

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES Regular Scheduled Board Meeting September 26, 2019

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on September 26, 2019 at the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, 2110 W Pinhook Rd, Suite 202, Lafayette, LA 70508. A quorum of members were present. Board members present were: Chairman Julie Ann Harris, Secretary/Treasurer, Karl Kleinpeter, and board members Phillip "Phil" Page, Kathryn "Katie" Brittain, and Craig Prejean. Advisory Committee Members present were Nick Butler and Jeremy Dye. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director; Jessica Alwell, Assistant Executive Director; Stephanie Boudreaux, CEU Specialist; and Attorney James R Raines were present. Members of the public present were Penny Scruggins of Champagne and Company, and David Qualls, PT.

Chairman Julie Ann Harris called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Phil Page moved to add a public comment section after old business on the agenda. Craig Prejean seconded the motion. The board voted and the agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

The board reviewed the minutes from the August board meeting. Phil Page moved to accept the August 29, 2019 minutes as written. Craig Prejean seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Penny Scruggins, CPA with Champagne and Company presented the board with FY 2018-2019 reports and answered questions related to the board's financials.

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary/Treasurer Report

As of August 31, 2019, cash in the bank totaled \$512,674.83 in the checking and savings accounts at Farmer's Merchant Bank. Total Income totaled \$15,960 and ordinary expenses totaled \$57,292.49.

The Certificates of Deposit at Business First Bank totaled \$986,929.20. CD #054 earned interest of \$541.76 in the month of August. The ending balance as of 08/31/2019 was \$491,200.43. CD #025 earned interest of \$1,075.57. The ending balance as of 08/31/2019 was \$495,728.77.

Chairman Report

Chairman Harris presented the board with from notes regarding new candidates for the Advisory Committee. The board requested that the candidates attend the December board meeting to interview in person.

Executive Director Report

Mrs. Martin reported on the September licensing numbers. From August 19, 2019 to September 13, 2019, 17 PTs were issued a license and 1 PTA was issued a license.

Mrs. Martin reviewed the monitoring of licensees who are currently monitored for disciplinary action.

Mrs. Martin informed the board of the issues the office has experience with the company Vital Records Control which securely stores licensing files on the board's behalf. Mrs. Martin provided the board with costs associated with moving licensing files on-site at the board office and the costs for new fireproof filing cabinets. Katie Brittain motioned to allow the Executive Director to remove files from Vital Records Control and move them onsite with appropriate storage, and authorize staff to purchase fireproof file cabinets with approval of the Secretary/Treasurer. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Mrs. Martin reported the current complaint summary of activity that occurred since the last meeting:

Currently Open (Licensees)	17
Currently Open (Non-Licensees)	1
Complaints Received	1
Informal Conferences	4
Hearings Scheduled	0
Appeals	1
Proposed Consent Order	1
<u>Closed Cases</u>	<u>6</u>
Total Open Investigations:	18

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEU Committee

The CEU committee reported that 182 courses were reviewed since the last board meeting. Of these reviewed courses 182 were approved. Seventy-five of the courses were traditional (live) and 121 were web-based (online). Of the 182 courses that were approved, 154 were clinical, 25 were administrative and 3 were Ethics. The average time for approval was 5.2 days.

The board discussed the current CEU policy for reviewing continuing education courses for board approval. Phil Page motioned to amend the CEU Policy to require applicants of clinical course types to submit 3 references of articles published in peer reviewed journal(s) related to the field of physical therapy that were published within the last ten years. Secretary/Treasurer Kleinpeter seconded the motion. The board voted and Phil Page, Chairman Harris, Secretary Treasurer Kleinpeter, and Craig Prejean voted aye while Katie Brittain voted nay. The motion was approved.

Phil Page motioned to amend the motion regarding the edits to the CEU policy to specify an effective date of January 1, 2020. Secretary/Treasurer Kleinpeter seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

The board denied 6 CEU course applications due to lack of evidence-based support.

The board appointed Phil Page to the CEU committee.

Opioid Prevention

Katie Brittain updated the board on the Opioid Summit that she attended in Slidell, LA.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

The board was presented with information on HUB Enterprises regarding their services for assisting in investigations.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Martin presented the board with a draft of the 2020 calendar. The board will review and send necessary scheduling conflicts to Mrs. Martin prior to the next board meeting.

The board reviewed a question from a licensee regarding whether it is within a PTA's scope of practice to obtain and practice IASTM. The board discussed the drafted response from Mrs. Martin and agreed that pursuant to La R.S. 37:2407. A(3) and 37:2818.F(1) that it is within the scope of practice of the profession of physical therapy to use instrument assisted soft tissue mobilization (IASTM). If a PT delegates a plan of care to the PTA that includes the use of IASTM for a patient, a PTA who has the education, training, and experience to deliver treatment with IASTM would be acceptable practice. Even if the PTA has IASTM certification, if a PT does not delegate this service specific to the patient, which may be due to the condition of a patient or for another reason, then the PTA would be practicing outside their scope by providing IASTM to the patient whose care is ultimately the responsibility of the PT.

The board reviewed a question from a licensee asking "whether or not removal of hemovac drain lines is within the scope of practice of PT's and even PTA's. We have several post op patients in the acute care setting and wanted to clarify whether or not the removal of this with a MD order was or was not within our practice act." The board members discussed and determined that hemovac drain removal is not prohibited in the scope of practice of physical therapy by the Practice Act or Board Rules. However, for a physical therapist to perform this, the PT shall exercise sound professional judgment based upon his knowledge, skill, education, training, and experience, and shall perform only those procedures for which he is competent. If, during evaluation, reassessment or screening, the PT finds that treatment which is outside the scope of his knowledge, experience, or expertise is needed, the PT shall notify the patient or client and provide a referral to an appropriate healthcare provider (LAC LIV46:303.C). If the PT is going to delegate the plan of care to a PTA and include Hemovac drain removal, the statute (La R.S. 37:2418.F(1)) reads, "The duties assigned to the physical therapist assistant shall be commensurate with the physical therapist assistant's education, training, and experience."

OLD BUSINESS

Jessica Alwell gave the board an update on the website. Secretary/Treasurer Kleinpeter agreed to allow Phil Page to replace him on the Website Review Committee.

Phil Page moved to move into Executive Session pursuant to La R.S. 42:16 for the purposes of discussing investigating proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct. Katie Brittain seconded the motion. The board members were all in favor to move into Executive Session.

The board exited Executive Session.

Phil Page moved to accept the interim consent agreement and board order for Phillip Veeters. Secretary/Treasurer Kleinpeter seconded the motion. The board voted an unanimously agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Phil Page moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Kleinpeter seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm.