

**NEW JERSEY
STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS**

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

July 27, 2004

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 Room, 6th Floor, on Tuesday, July 27, 2004. 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 9:35 a.m. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

BARBARA BEHRENS, P.T.A. Present
JEAN M. BICKAL, ESQ. Present
MARY B. BROWNE, P.T. Present
JEFFREY ERICKSON, P.T. Present
BARRY INGLETT, P.T. Present
NANCY R. KIRSCH, P.T. Present
IVETTE P. MARTINEZ Present
SUSAN M. QUICK Absent
GARY SAVANDER, P.T. Present
KAREN E. WILK, P.T. Present

Also present were: Susan H. Gartland, Executive Director; Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General; Lora Sellmeyer, Assistant to the Executive Director; Members of the public: Kathy Mairella, President-APTA-NJ; Leslie Soulen, APTA-NJ; Kenneth Maily, PT.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Board would like to thank Dennise Krencicki, PT and John Ward, PT for their excellent service on the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. The Board also welcomes five new members; Barbara Behrens, PTA; Jeffrey Allen Erickson, PT; Jean M. Bickal ESQ., government member; Ivette P. Martinez and Susan M. Quick, public members.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 8, 2004 BOARD MEETING

Upon a motion made by Gary Savander and seconded by Barry Inglett, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2004 Board meeting as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

II . OLD BUSINESS:

A. UMDNJ- PROPOSAL FOR EVALUATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Board reviewed correspondence from UMDNJ in reference to the evaluation of continuing education courses for the upcoming requirements in New Jersey for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. The Board reviewed the information provided and believed the proposal was very good. The Board will thank UMDNJ and will contact them for further details when the rules and regulations are closer to being adopted. The Board would like to develop criteria for course review and approval and obtain information from other entities that are interested in doing continuing education course approval and tracking of continuing education for New Jersey licensed physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

B. APTA -SECOND DRAFT PROPOSED REVISIONS FOR ACCREDITATION

This was considered informational

C. RESPONSE FROM SHERRILL POSTON

The Board reviewed correspondence at the June 8, 2004 Board meeting from Sherril Poston, a representative for Innovative Medical Group out of Dallas, Texas, the largest distributor for the ML830 low level laser therapy. At that meeting it was determined that the Board would request more detailed information concerning the item. Ms. Poston sent the requested information. The Board reviewed the material and would like to advise Ms. Poston that the use of low level non invasive laser is within the scope of practice of physical therapists in New Jersey as long as the intervention is provided in a manner consistent with the rules and regulations of the Board. The Board will also advise Ms. Poston that the Board does not endorse any specific products and they cannot state that the board has endorsed these products in any advertising or correspondence done to New Jersey licensed physical therapists.

D. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FORMS

This is considered informational.

E. VOTE FOR SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Dennise Krencicki, PT served in the position of Board Secretary and now that she has not been reappointed to the Board a replacement must be voted on by the Board members.

A motion was made by Barry Inglett and seconded by Gary Savander to nominate Karen Wilk to fill the position of Board Secretary. No other nominations were made.

A motion was made by Gary Savander and seconded by Barry Inglett to close nominations and a unanimous vote by the Board confirmed Karen Wilk As Secretary for the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners for the remainder of 2004.

III . INFORMATIONAL:

A. FSBPT- MODEL PRACTICE ACT WORKSHOP

This matter was considered informational.

B. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS- OPEN BOARD MINUTES MAY 12, 2004

This matter was considered informational.

C. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS- OPEN BOARD AGENDA JULY 14, 2004

This matter was considered informational.

D. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS- OPEN MINUTES DISCIPLINARY MATTERS PENDING CONCLUSION MAY 12, 2004

This matter was considered informational.

E. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS- OPEN AGENDA DISCIPLINARY MATTERS PENDING CONCLUSION JULY 14, 2004

This matter was considered informational.

F. BOARD OF NURSING - SCOPE OF PRACTICE- LPN

This matter was considered informational.

G. RESPIRATORY CARE BILLS 1233 AND 457

This matter was considered informational.

H. FSBPT- LIAISON LETTER

This matter was considered informational.

I. ARBO ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 22, 2004

This matter was considered informational.

J. FSBPT- JUNE NEWS BRIEFS

This matter was considered informational.

K. LETTERS OF CONFIRMED NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

This matter was considered informational.

IV . APPEARANCES:

T.O.E.F.L. WAIVERS:

1. Giselle Oriendo

Giselle Oriendo appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure. Ms. Oriendo is applying for licensure as a physical therapist by examination in the State of New Jersey. She was educated in the Phillipines and received her professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language.

Upon a motion made by Gary Savander and seconded by Mary Browne, the Board voted to grant Ms. Oriendo a waiver of the TOEFL requirement based upon the fact that her professional as well as her undergraduate education was conducted in the English language and she demonstrated proficiency. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Wayne Sembrano

Wayne Sembrano appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure. Mr. Sembrano is applying for licensure as a physical therapist by endorsement in the State of New Jersey. He was educated in the Phillipines and received his professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language. He is licensed in New York.

Upon a motion made by Gary Savander and seconded by Mary Browne, the Board voted to grant Mr. Sembrano a waiver of the TOEFL requirement based upon the fact that his professional as well as his undergraduate education was conducted in the English language and he demonstrated proficiency. The motion carried by a unanimous vote..

3. Francis Rementilla

Francis Rementilla appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure. Mr. Rementilla is applying for licensure as a physical therapist by examination in the State of New Jersey. He was educated in the Phillipines and received his professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language. He has practiced in Canada for nine years.

Upon a motion made by Gary Savander and seconded by Mary Browne, the Board voted to grant Mr. Rementilla a waiver of the TOEFL requirement based upon the fact that his professional as well as his undergraduate education was conducted in the English language and he demonstrated proficiency. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. Eleazar Sares

Eleazar Sares appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure. Mr. Sares is applying for licensure as a physical therapist by examination in the State of New Jersey. He was educated in the Phillipines and received his professional as well as his undergraduate education in the English language.

Upon a motion made by Gary Savander and seconded by Mary Browne, the Board voted to grant Mr. Sares a waiver of the TOEFL requirement based upon the fact that his professional as well as his undergraduate education was conducted in the English language and he demonstrated proficiency. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

E. INQUIRY FROM ERIC GOLDBERG, PT AT NOVACARE

The Board reviewed an inquiry from Eric Goldberg, PT who inquired as to whether physical therapists could accept referrals from Advanced Practice Nurse since direct access has been approved. The Board would like to advise Mr. Goldberg that with direct access in place a referral is no longer required. A referral is required in certain circumstances for reimbursement. Mr. Goldberg may want to inquire as to what the third party payor policies are in terms of reimbursement and the requirement of a referral.

F. INQUIRY ON RATIO OF PHYSICAL THERAPIST TO PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS

The Board reviewed an inquiry as to the number of physical therapist that are needed to supervise physical therapist assistants. The Board would like to state that there is one physical therapist allowed to supervise two physical therapist assistants, according to N.J.A.C. 13:39A-7.1 (b).

APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

1. Maureen Joy Leguiab
2. Christine Anne Geronimo
3. Slawomir Ligas
4. Neerav Rashmikant Trivedi
5. Vivencio Solon Valencia
6. Faye Amable De Leon Asuncion
7. Venus Vallarta Butardo
8. Victor R. Cruz
9. Katherine Campomanes
10. Adonis Quimbao - FCCPT
11. Eleazar Sares- FCCPT
12. Giselle Oriendo
13. Wayne Sembrano
14. Noel Ramos
15. Lea Rodriguez
16. Pamela Lea Rykaart
17. Mary Resari
18. Josel Rapues
19. Criselda Nigoza
20. Ugynne Marquez

21. Danrib Morada

APPLICATIONS NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

1. Han Na Kim
2. Beata Heczova
3. Elaine Rivera Vergara
4. Arween Ramos Trinidad
5. David Emeka Prince Anekwe
6. Kashmira k. Bhardwaj
7. Francis Rementilla -FCCPT
8. Jisha Rajesh
9. Christine Higa San Pedro
10. Robert Ordano

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion made by Barry Inglett and seconded by Gary Savander, the Board voted to adjourn Public Session and to go into Executive Session to discuss the following matters involving investigations or violations of the Board's enabling act, the Uniform Enforcement Act and/or Board regulations.

1. Ten complaints or matters filed with the Board which require review and additional recommendations with regard to investigations and/or actions.
2. Three matters where additional information has been submitted to the Board concerning pending investigations.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Gartland, Executive Director

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