

**Louisiana Physical Therapy Board
Minutes**

Wednesday, July 22, 2015

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. A quorum of members were present. Board members present were: Chairman Al Moreau, III, Secretary/Treasurer Danny P. Landry, Don Cassano, Kristina Lounsberry, Elizabeth “Beth” Austin, and Dr. Gerald Leglue. Advisory committee member present was Christopher Franks. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director; Gabrielle Bellow, Student Worker; George Papale, General Counsel; and Courtney P. Newton, Attorney were also present.

Chairman Al Moreau called the meeting to order at 8:15am.

The board members reviewed the agenda. Chairman Al Moreau moved to amend the agenda to begin the board meeting at 8:15am and begin the Hearing at 10:00am. The board members voted and unanimously approved. Chairman Moreau moved to remove the 3:00pm discussion with Adam Lafleur from the agenda. The board members voted and unanimously approved.

The board members reviewed the minutes and approved the minutes as amended.

Chairman’s Report

The Board discussed conferences and trainings: FARB Regulatory Law Seminar, FARB Louisiana, FARB Forum, FSBPT Administrator and Board Member training, FSBPT Annual Meeting. The board members voted and unanimously approved Courtney Newton to attend the Federation of Association of Regulatory Boards (FARB) Regulatory Law Seminar Training in Denver to be held October 1 – 4, 2015.

Secretary/Treasurer Landry recommended that the Board attend national conferences on topics of public protection that are not necessarily related to physical therapy directly, such as the Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC). George Papale advised that if there was a public member position on the Board that the dynamics of the Board would change and reminded the board members that this would take an act of legislation to amend the Practice Act. Chairman Moreau recommended that the Legislative Task Force consider adding a public member.

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report

Secretary/Treasurer Landry reported the finances for the end of the month of June. Cash in the bank at the totals \$22,272.09. Income for June 2015 totals \$14,680.55 and expenses total \$65,985.41. The two Certificates of Deposit at Lakeside Bank total \$716,226.59. One CD earned \$317.10 in interest between 06/01/2015-06/30/2015. The starting balance on 06/01/15 was \$514,804.94, with an ending balance of \$515,122.04 on 06/30/15 and matures on January 15, 2016. The other CD earned \$99.00 in interest between 06/01/2015-06/30/2015. The starting balance on 06/01/15 was \$201,005.55, with an ending balance of \$201,104.55 on 06/30/15 and matures on April 15, 2016. The Business Savings account at Chase Bank is \$302,572.51.

The board discussed the need to adopt the fiscal year budget for 2015-16 at the next board meeting, as well as the budget for 2016-17. Secretary/Treasurer Landry and Advisory Committee Member Wayne Campbell will work on both budgets with Mrs. Martin. Kristina Lounsberry motioned to authorize the Executive Director to apply for extension for the fiscal year budget to be approved in August. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Austin. The board voted. Al Moreau, Danny Landry and Don Cassano voted in favor. Dr. Gerald Leglue abstained.

Don Cassano asked about the annual operating budget and asked the executive director to report monthly operating expenses to the board members at the next board meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Martin reported on the number of licenses issued in June 2015. A total of 35 applications were issued:

PTA's Licensed (all new graduates)

Kristen Barre, Fallon Blank, Ariel D'Amico, Ashley Dugas, Timothy Ethridge, Lacy Goree, Matthew Johnson, Aaron Kelly, Patricia LeBlanc, Brittney McClain, Danielle Middleton, Brittany Millien, Emily Moody, Michael Napolitano, Erica Racca, Sarah Saizan, Allie Schexnayder, Tara Sturgeon, Jaz'ell Williams. **Total: 19**

PT's Licensed(all Reciprocity)

Jaclyn Arpin, Jaimie Bender, Danielle Boggs, April Brown, Johnathan Cancienne, John Durham, John Henry, Juliana Holwey, Charles Ihli, Lori Joubert, Jodi Montagnino, Taura Olsen, Kimberly Phelps, Jeanette Reisz, Natalie Ryan, Anna Sanders **Total: 16**

The board members reviewed Advisory Committee Member Robert Montanaro's recommendations for Anna Stuienberg, a foreign-trained applicant whose FCCPT report did not show substantial equivalency to CAPTE accredited programs in the United States. The board members agreed with Mr. Montanaro's recommendations and asked the staff to provide the recommendations to Ms. Stuienberg.

The board members discussed the status of the Public Service Announcement. Don Cassano asked that request details of renewing purchases and future year media buy projections from Peak Media.

Mrs. Martin provided an update to the board on the website and recommended four topics for homepage news.

Mrs. Martin provided an update on her attendance at the Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services (EBAS) training. The board determined that the essay service is a very good option for protecting the public from unethical practitioners.

Mrs. Martin reported that in July Elizabeth Austin presented at the Shreveport Jurisprudence Seminar and recommended that the slide on medication review be removed from the presentation as to not confuse the audience or mislead them until something formal is presented by the Board. Mrs. Martin reminded the board members that a Jurisprudence Seminar will be held in Lake

Charles and in Lafayette. The Lafayette seminar will be held after the board meeting on Thursday. A postcard was mailed out to all licensees with notification of upcoming seminars.

Mrs. Martin reported that she attended the DHH Executive Director's roundtable meeting in July, which was to discuss legislative debriefing and a presentation by a technology firm, Teknaurus. In October the topic of discussion at this quarterly meeting will be to discuss banking and state compliance.

Mrs. Martin reported that she, Advisory Committee Member Robert Montanaro and Licensing Analyst 2, Danielle Linzer participated in an FCCPT webinar training to better understand the organization and their newly upgraded website.

The Hearing for licensee Ashley Wilkinson commenced at 10:20am. A hearing was held for violation of Ms. Wilkinson's consent order and participation agreement. After witness testimony, the Board voted to close for Executive Session. The Board came out of Executive Session and determined that the Assistant Attorney General would draft the decision for the Board to be reviewed and approved at the August Board Meeting.

The Board Meeting reconvened at 12:50pm.

The Board interviewed Candidate 1 and 2 for the Assistant Executive Director position at the board office. Candidate 2, Amanda Lafleur was selected to fill the vacancy. Chairman Al Moreau moved to allow Charlotte Martin to offer employment to Amanda LaFleur for Assistant Executive Director position with a salary not to exceed \$55,000. Secretary/Treasurer Danny Landry seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Legal Report

Mrs. Newton reported the Complaint Summary Report for the month of June 2015.

Newton discussed the draft letter to DHH requesting Rule Change for Minimum Standards in Home Health. The board decided to postpone submitting the letter until after the Rules revision for a comprehensive revision to be submitted.

Newton discussed the Cease and Desist Policy and possible board investigation. The Attorney General's Office has politely declined the Board's request to review all cease and desist notices prior to issuing.

Chairman Moreau motioned to move into Executive Session pursuant to La R.S. 42:16 for the purposes of discussing investigating proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct. The Board voted and all were in favor to move into Executive Session.

The Board exited Executive Session. The Board accepted the Consent Order of Pamela Hoffman Case # 2015I007 with the revision pursuant to the nature of the complaint submission. Al Moreau moved to accept the consent order for case #2015-I-007 with amended language to add that marijuana use was for recreational use and not associated with the practice of physical therapy. Elizabeth Austin seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Mr. Papale reported that he is working with Mrs. Newton on two hearings for the month of August.

Continuing Education Report

Since the previous board meeting, the Board approved 38 courses. The Board accepted all courses as approved. The average approval time for the month was three days.

1. www.physicaltherapy.com
Using Gait Analysis to Drive Interventions for Gait Recovery in Patients with Neurological Disorders
2. www.physicaltherapy.com
Pre and Post Op Physical Therapy Management for Patients with Breast Cancer
3. www.physicaltherapy.com
Medications in Aging Population
4. University of Wisconsin College of Health Sciences
Risk Assessment & Prevention for Workplace Injuries Part 1 Low Back & Part 2 Upper Extremity
5. Serespro
Return to Work Related Barriers when Rehabilitating Clients with Musculoskeletal Disorders
6. Senergy Medical Group
Integrative Health Conference and Biomodulator Training Program
7. Private Practice Section of APTA
PPs 2015 Annual Conference and Exhibition
8. GREAT Seminars
Safe Steps: Measuring Gait and Balance to Show Treatment Works
9. International Academy of Orthopedic Medicine-US
Diagnosis and Management of Recurrent Lumbar Spine Pain
10. Louisiana Workers Compensation Corporation
Measuring Success: Are Your Patients Getting Better?
11. Cross Country Education
Autism & Social (Pragmatic) Communication Disorder: A DSM-5 Update- Webinar
12. Replenish PDX Holistic Nutrition Lab
Holistic Nutrition Lab: Digestive Intensive
13. Institute for Natural Resources
Understanding Depression & Bipolar Disorder
14. APTA-SOWH
Pelvic Health Physical Therapy Level 2
15. RRCA (Road Runners Club of America)
RRCA Coaching Certification Program
16. CIAO Seminars
Dementia Therapy Solutions
17. RehabCare
Low Vision: Evaluation and Treatment Strategies
18. Summit Professional Education

- The Body-Brain Connection (Dynamic Brain-Based Interventions)
19. Innovative Educational Services
Brachial Plexus Injuries
 20. North American Seminars, Inc.
Advancements in the Management and Treatment of Spinal Cord Injury
 21. Peak Pilates with Mad Dogg Athletics, Inc.
Peak Pilates Comprehensive Level 1 Module 4
 22. Institute for Natural Resources
Diabetes: A Comprehensive Overview
 23. Herman and Wallace Pelvic Rehabilitation Institute
Differential Diagnosis of Chronic Pelvic Pain
 24. Herman and Wallace Pelvic Rehabilitation Institute
Sacroiliac Joint Evaluation and Treatment
 25. www.physicaltherapy.com
Advanced Electrotherapeutic Update
 26. www.physicaltherapy.com
Advanced Therapeutic Ultrasound Update
 27. www.physicaltherapy.com
So Your Patient has a Pressure Ulcer, Now What?
 28. Cross Country Education
Discover the Path to Successful Restorative Programs
 29. Cross Country Education
Successful Lymphedema Management & Complete Decongestive Theory
 30. Medical Minds in Motion
Assessment & corrective Exercise for the Spine
 31. www.physicaltherapy.com
Pharmacology Basics for the Geriatric Patient
 32. Medicvox/Atlas Medic
Maximize the Efficiency of Your Exercises: Optimization of Rehabilitation Equipment
 33. Summit Professional Education
Improving Behavior and Social Skills
 34. Neuro-Developmental Treatment Association
Treatment and Management of Clients with Brain Lesions Using NDT Handling Strategies
 35. ManeGait Therapeutic Horsemanship
Gaitway to the Brain- Build the Brain
 36. LSTEN- Region 8 PATH International Conference
Region 8 PATH Intl. Conference

Mrs. Martin asked if licensees need to submit an application for the APTA course for Ethics that is listed on the board website as approved. The Board determined that licensees do not need to submit for approval of the Ethics Course: Navigating the Regulatory Environment.

Declaratory Statements

Kristina Lounsberry moved to remove all declaratory statements with the transition to the new website. Don Cassano seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Legislative Task Force

Chairman Moreau provided the Board with an update on the Resolution (SCR 19). Mrs. Martin provided an update on logistics of the meeting from SSA Consultants, LLC.

New Business

Correspondences

Tim Burnell, PT asked questions related to Medicare. The board members will draft a response to the questions related directly to Rule regarding supervision and notify Mr. Burnell that the Board does not answer questions related to Billing.

Roger Martin, PT asked for clarification on Documentation Standards and the required components of an initial physical therapy evaluation in terms of e-documentation. The board asked Mrs. Martin to respond to Mr. Martin stating that this does meet the requirement if all components are in the documentation.

Paula Koonce, PT asked a question regarding a person in a wellness center. The board asked Mrs. Martin to respond to Ms. Koonce stating the Rule on physical therapy technician supervision and documentation (Rule 335).

Juan Gutierrez, PTA asked what the limitations are for PTAs on spine mobilizations according to the practice act. The Board asked Mrs. Martin to respond to Mr. Gutierrez notifying him that he is allowed to take continuing education courses on the subject but that PTAs are not allowed to perform spinal mobilizations at this time.

Shelley Foster asked about the rules concerning supervised practice. The board members will draft a response to the question to be reviewed at the August board meeting.

Becky Lege, PT asked two questions related to PTA Supervision. The Board asked Mrs. Martin to respond to Mrs. Lege's inquiries.

Old Business

LHC revisions to the letter were discussed. The board has decided to ask licensee Becky Lege to draft a statement for the board to review. George Papale and Courtney Newton will use the draft from Ms. Lege to draft language of the role of PT practice in all settings regarding medication review to be reviewed at the August board meeting.

The Board discussed the status of the Rules revision process and determined that the timeline should be extended a minimum of two to three (2-3) months due to the number of current priorities.

The Board discussed the investigator contract for Tracey Lobue. The Board interviewed Mrs. Lobue at the June board meeting and determined that she would receive the same rate as had been previously offered to contracted investigators. Mrs. Martin reported that the previous rate was \$23.50/hour not to exceed \$24,440.00 per year. Al Moreau motioned to offer Tracey Lobue

the same contract terms as Don Evans had before if her background check comes back clean. Secretary/Treasurer seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.