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*Department of Health and Hospitals*  
***Louisiana Physical Therapy Board***  
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**May 22, 2013**

- 6:30 Call Meeting to order
- 6:35 Cristina Fauchaux request to address the board
- 7:00 April Board Meeting Minutes
- 6:45 Reports
  - Chairman's Report
    - Declaratory Statement regarding changes to renewal
  - Treasurer's Report
    - April 2013 actual vs. budget
    - Securities – April 2013
    - Motion to close MidSouth Bank account
  - Executive Director's Report
    - Renewal issues – payment issues
    - Renewal issues – lacking ethic course
- 7:30 Unfinished Business
  - Task Tracker for April 2013
- 7:40 Monitoring Disciplined Therapists Report
- 7:45 Correspondence
  - Endermologie for the use of massage 97124
  - LPTA Letter to the Board May 2013
  - Board question regarding PT discharges as it pertains to the age of electronic documentation
  - Look Up A License
  - PT Tech Supervision Rules
  - Request for Information
  - Scope of License
  - weekly face to face PT PTA case conferences
  - weekly progress notes
  - request
- 8:30 Legal
- 8:45 New Business
- 9:00 Statutes, Rules and Regulations Issues
  - electronic signature for CI hours CEU credits form
  - late fee
  - Question about late fee
  - Renewal fee
  - Failure of the NPTE 3 times
- 9:30 Board Monthly Call Discussion
- 9:45 Adjournment

## **LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD**

May 22, 2013      ACCEPTED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. Donna "Dee" Cochran, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Donna "Dee" Cochran, Teresa Maize, Kristina Lounsberry, Al Moreau, III. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director, George Papale, general counsel and Courtney P. Newman, attorneys were also present. Cristina Faucheux, Louisiana Physical Therapy Association Governmental Affairs representative was present.

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the April board meeting were not prepared for review as the Executive Director was out on medical leave.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Donna "Dee" Cochran reported a visit by Joint Commission at her facility brought to light an issue with the transition from annual renewal to biennial renewal. Cochran reported the board would have to develop a declaratory statement to post on the website to address these changes for regulatory agencies to understand steps taken during the transition. George Papale was assigned to draft the declaratory statement.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The financial reports were not available for review as the Executive Director was out on medical leave.

Motion was made by Teresa Maize, seconded by Kristina Lounsberry, "To close the MidSouth Bank account and keep the Chase account for board financial purposes." All in favor were Donna "Dee" Cochran, Teresa Maize, Kristina Lounsberry, and Al Moreau, III. No one opposed the motion.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Cheryl Gaudin reported at least 75 licensees that submitted renewal applications had not reported an ethics course. Attempt was made to contact these individuals to comply with the requirement unsuccessfully. Motion was made by Donna "Dee" Cochran, seconded by Teresa Maize, "Licensees that completed a renewal application but lack ethics requirement will be mailed a certified letter requiring proof of completion of an ethics course within 30 days of receipt of the request." All in favor were Donna "Dee" Cochran, Teresa Maize, Kristina Lounsberry, and Al Moreau, III. No one opposed the motion.

Cheryl Gaudin also reported numerous licensees still had not paid for their second year even though they received a text requesting they contact the board to complete this part of the renewal application process. Numerous licensees who made renewal application in the month of April also owed late fees for renewing late. Attempts are being made to collect monies owed to complete the process.

### **MONITORING DISCIPLINED THERAPISTS**

### **STATUTE, RULES, AND REGULATIONS**

Cristina Faucheux met with the board to report the outcome of legislative bills LPTA was following during the 2013 Legislative Session that would directly affect the physical therapy profession. Bills reported on were HB 606 sponsored by Representative Cromer: Provides with respect to Louisiana Workers Compensation Law; SB 198 sponsored by Senator Mack Bodi White, Jr. became SB 262 by adoption on the Senate floor: HEALTH CARE: Provides for the Louisiana Board of Emergency Medical Services was referred the Health and Welfare Committee – excluded AED and awaits governor signature; HB 355 sponsored by H. Bernard Lebas: CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: Provides relative to access to state prescription monitoring program information passed and becomes effective August 1, 2013; HB 312 sponsored by Representative Nick Lorusso:

MILITARY AFFAIRS: Provides with respect to time limitations for the renewal of licenses under the Military Service Relief Act, and HB 569 sponsored by Representative Terry Brown: PHYSICAL THERAPISTS: Eliminates restrictions on performance of physical therapy services without a prescription or referral which LPTA pulled in committee; SB 375 sponsored by Representative Frank Hoffman: EXCEP PERSON/DISABLED: Provides for the Early Steps childhood disability intervention program and authorizes a fee schedule known as cost participation for services of the program was sent to the Governor for signature.

Kim Cox, PT, MEd. Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education at Bossier Parish Community College asked if the board would consider allowing electronic signatures to the Clinical Documentation Form so the form may be emailed to clinical instructors. Cheryl Gaudin will respond to Ms. Cox.

Amanda Doyle questioned compliance with Rule 171C which requires applicants who have failed the examination on three occasions, to develop and submit to the board a written remediation plan for additional preparation in areas of identified weakness. Her question for clarification was with §171.C.1.e which indicates the applicant may choose to work as a technician, either as paid staff or volunteer, under the supervision of a board approved licensed PT. If she volunteered, how many hours would be required? After discussion of the issue, motion was made by Donna "Dee" Cochran, seconded by Al Moreau, III; "If an applicant who has failed the licensing exam three (3) times in a rolling twelve month time period chooses to work as a volunteer or a technician to meet one of the requirements of Rule 171.C, the volunteer/technician must complete and report 120 hours working as a volunteer or as a technician." All in favor were Donna "Dee" Cochran, Teresa Maize, Kristina Lounsberry, and Al Moreau, III. No one opposed the motion.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **LEGAL**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ken Jenkins, PT; Justin Reynolds, PTA, and Christina Mills, PT wrote to the board concerning the renewal late fees assessed for renewal application applied for in the month of April. Kristina Lounsberry will draft a template response to forward to each of these individuals.

Dr. Christian Armetta, SLP\_D, CCC-SLP Doctor of Speech-Language Pathology, Director of Rehabilitation Services at Beauregard memorial Hospital inquired if a licensed PT/OT are allowed to use the Cellu M6 machine from the LPG systems company (also known as Endermologie Treatment) as a tool when conducting a massage CPT 97124. Their therapists would use this machine as a tool in conjunction with his/her hands to improve joint motion or for relief of muscle spasm. Kristina Lounsberry will draft a response to Dr. Armetta.

Beth Ward, PT President of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association wrote a letter of thank you to the board for supporting HB 569 and being present at the Legislative Committee Hearing on May 1, 2013. Ward requests the support of the board to reach out to non-LPTA member therapists who may be interested in information regarding LPTA legislative efforts to remove barriers to accessing physical therapy services. Ward's letter indicated Cristina Fauchoux would be discussing this issue during her meeting with the board during her meeting with the board at the May board meeting.

Bert Lindsey, PT IP Rehab Services Supervisor at St Tammany Parish Hospital requested clarification PT discharges as it pertains to the age of electronic documentation. Teresa Maize will draft a response to Lindsey.

The Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) announced the launch of [www.lookupalicense.org](http://www.lookupalicense.org), an online service to provide the public with easy online access to verify the licensure status of a wide range of practitioners and providers. The intent of FARB's initiative

was intended to compliment the regulatory community and to protect the public.

Erin Comeaux reported she is a tech at a hospital requesting clarification if she can legally place a patient in a knee CPM without immediate supervision of a PT or without the assistance of a PTA? Also, is she authorized to place a patient in a CPM with the assistance of a CNA? Teresa Maize will draft a response to Comeaux.

Ira Jacobs, D.P.A., CP of NYS reported the Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State (CP of NYS) is preparing to implement a formal series of training courses for the many disciplines in the field of developmental disabilities. One of the purposes of our training is to provide therapists with opportunities to meet the requirements of their state licensing boards. Jacobs is requesting procedure for having the training courses approved by this board. Cheryl Gaudin will respond reporting the correct procedure for Course Sponsor Prior Approval.

Richard Villemarette, PT is looking for guidance to comply with the PT/PTA case conference requirement. Currently, they are documenting these meetings on paper but are in the process of making the transition to paperless documentation. The current software they use has a section on the note to document if a face to face conference took place but it does not allow for both licensees to electronically sign the note, only the one completing it. Is this in compliance with the rule? Teresa Maize will draft a response to Villemarette.

Abby H. Aucoin, MS, CCC-SLP, Therapy Manager at Central Control, LLC asked if the physical therapist must complete every 3<sup>rd</sup> progress note. If there is such a rule where can she get this in writing? Donna "Dee" Cochran will draft a response to Aucoin.

Noelle G. Moreau, PhD, PT Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at LSUHSC New Orleans campus indicated she will be participating in a research study, which is a joint venture with Columbia University, along with another therapist, Ashley Dew. They will be collecting data offsite from July 14-18<sup>th</sup> in Florence, Alabama. After contacting the Alabama board, it was determined that we would need temporary licensure for those dates, and they waived the licensure fees but request a written verification of licensure from Louisiana. The online verification was not sufficient. The request was for the board's consideration to waiving the fees for this project. Donna "Dee" Cochran will speak with Moreau for more information.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **TASK TRACKER**

The task tracker was not prepared as the Executive Director was out on medical leave.

### **BOARD MEMBER MONTHLY CALLS**

The meeting was recessed at 9:30 p.m.

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