of members were present. Board members present were: Dan Wood, Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Dr Gerald Leglue, and Danny Landry. Glenn Ducote, general counsel and George Papale, attorney were present. Advisory Committee Members Dionne Francois and Allison Roux were present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS TASK TRACKER

MONITORING DISCIPLINED LICENSEES

Monitor reports were reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

Amelia Embley, PT requested clarification regarding conferences between PT/PTA. Is this meant to include outpatient therapists as well as inpatient? Also, how should the conferences be documented? Is in a daily note acceptable? Is there a required duration or can the therapist just document conference held with PTA regarding care? Teresa Maize will respond to Embley.

Babette Skipper, Speech-Language Pathologist, Administrator Good Samaritan Physical Therapy, Inc. requested clarification of 6th visit supervision/.assessment visit and questioned what is appropriate if the supervising PT is unavailable and the PTA's 6th supervision/reassessment visit is due?: Can another PT perform the 6th visit supervision for the PTA? Teresa Maize will draft a response to Skipper.

Patricia Boulet, PT reported her attempt to purchase ethyl chloride spray to use in her practice. The vendor is requesting the medical license number of the board member physician to be placed on file indicating the vendor may want to have a blanket order in case any other PT wants to order the same product. Can the license number of any medical doctor be given to satisfy this law or does it have to be the license number of board member Dr. Leglue? Glenn Ducote was assigned the task to respond to Boulet.

Janet L. Crawford, PT, DPT, Clinical Manager Minden Medical Center Rehab often reads articles in the field of PT that refer to therapists with DPTs as doctor. An article is being written about her for an upcoming newsletter. While Crawford was proofreading the article which indicated she has a Doctorate in Physical Therapy and a reference of "Dr. Crawford". Does this language fall within the rules of the board? Assigned to Glenn Ducote to respond.

Dorothy Dutro, PT, a contract PT for Plaquemines Parish Schools indicated her understanding that a Louisiana Licensed physician's referral is not required for evaluation but is required for ongoing PT services. A parent requested an out of state referral for her child. It has been my impression that a La. physician should write the prescription. Am I correct? Donna "Dee" Cochran will respond to Dutro.

Marc Gueniot, PT inquired about medicare changes taking place in October. Is there any documentation for the changes that therapists can view in order to prepare for the new legislation? Jerry Jones, Jr. will respond to Gueniot.

Greta Spengler, PT, DPT Advanced Rehabilitaion in Summerville, GA emailed the board for assistance with licensure questions. Cheryl Gaudin responded to Spengler addressing her signature and licensure designation. Spengler asked if it was appropriate to write Dr. Spengler, PT? Teresa Maize will respond to Spengler.

OTHER BUSINESS

LEGAL

Glenn Ducote was assigned the task of drafting a declaratory statement to address accepting out of state referrals from physicians as the medical board does not allow out of state physicians to write orders for in state patients.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

One-on-one review of complaints was held with individual board members.

Minutes submitted by
Cheryl Gaudin