

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION

South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

Thursday, July 14, 2011, 10:00 a.m.
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 108
Columbia, SC 29211

Board Members Present

Marilyn Swygert, P.T., Member, Chairperson
Jane E. Julian, P.T., Vice Chairperson
E. Dargan Ervin, Jr., P.T. Member
Cindy Ellis Witherspoon, P.T., Member
Darlene Pope, P.T., Member
Roy Christopher Junkins, P.T.A, Member
James A. O'Leary, M.D., Member
W. Dixon Reeves, P.T.A., Member

Others Present

James C. Saxon, Office of General Counsel
David Love, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Veronica Reynolds, Administrator
Mack Williams, Board Assistant

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners Office, the lobby Kingtree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Swygert, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 108, Kingtree Bldg., 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The July 14, 2011 agenda was presented for review and approval.

Motion: Ms. Julian made a motion to approve the July 14, 2011 agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the April 14, 2011 meeting were presented for review and approval.

Motion: Ms. Julian made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Application Hearing:

1. Brandi Riggins: Mrs. Riggins made a personal appearance before the Board and was represented by Counsel Robert W. Wilkins, Esquire. The purpose of the application hearing is to request Mrs. Riggins be granted a license to practice physical therapy in South Carolina.

Ms. Pope asked to be recused she is a personal acquaintance of the Mrs. Riggins family.

Motion: Ms. Julian made a motion the Board go into Executive Session to receive legal advice under Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: Ms. Julian made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Witherspoon made a motion the Board grant Mrs. Riggins a license to practice physical therapy in South Carolina. The motion was seconded and approved.

2. Jeffrey Thibodeau: Mr. Thibodeau made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel. The purpose of the application hearing is the applicant answered "No" on his application that he did not have a disciplinary order or a prior arrest in another state.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Ervin made a motion to grant Mr. Thibodeau a physical therapy license pending verification of good standing from Maine. The motion was seconded and approved.

3. Anna Schoderbek: Ms. Schoderbek made a personal appearance before the Board and waived her rights to be represented by Counsel. The purpose of the application hearing is to request an extension or additional time to complete her 1000 hours of onsite clinical supervision.

Motion: Ms. Julian made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: Ms. Julian made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Julian made a motion Ms. Schoderbek be granted a license with the following conditions: she must complete two hundred hours on site supervised practice prior to the end of 2012 and that she provide evidence from a medical doctor satisfactory to the Board in its discretion that she is competent to return to unsupervised physical therapy duties. The motion was seconded and approved.

Request for Approval of NPTE 3rd Administration

1. Sumitra Stewart: Ms. Stewart made a personal appearance before the Board. Ms. Stewart requested the Board approve her to sit for the third (3rd) and final administration of the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).

Motion: In open session, Mr. Ervin made a motion to approve Ms. Stewart to sit for the third (3rd) and final administration of the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE). The motion was seconded and approved.

Prescribed Medication in the Physical Therapy Office

Ms. Bundrick, Administrator and Ms. Sanders, Inspector from the Board of Pharmacy addressed questions regarding the Pharmacy Board practice act regarding clarification of outpatient physical therapists with legend and compounded drugs stored and administered in physical therapy offices. The Board requested the laws regarding the reference to medications in the physical therapy office be posted on the Boards' website for information purpose and under frequently asked questions. Mr. Ervin suggested the professional Association should also make the information available to its members.

Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report: Mr. Love presented a statistical report for the years 2009, 2010 and through June 28, 2011. He also reported the IRC recommended two letters of caution and two formal complaints.

Motion: In open session, Ms. Witherspoon made a motion to accept the IRC Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of General Counsel (OGC) Report: Ms. Reynolds presented the report from the OGC with three open cases and as of January 1, 2010 the total of ten (10) cases was closed.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Provisional License for New Graduates: Lisa K. Saladin

Motion: Ms. Julian made a motion to table Ms. Saladin request until she contacts the Board and request to make an appearance to present her presentation. The motion was seconded and approved.

Intra-Professional Interactions

Ms. Swygert presented a letter to the Board written in response to a question received from Robert Carpenter, PT regarding intra-professional interactions. The Board discussed the content of the letter and whether it should be developed into a frequently asked question (FAQ) on the website.

Motion: Ms. Witherspoon made a motion that the letter from Ms. Swygert to Mr. Carpenter would be used to develop a frequently asked question. Six voted to approve and two dissented. The motion was seconded and approved.

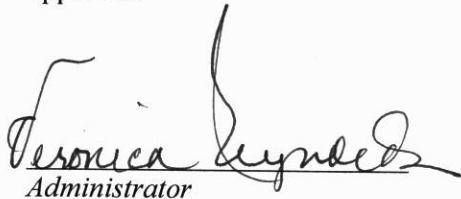
Ms. Swygert appointed Mr. Ervin and Ms. Witherspoon as a committee to develop the FAQ's to be placed on the Board's website for the two items discussed on the agenda. First, the issue involving prescribed medications in physical therapy office settings. Second, the letter addressed to Mr. Carpenter in response to his question on Intra-Professional Interactions. Ms. Swygert stated that she wants both individuals to work with the Board Administrator to get the questions on the Board website.

Approval of Application Process: Ms. Reynolds explained the current process of having the Board review all criminal background check even when there is a misdemeanor charges over five years old. Ms. Reynolds explained it would expedite the process if there were no additional charges within that five year and the administrator could administrative review and approve.

Motion: Mr. Ervin made a motion that for any incidents that require criminal background checks and they are misdemeanor charges with no additional charges have occurred within a five year period can be reviewed by the administrator for approval and if necessary for assistance refer to appointed committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Junkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.


Teronica Reynolds
Administrator

8/22/2011
Date

Next meeting is scheduled October 13, 2011, Kingstree Building, Room 108, 10:00 a.m.