

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Minutes of the Board Meeting

March 27, 2007

The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy met on **March 27, 2007** at the Office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia for the purpose of conducting business.

Board Members Present:

Charlene Portee, P.T., President
John L. Cowherd, Consumer Member
Andy Ellis, P.T.
George Hamil, P.T.
Donald Walsh, P.T.
Patricia Willis, P.T.

Staff Present:

Becky Adams, Board Attorney
Lisa Durden, Executive Director
Dianne Walker, Applications Specialist

Visitors in Attendance:

Sue Lindebald, FSBPT
Senora Simpson, FSBPT
Sherwin Cabalza
Jan Porch, PTAG

AGENDA

1. Agenda was **approved** for the meeting.

2. A motion was made by Ms. Rosenbaum to **vote to post Rule 490-4-.02 (Continuing Competence Rule)** and to consider for adoption the accompanying policy at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willis. The Board unanimously voted to approve the motion. Prior to the vote, staff again reviewed correspondence from Sandy Capps, Stuart Platt and Brad Feemyer.

490-4-.02 Continuing Competence Requirements. Amended.

(1) The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy requires each licensed physical therapist and physical therapist assistant to participate in a minimum number of thirty (30) clock hours of experience per licensure period to promote continuing competence per licensure period. ~~The minimum number of hours is: 40 clock hours required effective January 2002.~~ The Board has defined the requirements for competence ~~competence~~ as planned learning experiences which have ~~has~~ content beyond ~~minimal educational requirements for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants~~ the licensees' present level of knowledge and competence which may be subject to audit by the board. Content of the experience must relate to patient care in physical therapy whether the subject is research, treatment, documentation, education, management, or some other content area. The purpose of this requirement is to assist in assuring safe and effective practices in the provision of physical therapy services to the citizens of Georgia. In the event that a licensee does not meet this requirement, the license will not be renewed.

(a) Continuing competence requirements may be met through the mechanisms identified in the categories, Class I and Class II.

(b) The ~~forty (40)~~ thirty (30) hours of continuing competence requirements per biennium include a minimum of four (4) contact hours specifically in ethics and jurisprudence as defined in the Georgia Physical Therapy Act or by passage of the Georgia Jurisprudence

Examination. Passage of the examination is equivalent to the four (4) hour requirement.

(c) The total hours required biennially for continuing competence may be distributed between Class I and Class II activities, ~~beginning January 2000. Until January 2000, all hours must be obtained through Class I activities. Effective January 2000 and January 2002, a~~ A maximum of 10 hours may be obtained through Class II activities. All required hours may be met through Class I activities. Competence credit is the clock hours spent in an activity except as noted below. Any Class I activity without a stated maximum number of hours may be used to accrue all required hours.

(d) A maximum of ten (10) continuing competence credit hours will be accepted per calendar day.

(2) Class I and Class II acceptable continuing competence evidence shall be: credit may be awarded to programs approved by the board by policy.

~~(a) Peer review of practice with verification of acceptable practice by a recognized entity continuing competence credit is 30 hours per review;~~

~~(b) Courses, seminars, workshops, and symposia attended by the licensee which have been approved for continuing education units (CEUs) by appropriate CEU agencies;~~

~~(c) Courses, seminars, workshops, and symposia attended by the licensee and approved by the recognized health related organizations. Colleges and universities are considered health related organizations;~~

~~(d) Home study courses or courses offered through electronic media that include objectives and verification of satisfactory completion of the course;~~

~~(e) University credit courses; Continuing competence credit is 12 hours per semester credit hour;~~

~~(f) Participation as a presenter, through a peer review process, in continuing education courses, workshops, seminars or symposia which have been approved by the approved list above; Continuing competence credit is based on contact hours and may not exceed 20 hours per topic;~~

~~(g) Authorship of a presented scientific poster, scientific platform presentation or published article undergoing peer review; Continuing competence credit is 10 hours per event and may not exceed 30 hours;~~

~~(h) Teaching a physical therapy or physical therapist assistant credit course when that teaching is an adjunct responsibility and not the primary employment; Continuing competence credit is based on contact hours not to exceed 30 hours;~~

~~(i) Certification of clinical specialization by the America Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. Continuing competence credit is 30 hours and is recognized only in the biennium in which certification or recertification is awarded.~~

~~(3) Class II acceptable continuing competence evidence shall be:~~

~~(a) Self instruction from reading professional literature; Continuing competence credit is limited to a maximum of one (1) hour;~~

~~(b) Attendance at a scientific poster session, lecture, panel, symposium or university course that does not meet the criteria for Class I; Continuing competency credit is one hour per hour of activity;~~

~~(c) Acting as a clinical education instructor for an accredited physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program; Continuing competence credit is one (1) hour per eight (8) contact hours;~~

~~(d) Acting as a clinical instructor or an intern for a formal, nonacademic, advanced clinical internship or as a mentor or a learner for a formal, nonacademic mentorship; Continuing competence credit is one (1) hour per eight (8) contact hours.~~

(3) Unacceptable activities for continuing competence include, but are not limited to:

(a) Orientation and in-service programs;

- (b) Meetings for purposes of policy decisions;
- (c) Non-educational meeting at annual association, chapter or organization meetings;
- (d) Entertainment or recreational meeting or activities;
- (e) Committee meetings, holdings of offices, serving as an organization delegate;
- (f) Visiting exhibits;
- (g) CPR.

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- ~~(b) Meetings for purposes of policy decisions;~~
- ~~(c) Non-educational meeting at annual association, chapter or organization meetings;~~
- ~~(d) Entertainment or recreational meeting or activities;~~
- ~~(e) Committee meetings, holdings of offices, serving as a organization delegate;~~
- ~~(f) Visiting exhibits;~~

(4) Continuing competence requirements shall apply within the first biennium that a physical therapist/physical therapist assistant is licensed in Georgia. However, licensees who have graduated during the current renewal biennium and who have passed the National Physical Therapy Examination are exempt from the continuing competence requirement during the biennium in which they have graduated and successfully passed the exam.

(5) Applicants approved for initial licensure by examination are not required to accrue continuing competence hours for the biennium in which initial licensure occurred. Individuals licensed during the last six (6) months of a biennium renewal period will not be required to meet continuing competence requirements for that biennium.

~~(6) Procedure for verifying with the Board that the continuing competence requirements have been met:~~

~~(a) Maintain a signed peer review report or an official program or outline of the course attended or taught or copy of the publication which clearly shows that the objectives and content were related to patient care in physical therapy and shows the number of contact hours, as appropriate. The information also should clearly identify the licensee's responsibility in teaching or authorship. These records should be maintained in the licensee's personal files for no less than three (3) years from the beginning date of the licensure period through the even numbered year after the license is renewed.~~

~~(b) Maintain a CEU certificate or verification of completion of home study which identifies the sponsoring entity that can be contacted during an audit, or maintain a copy of the final grade report in the case of a University credit course(s), or specialization certificate, or proof of attendance with a copy of the program for the other acceptable Class I or II activities, or documentation of self-instruction or reading professional literature. These records should be maintained by the licensee for no less than three (3) years from the beginning date of the licensure period.~~

~~(c) Complete the Verification of Continuing Competence form as instructed and mail to the Board office with the renewal card, if audited. The Verification of Continuing Competence form will be mailed to the licensee with the renewal notice, if audited. These records should be maintained in the licensee's personal files for no less than three (3) years from the beginning date of the licensure period through the even numbered year after the license is renewed. Individuals who have been reinstated within the last six (6) months of a biennium renewal period may use the continuing competence coursework used for reinstatement, thereby making them exempt from the requirement for that biennium renewal period.~~

~~(7) Responsibilities of Licensee:~~

~~(a) To maintain the documents identified in number (6) above for no less than three (3) years from the beginning date of the licensure period. These records should be maintained in the licensee's personal files for~~

no less than three (3) years from the beginning date of the licensure period through the even numbered year after the license is renewed.

~~(b) To submit a properly completed and notarized "Verification of Competence Education" form to the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy, if audited.~~

~~(c) To complete all steps necessary to meet the relicensure requirements on or before October 31st of the odd numbered years.~~

~~(d) To provide the Board with information requested during an audit.~~

~~(e) To keep a current mailing address on file with the Licensing Board Office at all times.~~

Those licensees selected for audit shall submit the Verification of Continuing Competence form and documentation of compliance upon receipt of notice. Acceptable documentation shall include:

(a) An official program or outline of the course attended or taught or a copy of the publication which clearly shows that the objectives and content were related to patient care in physical therapy and shows the number of contact hours, as appropriate. The information also should clearly identify the licensee's responsibility in teaching or authorship; and,

(b) A CEU certificate or verification of completion of home study which identifies the sponsoring entity or maintain a copy of the final grade report in the case of a University credit course(s), or specialization certificate, or proof of attendance with a copy of the program for the other acceptable activities, or documentation of self-instruction or reading professional literature; or,

(c) Verification of a peer review of practice with verification of acceptable practice by a recognized entity. An example of a recognized entity is the American Physical Therapy Association Board Policy (See APTA Policy G03-05-15-40).

(8) Responsibilities of the Board Licensee:

(a) To maintain the licensure status of all licensees. To maintain the documents identified in number (5) above for no less than three (3) years from the beginning date of the licensure period. These records should be maintained in the licensee's personal files for no less than three (3) years from the beginning date of the licensure period through the even numbered year after the license is renewed.

(b) To perform audits of licensees' personal records which support information given on the "Verification of Continuing Competence" form submitted to the Board by the licensees. To submit a properly completed and notarized "Verification of Competence Education" form to the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy, if audited.

(c) To mail "Verification of Continuing Competence" forms to licensees prior to October 31st, of odd numbered years, if audited. To complete all steps necessary to meet the relicensure requirements on or before December 31st of the odd numbered years.

(d) To provide the Board with information requested during an audit.

(e) To keep a current mailing address on file with the Licensing Board Office at all times.

(9) Each licensee must assume full responsibility for meeting the relicensure requirements according to these rules. In the event that a licensee does not meet these requirements, the license will not be renewed.

(10) The Board will perform periodic audits for the purpose of assuring the public of its protection.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§43-1-25, 43-33-10, and 43-33-16.

Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy Continuing Competence Policy

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The following programs may be considered for Class I approval:

- (a) Programs approved by the American Physical Therapy Association and its affiliate components; or
- (b) Programs approved by the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia or any other state chapters; or
- (c) Programs approved by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy; or
- (d) Programs provided at CAPTE-Accredited colleges and universities with programs in physical therapy when the continuing competency course is held under the auspices of the school of physical therapy; or
- (e) Programs provided by the American Academy of Physical Therapy; or
- (f) Programs approved by another state board; or
- (g) Programs provided at JCAHO-accredited healthcare organizations; or
- (h) Programs provided by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons; or
- (i) Programs provided by the National Athletic Trainers Association; or
- (j) Programs provided by the American Dental Association; or
- (k) Programs provided by the American Association of Nurses; or
- (l) Programs provided by the American Occupational Therapy Association; or
- (m) Fifteen (15) hours for undergoing a peer review; or
- (n) Ten (10) hours for conducting a peer review when that activity is an adjunct responsibility and not the primary employment; or
- (o) Participation as a presenter for continuing education courses, workshops, seminars or symposia which have been approved by the approved list above; Continuing competence credit is based on contact hours and may not exceed 10 hours per topic;
- (p) Authorship of a presented scientific poster, scientific platform presentation or published article; Continuing competence credit is 10 hours per event and may not exceed 20 hours;
- (q) Teaching a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant credit course when that teaching is an adjunct responsibility and not the primary employment; Continuing competence credit is based on contact hours not to exceed 20 hours;
- (r) Certification of clinical specialization by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. Continuing competence credit is 30 hours and is recognized only in the biennium in which certification or recertification is awarded.

The following programs may be considered for Class II approval (limited to 10 hours):

- (a) Self- instruction from reading professional literature; Continuing competence credit is limited to a maximum of five (5) hours; or
- (b) Attendance at a scientific poster session, lecture, panel, symposium or university course that does not meet the criteria for Class I; Continuing competency credit is one hour per contact hour of activity; or
- (c) Acting as a clinical education instructor for an accredited physical therapist or physical therapist assistant educational program; Continuing competence credit is one (1) hour per eight (8) contact hours; or
- (d) Acting as a clinical instructor or an intern for a formal, nonacademic, advanced clinical internship or as a mentor or a learner for a formal, nonacademic mentorship.

3. Ms. Portee discussed the APTA survey. Currently, there is no title protection for PT or DPT. Ms. Adams agreed to review the FCPT model in the 4th Edition of the Model Practice Act.
4. The Board discussed possible legislation to limit the number of times a candidate may take the national PT exam and be licensed in Georgia. In presenting proposed legislation it may be a good idea to look at what neighboring states are doing. Becky Adams agreed to research this issue.
5. Ms. Portee conveyed to the FCPT Board that the Neurology section is working on a position statement regarding vestibular disorders in response to audiology legislation.
6. FSBPT Motion DEL07-01 (Limiting Consecutive years on the Board of Directors) was discussed. The voting delegate must vote on this issue and return the paper ballot by May 1, 2007. Ms. Willis made a motion that the Board recommend to its voting member that she vote to **OPPOSE** this Motion as it did not limit the number of years a board member could serve; the motion was seconded by Mr. Walsh. The Board unanimously voted to approve the motion.
7. Mr. Hamil made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2007 Board meeting as amended; Mr. Cowherd seconded the motion. The Board voted to **approve the minutes as amended**.
8. Correspondence from Will Duncan was viewed as informational.
9. The Board reviewed information received from the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners regarding a lawsuit involving a Physical Therapist. This information was referred to the Cognizant member for further investigation.
10. Correspondence reviewed from Stuart Fife. The Board directed staff to send a letter of acknowledgement to Mr. Fife.
11. Board considered request from Lisa Smith regarding whether or not a four hour CPR renewal course would qualify for Class I Continuing Competence hours. Ms. Willis made a motion to deny this request for continuing competence credit; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted that this class **would not be approved** for continuing competence credit, thereby, denying the request.
12. SB 102 was reviewed as informational.
13. GHEAC Notice of Borrower Default on Repayment of Student Loan received for **Lee A. Chamlee, PTA001933, and Celisha L. Solomon, PTA002041**. Mr. Ellis made a motion to suspend the two licenses for failure to repay a student loan, and further move that this suspension will cease upon receipt by the Joint Secretary of a "Notice of Release" from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation; Mr. Hamil seconded the motion. The Board voted to **suspend** both licenses.
14. Board considered waiver request from Preeti Matneja regarding rule 480-2-.04. Ms. Rosenbaum made a motion to deny the request for waiver; Mr. Hamil seconded the motion. Board voted to **deny** request for waiver and request more clarification from the exam section regarding what were considered to be passing PES scores in 1995.

14. HB801 – Rules Committee had a conference call on March 14, 2007. The committee discussed concerns and views from PTAG and APTA on passing of HB801. Discussed letter from Trisha Downing dated January 16, 2007; this was referred back to Becky Adams for more guidance. This committee will schedule another conference call to discuss this matter as it relates to the P.T. rules.

15. Information from Massage Therapy Board was reviewed. Information will be mailed to all licensed Physical Therapists and Physical Therapy Assistants concerning licensure of massage therapists.

16. Response received from Mike Cantrell regarding Physician Owned Physical Therapy Services. The Board directed staff to send a letter to Mr. Cantrell to explaining that the Board has addressed his letter and that the Board can only act on a specific complaint against a PT engaged in illegal or unethical practice.

17. The Board reviewed a request from Candice Goch requesting approval for Continuing Competence credit for YogaFit. Ms. Rosenbaum made a motion to deny the request; Ms. Willis seconded the motion. The Board voted to **deny** the request.

18. Mr. Hamil made a motion to ratify the newly licensed Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants (January 16, 2007 – March 15, 2007) ; Mr. Cowherd seconded the motion. The Board voted to **ratify** the licenses.

License

License No	Licensee Name	License Type	Issue Date
PT008951	Kwan, Karen Mae Pulvera	Physical Therapist	1/24/2007
PT008952	Lorden, Heather Ann	Physical Therapist	1/24/2007
PT008953	Schroeder, Michele Marie	Physical Therapist	1/24/2007
PT008954	McGinty, Joshua Daniel	Physical Therapist	1/24/2007
PT008955	Wixson, Timothy Alan	Physical Therapist	1/24/2007
PT008956	Yun, Julie Sehee	Physical Therapist	1/24/2007
PT008957	McDougall, Malcolm James	Physical Therapist	1/29/2007
PT008958	Kist, Bryan W	Physical Therapist	1/30/2007
PT008959	Lamb, Derek Martin	Physical Therapist	1/31/2007
PT008960	Cain, Jason Matthew	Physical Therapist	2/1/2007
PT008961	Belcher, John Russell	Physical Therapist	2/1/2007
PT008962	Champion, Crystal Ann	Physical Therapist	2/1/2007
PT008963	Colyer, Laurie Michelle	Physical Therapist	2/1/2007
PT008964	Brown, Lacie Leigh	Physical Therapist	2/1/2007
PT008965	Jackson, Brandie Lanae	Physical Therapist	2/2/2007
PT008966	Brown, Allison Leigh	Physical Therapist	2/7/2007
PT008967	Hamm, Tonya Lynn	Physical Therapist	2/7/2007
PT008968	Proctor, Amanda Nicole	Physical Therapist	2/9/2007
PT008969	Brown, Stacey Elizabeth	Physical Therapist	2/9/2007
PT008970	Cowart, Reginald C. II	Physical Therapist	2/9/2007
PT008971	Houman, Sarah Kathryn	Physical Therapist	2/9/2007
PT008972	Niedzwiecki, Karla Therese	Physical Therapist	2/9/2007
PT008973	Klinger, D'Anna Nicole	Physical Therapist	2/9/2007
PT008974	Magaw, Erin Amayi	Physical Therapist	2/9/2007
PT008975	Wisham, Jennifer Ann	Physical Therapist	2/12/2007
PT008976	Margeson, Christian E.	Physical Therapist	2/13/2007
PT008977	Thernelan, Karen	Physical Therapist	2/22/2007
PT008978	Anderson, Emily Reid	Physical Therapist	2/23/2007

PT008979	McMillan, Ashley Michelle	Physical Therapist	2/23/2007
PT008980	Earle, Sarah Jane	Physical Therapist	2/23/2007
PT008981	Hollister, Lindsey Jane	Physical Therapist	2/23/2007
PT008982	Blaser, Miranda May	Physical Therapist	2/23/2007
PT008983	Kim, Ashley Jungeun	Physical Therapist	2/23/2007
PT008984	Posey, Steven Glen	Physical Therapist	2/23/2007
PT008985	Wagner, Kathryn Ann	Physical Therapist	2/23/2007
PT008986	Arnold, Lindsey Marie	Physical Therapist	2/23/2007
PT008987	Moyer, Skip Allen	Physical Therapist	3/1/2007
PT008988	Hawkins, Elizabeth Marie	Physical Therapist	3/5/2007
PT008989	Smith, Allison Nicole	Physical Therapist	3/5/2007
PT008990	Stone, Leslie N	Physical Therapist	3/5/2007
PT008991	Hall, Dustin James	Physical Therapist	3/5/2007
PT008992	Facciolo, Lindsey	Physical Therapist	3/5/2007
PT008993	Elder, Lisa Alt	Physical Therapist	3/6/2007
PT008994	Dickerson, Lisa A	Physical Therapist	3/8/2007
PT008995	Perkins, Patricia Ann	Physical Therapist	3/9/2007
PT008996	Mitchell, Anna Lee	Physical Therapist	3/9/2007
PT008997	Thibodeaux, Erin C	Physical Therapist	3/9/2007
PT008998	Brannon, Dorothy Annis	Physical Therapist	3/9/2007
PT008999	Brunette, Rachel Elizabeth	Physical Therapist	3/9/2007

**License
No**

Licensee Name

License Type

Issue Date

PTA002335	Brooks, Heather Anne	Physical Therapist Assistant	1/22/2007
PTA002336	Morgan, Tim A	Physical Therapist Assistant	1/23/2007
PTA002337	Bradford, Jessica Nicole	Physical Therapist Assistant	1/24/2007
PTA002338	Fuller, Amber Cecile	Physical Therapist Assistant	1/24/2007
PTA002339	Shaw, Kelli DeAnne	Physical Therapist Assistant	1/26/2007
PTA002340	Jackson, Laura R	Physical Therapist Assistant	1/26/2007
PTA002341	Maynard, Michele Elizabeth	Physical Therapist Assistant	1/30/2007
PTA002342	Brown, Amy Hollis	Physical Therapist Assistant	2/1/2007
PTA002343	Edwards, Rachel Amanda	Physical Therapist Assistant	2/1/2007
PTA002344	Gensman, Betty B	Physical Therapist Assistant	2/7/2007
PTA002345	Jean-Louis, Gustave Fils	Physical Therapist Assistant	2/8/2007
PTA002346	Buckhalter, Bethany Carrie	Physical Therapist Assistant	2/9/2007
PTA002347	Tate, Amber Lynn	Physical Therapist Assistant	2/9/2007
PTA002348	Powe, Janet Amelia	Physical Therapist Assistant	2/12/2007
PTA002349	Stokes, Marydon Virginia	Physical Therapist Assistant	2/12/2007
PTA002350	Jenkins, Keisha Rochelle	Physical Therapist Assistant	2/13/2007
PTA002351	Isackson, Scott Ira	Physical Therapist Assistant	2/14/2007
PTA002352	Bell, Twandolyn Jackson	Physical Therapist Assistant	2/23/2007
PTA002353	Marsh, Regina Renae	Physical Therapist Assistant	2/23/2007
PTA002354	Collier, Carye LeShan	Physical Therapist Assistant	2/23/2007
PTA002355	Dodson, Sue B	Physical Therapist Assistant	2/23/2007
PTA002356	Higdon, Kristen Marie	Physical Therapist Assistant	2/23/2007
PTA002357	Hoeft, Omanda Alisha	Physical Therapist Assistant	2/23/2007
PTA002358	Deason, Randall Paul	Physical Therapist Assistant	3/1/2007
PTA002359	Jensen, Larry Richard	Physical Therapist Assistant	3/2/2007
PTA002360	Pate, Ivan Richard	Physical Therapist Assistant	3/5/2007
PTA002361	Dekalb, Lauren Marie	Physical Therapist Assistant	3/5/2007
PTA002362	McLendon, John Cooper	Physical Therapist Assistant	3/5/2007
PTA002363	Thompson, Jessica Nicole	Physical Therapist Assistant	3/5/2007

PTA002364	Landrum, Amber Rowan	Physical Therapist Assistant	3/7/2007
PTA002365	Harris, Donna L	Physical Therapist Assistant	3/9/2007
PTA002366	Farley, Rebecca Ruth	Physical Therapist Assistant	3/9/2007
PTA002367	Richard, Courtney Rae	Physical Therapist Assistant	3/9/2007
PTA002368	Wetherington, Tika Jane	Physical Therapist Assistant	3/9/2007

19. Sue Lindeblad and Senora Simpson from FSBPT presented information on the FSBPT Coursework Evaluation Tool.

REPORTS:

(Portions of these reports may be in closed session)

- Becky Adams, Attorney General's Office

Reported update from Tye Marr case.

- Lynn Eason, Enforcement

No cases to report.

- Andy Ellis, Cognizant Board Member

1. Reviewed letter rec'd concerning website advertising PT services in exchange for donations and advertising that PT aides being in direct patient care. Ms. Willis made a motion for the Board to direct the cognizant member to obtain additional information regarding CPT and PT aide and possible unlicensed practice; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.
2. PT070002 – Possible violation of Rule 490-9-.02. Ms. Willis made a motion to refer the case to enforcement and to board attorney; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.
3. PT070012 - Complaint received from nursing home administrator on behalf of a patient who claimed she had received rough treatment from a PT. Ms. Willis made a motion for a letter to be sent to nursing home administrator letting him know the case was reviewed and would be closed unless he could provide further information, and to refer the case to the board attorney for review; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.
4. PT070013 – Complaint received from worker's compensation case manager regarding the treatment by a PTA. She alleged the PTA made negative remarks about the adjuster. Complainant was concerned the PTA may be working without supervision of a PT. Ms. Willis made a motion to refer the case to enforcement to investigate possible violation of 490-5-.02 by the PT and possible violation of 43-33-3 by the PTA; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.
5. PT070014 – Complaint received from PT that a Chiropractor is performing physical therapy. Ms. Willis made a motion for staff to get name of chiropractor, for specific allegations, and upon receipt of that information, refer to enforcement to investigate possible unlicensed practice; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.

6. PT070015 – Complaint received that a PT closed his office and moved and turned over unpaid accounts to a collection agency. The complainant states he paid his co-pay and that the insurance company should have been billed for the services received. Ms. Willis made a motion that an Investigative Interview be scheduled with the PT; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.

7. PT070016 – Complaint received regarding possible fraudulent billing. Ms. Willis made a motion to refer the case to Enforcement for a Cease and Desist Order and referred this case to the Medical Board; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.

8. PT070017 – Complaint received that a PTA has a leadership role over a PT. Ms. Willis made a motion to refer the case to Enforcement to investigate possible violation of 43-33-3(6) and 490-0-103 and refer case to board attorney; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.

9. PT070018 – Complaint received regarding possible medicare fraud. Ms. Willis made a motion to refer the case to enforcement for investigation and interview of PT, PTA, and the supervisor for possible medicare fraud; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.

10. PT070019 – Complaint received from a PT that a chiropractor is practicing physical therapy. Ms. Willis mad a motion to refer the case to enforcement for investigation of unlicensed practice; send a Cease & Desist Order; and refer case to Board of Chiropractors. Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.

- Lisa Durden, Executive Director

1. From FSBPT: Changes in Healthcare Professions' Scope of Practice: Legislative Considerations. Booklets distributed to board members.
2. Comments reviewed from FSBPT regarding Georgia Exam.
3. Calandra Paschal, Board Secretary, has been absent since March 19th and will be out through April 6, 2007.
4. Correspondence received from Sandy Capps regarding the website. Staff is not sure that any changes will be made; however, these items will be addressed.
5. PLB Staff, SOS office in Atlanta, and the Capitol have received visits and phone calls from G.B., who was previously a PT and the board denied her request to reinstate her license.
6. FSBPT sent a survey which was completed with the help of Ms. Portee and submitted to FSBPT. Results should be made available by FSBPT on-line.
7. The Board had previously requested an NPTE handbook the 2005 paper version was sent to the office; however a 2007 version is available on-line.

8. PTO070011 – Board requested medical information from licensee. This information has been received. Ms. Willis made motion to refer this to the cognizant member for review; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.
9. PT070003 – Board requested copy of contract between a chiropractor and the yellow pages. Contract received. Ms. Willis made a motion to refer the case to Enforcement for a Cease and Desist Order and refer this case also to the Board of Chiropractors; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.
10. PT060002 – Board received a follow-up letter from the complainant. Board determined that the letter provided no additional information to substantiate her claim. Ms. Willis made a motion to close the case; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to close the case.
11. Staff will begin reviewing the Frequently Asked Questions on the website to see which of those need to be updated and see what questions may need to be added.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

1. R.B.D. – PT endorsement applicant answered “Yes” to question 11a. Applicant claims she experienced situational depression related to undue stress at home. Ms. Willis made a motion to approve her application; however, she must complete a PT Traineeship. Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.
2. T.L.L. – PT reinstatement applicant. Ms. Willis made a motion to approve the reinstatement; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to **approve** reinstatement.
3. J.A.S. – reinstatement applicant. Ms. Willis made a motion to approve the reinstatement; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to **approve** reinstatement.
4. M.R.H. – PT reinstatement applicant. Ms. Willis made a motion that the reinstatement be approved; however, applicant must complete a PT Traineeship. Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to reinstate the license; however applicant must complete the PT Traineeship.
5. K.R.W. – PT endorsement applicant who answered “Yes” to question 10 (f). Applicant indicates she is currently involved in a lawsuit where a client is alleging injury during an FCE. Ms. Willis made a motion to **approve** application and ask applicant to provide Board with a copy of the resolution at the conclusion of the civil case; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.
6. V.C.M. – PT reinstatement applicant. Ms. Willis made a motion to approve the reinstatement; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to **approve** reinstatement.
7. J.C. – PTA reinstatement applicant. Ms. Willis made a motion to approve the reinstatement; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to **approve** reinstatement.
8. J.L.B. – PT reinstatement application. Ms. Willis made a motion to approve the reinstatement; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. Board voted to **approve** reinstatement.

9. C.M.F. – PT reinstatement application. Ms. Willis made a motion to **approve** reinstatement upon receipt of proof that she passed the Georgia law exam; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion.
 10. A.G.W. – PT reinstatement application. Ms. Willis made a motion to approve the reinstatement; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to **approve** reinstatement.
 11. J.J.H. – PT reinstatement application. Ms. Willis made a motion to approve the reinstatement; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to **approve** reinstatement.
 12. A.N.G. – PTA exam applicant answered “Yes” to arrest/conviction question. Ms. Willis made a motion to approve the application; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to **approve** application.
 13. G.G. – Applicant requested a waiver of Rule 490-4-.02 and 490-4-.01 . Ms. Willis made a motion to deny the waiver; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. Board **denied** request for waiver. Applicant will have to meet the Georgia requirements for licensure.
 14. A.E.A. – PT exam applicant requesting approval of Traineeship permit. Ms. Willis made a motion to accept the request for Traineeship permit; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board **approved** request for Traineeship permit.
 15. C.C.C. – PT reinstatement applicant. Ms. Willis made a motion that she complete a 1000 hour traineeship and submit 36 hours of approved continuing competence credits related to the practice of physical therapy above and beyond the entry level of training prior to license being reinstated; Ms. Rosenbaum seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion.
- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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