



State of Louisiana  
Department of Health and Hospitals  
**Board of Physical Therapy Examiners**  
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**January 13, 2010**

- 6:30 Call Meeting to order  
6:45 Minutes of December 2009 meeting  
7:00 Reports  
Chairman's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Nov/Dec 2009 actual vs budget  
Securities FY 09/10  
Executive Director's Report  
La Travel Regs  
Driving authorization  
Changes to Reimbursement  
LSU PT students - motion
- 8:15 Rules and Regulations Update  
Task Tracker  
10:00 Unfinished Business

Recess for the evening

**January 14, 2010**

- 8:30 Legal  
9:00 New Business  
Election of officers  
Correspondence  
Chiropractic PT  
Physical Therapists and OASIS-C in Home Health  
Summit approved course Long-term Care Clinical Programming  
Board response  
Private Practice question  
dry needling Dr Jan Dommerholt  
Dry Needling K Sellers  
CBT Comments
- 10:30 Monitoring disciplined therapists  
11:30 Board monthly call discussion  
12:00 Lunch  
1:00 Investigation Summary Reports (one-on-one meetings)  
2:30 Work Session  
CEU review

LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD  
January 13 & 14, 2010

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on January 13 & 14, 2010, at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. Dan Wood, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Dan Wood, Jerry Jones, Jr., Al Moreau, Jr., and Teresa Maize. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director, and Glenn Ducote, Legal counsel were present. Advisory Committee Member Peggy Wilson was present.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the December 2009 board meeting were read and accepted as written.

**REPORTS**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Dan Wood, Jerry Jones, Cheryl Gaudin and Glenn Ducote will be attending the Federation of Association of Regulatory Boards Annual Meeting from January 29 – 30<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas, NV.

Dan Wood asked staff to contact DHH Contract Management to request the status of approval for a Request for Proposal for advertising services.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Cash on hand for the month of November was \$895,889.35. Receipts totaled \$90,103.78 and expenses reported for the month of November were \$36,321.04.

Cash on hand for the month of December was \$1,104,732.96. Receipts totaled \$247,272 and expenses reported for the month of December were \$39,290.15.

Motion was by Al Moreau, Jr. seconded by Teresa Maize, to accept the Treasurer's Report as given.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Discussion took place regarding new travel regulations established by the state. Glenn Ducote indicated this board is no longer required to follow those regulations effective January 1, 2010 when the new practice act went into effect. As a result, the board requested the Executive Director write a policy to address "reasonable" meal allowances and personal mileage reimbursement. The rate for meal allowances established by the board will be \$12 for breakfast, \$20 for lunch, and \$30 for dinner without receipts. The IRS rate of \$.50 per mile for mileage reimbursement was adopted.

Per Louisiana Property Assistance requirements, all board members, advisory committee members, staff and contract personnel who are reimbursed for personal mileage must have on record with the board an annual Authorization and Drivers History Report and have completed the Defensive Driving Course. Staff will collect the required documentation for review by the LPAA auditor assigned to the board.

Temporary permits are available for new graduates this year which presents the same issue addressed last year regarding the date the degree is conferred. Motion was made by Teresa Maize, "To issue temporary permits to graduating students of a CAPTE accredited program according to §133 and §151.A." All in favor were Dan Wood, Jerry Jones, Jr., Al Moreau, Jr. and Teresa Maize. No one opposed the motion.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**TASK TRACKER**

Jerry Jones, Jr. responded to Angela Skains question regarding what constitutes a legal PT order.

Staff responded to Lissa Dayton regarding flushing PEG tubes.

## **RULES UPDATE**

The board reviewed and discussed research regarding Trigger Point Dry Needling. Motion was made by Al Moreau, Jr. instructing the Executive Director and attorney to; "Draft rule language to address trigger point dry needling as an accepted modality procedure in the state of Louisiana, provided sufficient training has been completed." All in favor were Dan Wood, Jerry Jones, Jr., Al Moreau, Jr. and Teresa Maize. In previous board meeting discussions, Lacie Alfonso expressed opposition to the board taking this position.

## **MONITORING DISCIPLINED THERAPISTS**

Request Beth Wilkins monitor Sheryl Townsend.

Request Donna "Dee" Cochran monitor Robyn Alleman.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Election of officers was held as required by statute. Dan Wood was re-elected as Chairman and Jerry Jones, Jr. was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer.

The meeting was recessed for the evening at 11:30 pm.

The meeting was reconvened on Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Dan Wood, Jerry Jones, Jr., Al Moreau, Jr., and Teresa Maize. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director and Glenn Ducote, Legal counsel was present. Advisory Committee Member present was Peggy Wilson.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Rhonda Collins, Administrative Assistant, FSBPT forwarded the CBT Comment Summary and Candidate Satisfaction Survey Reports for the quarter ending December 2009.

Larry Wilkerson, CPA, VP and CFO of FSBPT forwarded to all jurisdictional members the 2010 budget for the Federation of State Board of Physical Therapy.

Erica Kinler, PT requested board opinion whether it is prudent judgment for a patient to receive both chiropractic care and PT care at the same time and would this be considered "double dipping" if the patient was receiving modalities and therex at both places? Al Moreau will respond to Ms Kinler.

Julianne Haydel, Haydel Consulting Services, LLC requested clarification regarding scope of practice for Home Health Medicare standards which allow a Physical Therapist to perform admission assessments. A section in the new dataset pertains to medications. Can a physical therapist teach about medications that are part of the care plan e.g. pain medications, wound treatments? The board's response is teaching about medications is the roll of nursing and not the physical therapist.

Becky Lege' previously posed a question to the board and received a response regarding documentation of the discharge summary in the home health setting when a patient is no longer receiving care from a physical therapist. Ms. Lege' emailed the board requesting additional clarification. Teresa Maize will contact Ms. Lege' to discuss the issue further.

Beth Winkler-Schmit, PT, Magnolia Physical Therapy addressed the practice of giving staff members that have PT orders free treatments as to not make it look suspicious to insurance carriers. The question is three staff members are receiving physical therapy 2 or 3 times a week for medical issues. If a physician orders physical therapy, is there an ethical issue billing their insurance carriers? The board's opinion is as long as a there is a referral for treatment, it is not unethical to bill the insurance carriers.

Jan Dommerholt, PT, MS/MPS, DPT, DAAPM president of Myopain Seminars, LLC requested confirmation that trigger point dry needling is approved to be within the scope of physical

therapy in the state of Louisiana. Staff will respond to Ms Dommerholt regarding the drafting of rule language to include trigger point dry needling as an acceptable modality in the state of Louisiana.

Kevin Sellers, PT requested clarification if dry needling is within the scope of practice for physical therapists in the state of Louisiana. Staff will respond to Sellers the board's position on the issue.

#### **BOARD MONTHLY CALL DISCUSSION**

The Board recessed to conduct one-on-one review of complaints with individual board members.

#### **LEGAL**

#### **WORK SESSION CONTINUING EDUCATION REVIEW**

The board adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Submitted by  
Cheryl Gaudin  
Executive Director