

South Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 9, 2003 10:00 A.M.
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Room 111
Columbia, SC 29211

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Cindy Ellis Witherspoon, P.T., Chairperson
James Ryan Jr., P.T.A., Vice Chair
Dargin Ervin, P.T., Member
Diane Funderburk P.T., Member
Eric A. Schmidt, P.T., Member
John M. LaRochelle, P.T., Member
Roy Christopher Junkins, P.T.A., Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Veronica Reynolds, Administrator
Ruby Brice McClain, Asst. Deputy Director, POL
Wendy H. Cartledge, General Counsel
Andrea Patrick, Board Assistant
Tanya King, Board Assistant

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dale Reeves (Unexcused)

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Board of Physical Therapy Examiners office, lobby of the 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.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Witherspoon, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 111, Kingtree Bldg., 110 Centerview Dr., Columbia, South Carolina.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The October 9, 2003 Quarterly Meeting Agenda was presented for review and approval.

Motion: Ms. Funderburk made a motion to adopt the agenda.
The motion was seconded and approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for July 10, 2003 were presented for review and approval

Motion: Mr. Schmidt made a motion to accept the minutes for July 10, 2003. The motion was seconded and approved.

4. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Reynolds introduced the new support staff for Physical Therapy, Tanya King. Ms Reynolds stated Tanya had previously been employed with Dept. of Disabilities & Special Needs-Midlands Regional Center.

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Ms. Reynolds stated the Administrators of Health Related Professions attended a strategic planning retreat. The agency asks the Boards to think about items they may want in their strategic plan. Ms. Reynolds mentioned the national education requirements are increasing this might be included in the strategic plan. The goals can be short term or long terms.

5. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

Ms. McClain introduced the new General Counsel, Lynne Rodgers. She stated Ms. Rodgers started in with General Counsel office July 2003. Ms. McClain stated Ms. Rodgers was formerly General Counsel at Dept. of Health and Human Services but came to Labor, Licensing and Regulation from the Dept. of Education.

6. DISCIPLINARY REPORT

There were no disciplinary cases brought before the Board at this time.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Requesting Licensure Without Restrictions

Mary Tiemann made an appearance before the Board.

Ms. Ellis Witherspoon thanked Ms. Tiemann for appearing before the board. She stated to Ms. Tiemann the board would further review her request for licensure without restrictions. The board would notify her in writing of its final decision.

b. Application Hearing

Mr. James McMichael did not make an appearance before the Board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Ervin made a motion to issue a license. The motion was seconded and approved.

c. Reinstatement Continuing Education Requirements

Christopher L. Gough did not make an appearance before the Board.

Ms. Funderburk recused herself from the case.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Mr. LaRochelle made a motion Mr. Gough needs to complete the required 3.0 Continuing Education Hours. The motion was seconded and approved.

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8. CONTINUED BUSINESS

a. Discussion Regarding Physical Therapy and Animal Therapy

Ms. Ellis Witherspoon discussed a letter sent to the board from Ms. Williams in relation to Animal Therapy. Ms. Ellis Witherspoon stated the Veterinarian Board is opposed to Physical Therapist performing therapy on animals unless they are under the jurisdiction the Veterinarian Board. Mr. Ervin stated the Federation of State Board for Physical Therapist and the Federation of Chiropractors and Veterinarian Boards had developed a draft of a collaborative practice statement. That statement include language a Physical Therapist can participate in animal therapy but cannot hold themselves out as a Physical Therapist while engaged in performing therapy. At this time the practice act would not allow a therapist to practice animal therapy because the language states human beings.

b. Peer Reviews

Ms. Reynolds stated the Board could not assist in Peer Reviews because the statues do not allow the Board involvement in peer reviews. Ms. Reynolds stated there are some boards that that have in their statutory requirements that they can do peer reviews. Peer reviews done by the board would be beyond their scope of authority.

c. Clinical Question Regarding Sutures/Med Line/Drain Removals

Ms. Ellis Witherspoon brought to the board's attention a question that was sent to the board referencing whether or not a physical therapist could remove sutures, med lines and drain removals in an outpatient settings? Mr. Ervin stated to do these procedures the individual should be trained and follow facility policy and protocol. Ms. Ellis Witherspoon stated that an individual should have proper training and an educational background to perform these procedures. The board requested Ms. Ellis Witherspoon send a response to the inquirer and include that information.

d. Provisional License for Applicants Completing Coursework

Ms. Reynolds stated the Board continued to experience problem with a school out of state that was licensing their students prior to the degrees being conferred. The individuals would make application for licensure in South Carolina without the conference of a degree or work experience. Ms. Reynolds stated in the minutes dated July 11, 2002; Ms. Harvey - Cartledge addressed this issue to the board. Ms. Cartledge stated the Statutes allowed the C-20 to be used for the purpose of testing only and it could not supercede the statutory requirements of a transcript showing the conference of a degree before new graduates can be issued a license.

e. Physical Therapy Referrals for Services After 30 Days

Ms. Harvey-Cartledge stated after 30 days the Physical Therapist will need a refer from a licensed medicinal doctor to continue treating a patient. Mr. Schmidt stated the issue had come before the board on several occasions from the Chiropractor Association.

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- f. Review and Discuss Motions for FSBPT Conference, Kansas City, MO*
Ms. Ellis Witherspoon stated Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Ervin, Mr. LaRochelle and Ms. Reynolds would attend the FSBPT Conference in Kansas City, MO. Mr. Schmidt briefed the board on some of the motions that would come up at the delegate assembly.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 8, 2004, Kingtree Building, Room 111

Administrator

Date