

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
July 25, 2006

A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey, in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th Floor, on Tuesday July 25, 2006. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Nancy Kirsch, Chairperson of the Board, called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

CAROLANNE AARON, P.T.	Present
BARBARA J. BEHRENS, P.T.A.	Present
JEAN BICKAL, ESQ	Present
MARY B. BROWNE, P.T.	Present
JEFFREY A. ERICKSON, P.T.	Present
BARRY INGLETT, P.T.	Absent
NANCY KIRSCH, P.T.	Present
SUSAN M. QUICK	Present
KAREN WILK, P.T.	Present

Also present were: Susan H. Gartland, Executive Director; Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General; Lisa Petrowski, Assistant to the Executive Director, Members of the public: Patricia Brick, P.T., representative of the APTA-NJ

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Patricia Brick, P.T., representative of the APTA-NJ, asked whether the Board was interested in writing an article concerning their new continuing education statute and regulations. The APTA-NJ would include the Board's article in their newsletter which would be sent to all New Jersey licensed physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. The Board advised Ms. Brick that they are interested in writing such an article and will inquire whether the Board could receive permission from the Division of Consumer Affairs to have an article written by the Board disseminated through the APTA-NJ newsletter.

Ms. Brick advised the Board that she receives many questions regarding N.J.A.C. 13:39A-3.5 (a) N.J.A.C. 13:39A-3.5(a) which requires every licensee to conspicuously display his or her biennial renewal certificate in a public area in any office or health care facility at which the licensee practices physical therapy and asked the Board for clarification.

The Board advised Ms. Brick that if a licensee practices at more than one location, then the licensee must post their biennial renewal certificate at each location. In this type of situation, the licensee will need to contact the Board office in writing and request a duplicate biennial renewal certificate for each location. If a licensee is employed by a hospital and the hospital sends the licensee to off-site locations, the licensee needs to post their biennial renewal certificate at the hospital and each off-site location. If a licensee is employed by a facility in which they provide home care, the licensee would need to post their biennial renewal certificate at the facility and carry the small wallet certificate with them when they go out in the field.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2006 BOARD MEETING

Upon a motion made by Barbara Behrens and seconded by Jean Bickal, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the June 27, 2006 Board Meeting as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2006 BOARD MEETING

Upon a motion made by Karen Wilk and seconded by Mary Browne, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the May 23, 2006 Board Meeting as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Letter from Victoria C. Larkin P.T.
RE: Continuing Education Question

Ms. Larkin inquired whether a physical therapist assistant could receive continuing education credit from pre-requisite courses for a physical therapy program. Ms. Larkin advised the Board that she is taking a Home Study course that awards 30 contact hours upon completion and asked whether that would satisfy the mandatory continuing education requirement.

The Board will advise Ms. Larkin that pre-requisite courses for a physical therapy program are not acceptable for continuing education credit. N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.3(b) allows three credits in an entry level physical therapy program for a physical therapist assistant. Pre-requisite courses are not considered part of an entry level physical therapy program.

The Board will also advise Ms. Larkin that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:39A-9.3(c), a licensee can only receive two credits per home study course, therefore, the course she referenced in her letter would not satisfy the mandatory continuing education requirement.

B. Athletic Training Advisory Committee Proposed New Rule: N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.8
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Upon a motion made by Mary Browne and seconded by Jeffrey Erickson, the Board voted to submit a comment supporting the language of the Athletic Training Advisory Committee's Proposed New Rule: N.J.A.C. 13:35-10.8 Sexual Misconduct. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Letter from Lori Pellegrino, CPC, CMRS, Manager of Professional Billing at Cooper Bone and Joint Institute
RE: Physical Therapy Billing

Ms. Pellegrino inquired whether a recently licensed physical therapist could downgrade and practice as a physical therapist assistant and have their services billed under the license of another physical therapist. Ms. Pellegrino advised the Board that every physical therapist at their facility needs to go through a credentialing process in order to bill an insurance company for their services. While the new physical therapist is waiting to complete the credentialing process, the facility was interested in billing for their services under the current physical therapist's license.

The Board will advise Ms. Pellegrino that N.J.S.A. 45:9.37.13 defines the scope of practice in which a New Jersey licensed physical therapist must practice. A physical therapist is not educated or licensed as a physical therapist assistant and therefore they cannot practice as a physical therapist assistant. A physical therapist must at all times adhere to the statute governing their practice as a physical therapist. The Board will also advise Ms. Pellegrino that she should contact the third party payors to determine how their new physical therapists can bill for services rendered during the credentialing process.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Corporate Practice

A committee of the Board will work with Regulatory Analyst Charles Manning on a draft corporate practice regulation. The committee consists of Barry Inglett, PT; Jean Bickal, Esq; and Mary Browne, PT. The Committee discussed tentative dates in which to meet with Charles Manning concerning this matter.

B. Karl Kafozoff, P.T.
RE: Application for Licensure

Upon review of Karl Kafozoff's application for licensure, the Board noted that Mr. Kafozoff was educated in Bulgaria and had a credential evaluation done by the International Consultants of Delaware (ICD). The Board also noted that Mr. Kafozoff is currently licensed and has been licensed in New York as a physical therapist for 10 years and has a Masters Degree in Acupuncture.

Upon review of Mr. Kafozoff's credential evaluation, the Board noted that the evaluation did not indicate any credit from coursework in Professional Education for Psychology. The Board requested from ICD the outline of all professional courses taken by Mr. Kafozoff. The Board determined that imbedded in other professional courses was some psychology such as gPsychology for Disabilities and gPsychotherapeutic Behavior for Physical Therapists. The Board also noted that Mr. Kafozoff completed a Masters Degree in Acupuncture and has been licensed in New York for ten (10) years as a physical therapist.

Upon a motion made by Jeffrey Erickson and seconded by Mary Browne, the Board voted to grant Karl Kafozoff a New Jersey Physical Therapist license based on their review of his professional education which included psychology imbedded in other professional courses as well as a Masters Degree in Acupuncture. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Proposal from UMDNJ

RE: Continuing Education Evaluation Service

The Board received a proposal from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey for the review and approval of continuing education courses for the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

Upon a motion made by Mary Browne and seconded by Barbara Behrens, the Board voted to table this matter until the September Board meeting when they anticipate receiving a proposal from the American Physical Therapy Association of New Jersey. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

D. Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy

Orientation - Board Member Training

Barbara J. Behrens and Mary Browne attended the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Board Member training session held in March of 2006 and on July 21-23, 2006 and provided the Board with a brief verbal summary of the orientation and board member training provided at the meeting.

E. Web-Site Resource Center for Board Members

Barbara Behrens made a verbal presentation on a potential web-site resource center for Board Members.

F. August 22, 2006 New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners Meeting

Upon a motion by Barbara Behrens and seconded by Susan Quick, the Board voted to cancel its August 22, 2006 Meeting due to lack of quorum. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

G. Questions to the Board from Continuing Education Committee

The Continuing Education Committee discussed with the Board questions concerning the continuing education approval process. The Board determined that the bibliography sponsors submit with their application should include some peer review literature that is current within the last five years. The Board also determined that the course lecturer's Curriculum Vitae should include the lecturer's education, employment, advanced credentials, and other continuing education courses they presented. The Board further determined that a course brochure containing the lecturer's background cannot be submitted as a substitute or in place of the lecturer's Curriculum Vitae.

The Board clarified that if a course was approved by the Board for a particular sponsor and a different sponsor wanted to hold that course, the new sponsor would need to submit the course for approval as well as pay the continuing professional education provider fee of \$100.00.

H. Continuing Education Seminars

The Board will conduct four additional seminars in August of 2006. The Board member volunteers for the seminar that will be held at Richard Stockton College on August 8, 2006 are Susan Quick, Barbara J. Behrens, Jean Bickal, and Nancy Kirsch. The Board member volunteers for the seminar that will be held at Englewood Hospital Medical Center on August 14, 2006 are Karen Wilk, Nancy Kirsch, and Barry Inglett. The Board member volunteers for the seminar that will be held at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey on August 22, 2006 are Nancy Kirsch, Mary Browne, Barry Inglett, and Karen Wilk. The Board member volunteers for the seminar that will be held at the J.F.K. Conference Center on August 24, 2006 are Nancy Kirsch, Jeffrey Erickson, Jean Bickal, and Carolanne Aaron.

V. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. Signed Settlement letter - Michael Uss, P.T.

The Board is in receipt of a signed Settlement letter from Michael Uss, P.T. The Board found that the physical therapist violated N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) and N.J.A.C. 13:39A-3.1(a) in that the patient record does not support the treatment interventions provided to the patient and the billing charges were excessive in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:39A-3.4 and 13:39A-3.6. The physical therapist was issued a \$2,000.00 civil penalty and required to pay Board costs in the amount of \$288.00. The Board considers this matter to be concluded.

B. Signed Settlement letter - Antonia Christian-Thompson, P.T.

The Board is in receipt of a signed Settlement letter from Antonia Christian-Thompson, P.T. The Board found the physical therapist violated N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b) and (c) as she failed to renew her license within thirty days of the January 31, 2006 renewal period and continued to practice with a suspended license for two months from March 1, 2006 through May 19, 2006. The physical therapist was issued a \$250.00 civil penalty. The Board considers this matter to be concluded.

C. National Physical Therapy Examination 2006 2nd Quarterly Faculty Newsletter

The Board reviewed that National Physical Therapy Examinationfs 2006 2nd Quarterly Faculty Newsletter and considered it informational.

D. Information from Christine A. Larson, P.T., Director of Professional Standards of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy RE: Delaware Senate Bill 383

The Board reviewed information from the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy regarding Delaware Senate Bill number 383 and considered it informational.

E. Notification from the Orthotics and Prosthetics Board of Examiners RE: Cancellation of its July 25, 2006 meeting

The Board reviewed a notification from the Orthotics and Prosthetics Board of Examiners regarding the cancellation of its July 25, 2006 meeting and considered it informational.

F. State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners Proposed Readoption with Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:39A Published in the July 17, 2006 issue of the New Jersey Register

The Board reviewed the Proposed Readoption with Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:39A and considered it informational.

G. FSBPT (Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy)

New Briefs - July 2006

The Board reviewed the FSBPT July, 2006 New Briefs and considered them informational.

H. Board of Chiropractic Examiners July 20, 2006 Public Session Agenda

The Board reviewed the Board of Chiropractic Examinersf July 20, 2006 Public Session Agenda and considered it informational.

I. Board of Chiropractic Examiners June 15, 2006 Public Session Minutes

The Board reviewed the Board of Chiropractic Examinersf June 15, 2006 Public Session Minutes and considered them informational.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

1. Anna Cecilia VaLencia
2. Catherine Manao
3. Luziminda Paddit
4. Anne Ong
5. Mary Jane Morales
6. Anna Pukajlo-Kwasniewska
7. Lawrence Gamboa
8. Michael Almocera
9. Cherry Ann A. Apaga
10. Samuel M. Balbin
11. Isael A. Blin
12. Rhaffy R. Aleria
13. Elisa Rochelle C. Flores
14. Maria Leah Hao

APPLICATIONS NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

1. Mariliezl Punzalan
2. Ned Ruiz
3. Shanta Sambasivam
4. Vasudha Sharma
5. Leila Marie Gaza
6. Jenalyn F. Lacerona7. Maria Guia B. Cheng
8. Joselyn S. Chaun Ebuena
9. Sharon K. Fajardo
10. Sandra G. Foronda Frayna
11. Viren Patel

Upon a motion made by Mary Browne and seconded by Barbara Behrens, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss the following matters involving investigations or violations of the Boardfs enabling act, the Uniform Enforcement Act and/or Board regulations.

1. Three matters filed with the Board, which requires review and additional recommendations with regard to investigations and/or actions.
3. Two matters where additional information has been submitted to the Board concerning pending investigations.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by Barbara Behrens and seconded by Mary Browne to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 PM. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Gartland
Executive Director

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