



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Louisiana Physical Therapy Board
104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507
(337) 262-1043 FAX (337) 262-1054

January 23, 2013

- 6:30 Call Meeting to order
- 6:35 Paul Lemaire, Architect 232-0773 111 Rue Jeane Lafitte
- 7:05 December Board Meeting Minutes
- 7:15 Reports
 - Chairman's Report
 - 2013 NPTE Policies
 - Treasurer's Report
 - December 2012 actual vs. budget
 - Securities – December 2012
 - Executive Director's Report
- 7:45 Advisory Committee Appointment
 - G Noel resume
 - Josh Crow resume
- 8:00 Meeting with Dr. Robert Marier, Director of La State Board of Medical Examiners
- Recess for the evening

January 24, 2013

- 8:30 Legal
 - Ethics Course Contract
- 9:00 Meeting with Chad Marino, Killer Websites, Inc.
 - website changes overview of situation
- 9:30 Rules and Regulations Implementation Issues
 - APTA/F.A. Davis course – Ethics and Professionalism
- 10:00 Kirby Pecot, interview for Architech
- 10:30 Monitoring Disciplined Therapists Report
- 11:00 Bob Barras, Architect 267-3400- 921 Harding Street
- 1:00 Unfinished Business
 - Task Tracker for December 2012
 - Correspondence
 - FCE bill
 - FIM Scoring
 - FSBPT 2013 Budget
 - FW PT rules Legend drug and dry needling
 - Louisiana Physical Therapy Association 2013 Sports Symposium
 - PTA practice question
 - Question regarding visa status
 - discharge summaries in the acute care setting
 - Medicaid Louisiana
 - Contracting a Massage therapist
 - PT PTA Face to Face conference
- 1:30 Monitoring Disciplined Therapists Report
- 2:00 New Business
 - Election of Officers
- 2:30 Board Monthly Call Discussion
- 3:00 Adjournment

LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

January 23 & 24, 2013

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on Wednesday and Thursday, January 23 & 24, 2013, at 104 Fairlane Drive, Lafayette, LA 70507. Jerry Jones, Jr., Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 23rd. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Kristina Lounsberry, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Danny P. Landry, and Gerald Leglue. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director and George Papale, general counsel to the board were present. Guest present was Courtney P. Newman.

6:30 Board interview with Paul Lemaire, architect for design of the new building. The board met with Mr. Lemaire, one of three architects, to choose an architect to design the new building and work with the contractor when chosen. Mr. Lemaire provided a booklet of previous projects and listing of organizations he has worked with in the past and offered suggestions for the selection process.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the December 2012 board meeting were accepted as written.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jerry Jones, Jr. reported review of the Federation NPTE policies for 2013. Changes to the Federation NPTE Policy include allowing a candidate to sit for the NPTE no more than 90 days prior to program (didactic and clinical) completion date and they become eligible for graduation, making the Federation the final authority on access to the NPTE and issuance of scores on the NPTE, and additional security measures for identity at the Prometric Center.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand for the month of December was \$749,681.93. Receipts for December totaled \$9,488.32 and expenses totaled \$38,137.60.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Contracts FY 13/14 were provided to the board for approval and signature. It was reported that George Papale had a heavy load of cases pending and could use some assistance. Cheryl Gaudin suggested the board consider entering into a contract with Courtney P. Newton who is an attorney to assist George Papale. Mr. Papale indicated he could employ Mrs. Newton for her services under his current contract until the end of this fiscal year. At that point, motion was made by Teresa Maize, seconded by Donna "Dee" Cochran, "To establish a contract with Courtney P. Newton, esq. FY 13/14 with a cap not to exceed \$30,000." All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Al Moreau, III, Danny P. Landry, Gerald Leglue, and Kristina Lounsberry. No one opposed the motion.

The meeting with Dr. Robert Marier, Executive Director of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners was postponed until February.

RULES AND REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTATION

MONITORING DISCIPLINED THERAPISTS

Board requested Cheryl Gaudin to review compliance with terms of consent order with the board by Kim Licausi. Did he pay the \$500 administrative costs and complete his documentation course?

Cheryl Gaudin was asked to develop a separate listing for Confidential RPTP program participants.

Request Anna Smith conduct a monitor visit with Matthew Slimming, Miles Becnel, and Kim Licausi.

The meeting was recessed at 9:30 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 am. January 24th. A quorum of members was present. Board members present were: Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Kristina Lounsberry, Al Moreau, III, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Danny P. Landry, and Gerald Leglue. Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director and George Papale, general counsel to the board were present. Guest present was Courtney P. Newman.

9:00 a.m. The Board met with Chad Marino, owner of Killerwebsites, Inc. to discuss webpage issues. Numerous issues were identified with the current website language as the page was written eight years ago. Significant developments in technology are causing coding issues as well as access issues for licensees and the public. The website coding is old and requires rewriting before edits, changes, or additions can be made to the site. The board requested Cheryl Gaudin work with Chad Marino to determine how much the new site would cost and the time frame for completion of the new site.

10:00 a.m. Board interview with Kirby Pecot, Architect for design of the new building. The board met with Mr. Pecot, one of three architects, to choose an architect to design the new building and work with the contractor when chosen. Mr. Pecot shared previous architectural experiences and what services would be included if he were selected as the architect to design the new building.

11:00 a.m. Board interview with Bob Barras, Architect for design of the new building. The board met with Mr. Barras and his associate, one of three architect firms, to choose an architect to design the new building and work with the contractor when chosen. Mr. Barras shared previous architectural experiences and what services would be included if he were selected as the architect to design the new building, and a preliminary sketch of position of the office space and parking on the board's lot.

Motion was made by Kristina Lounsberry, PT, ATC: "Board moves for Cheryl Gaudin to begin the process to contract with Kirby M. Pecot, Pecot and Associates, as architect to work with the board to design/construct the new board office." All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Donna "Dee" Cochran, Teresa Maize, Gerald Leglue, Al Moreau, III, Danny Landry, and Kristina Lounsberry. No one opposed the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

As required by §2405.A, election of officers for 2013 were held. Jerry Jones, Jr. nominated Donna "Dee" Cochran for Chairman and Gerald Leglue seconded the nomination. Ms Cochran was elected by acclamation.

Jerry Jones, Jr. nominated Al Moreau, III for Secretary/Treasurer and Gerald Leglue nominated Danny P. Landry for Secretary/Treasurer. Votes for Al Moreau were Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, and Danny P. Landry. Votes for Danny P. Landry were Al Moreau, III, Kristina Lounsberry, Gerald Leglue, and Donna "Dee" Cochran. Danny P. Landry was elected Secretary/Treasurer for 2013.

LEGAL

George Papale, general counsel to the board, reviewed the contract for the development of the ethics course and offered advice for revisions. After review by the board, motion was made by Donna "Dee" Cochran, seconded by Al Moreau, III; "To accept the language included in the contract with Susan Welsh for the development of the ethics course Module 1." All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Al Moreau, III, Danny P. Landry, Gerald Leglue, and Kristina Lounsberry. No one opposed the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cristina Fauchoux emailed the latest version of the FCE bill for review to the previous legislative committee and inquired if the committee members were the same this year. Board decision was to keep the same committee members, Al Moreau, III, Danny P. Landry, and Cheryl Gaudin.

Teresa Maize offered her assistance if available.

Wanda D. Shanks, PTA at TriParish Rehabilitation Hospital and Jamie Tekell, PTA questioned the role of a PTA in scoring a FIM after the PT performs the initial evaluation of a patient. Is a PTA allowed to give a daily FIM score in follow-up treatments? Al Moreau, III will draft a letter on this subject.

The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy forwarded a copy of their 2013 Budget to all member boards for review.

Dr. Robert Marier, Executive Director of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners wrote a letter to George Papale, general counsel to the board, indicating PT Board rules do not provide for PTs "to procure from licensed distributors, store and utilize legend devices and topical legend drugs which are employed in the delivery of physical therapy" whereas the procurement and use of legend drugs is nowhere to be found in the PT Practice Act (R.S. 37:2407). The Medical Board is most willing to work with the PT Board to seek an amendment in the PT practice act to provide for the use of legend drugs topically as this appears to be well established practice. In addition, the letter identified an issue with the practice of dry needling by PTs. This is a similar issue to the one noted above insofar as a rule adopted in 2011(LAC 46 LIV §123 and §311) provides for PTs to insert dry needles while this is nowhere to be found in the PT Practice Act. Mr. Papale asked Dr. Marier to forward these issues to the Executive Director of the La PT Board to be addressed by this board. The meeting with Dr. Marier scheduled for this meeting was postponed to the February Board meeting.

The Louisiana Physical Therapy Association emailed an exhibitor registration form for a booth at the 2013 Sports Symposium. After discussion by the board, the board decided to pay for a booth and be available to respond to questions. Cheryl Gaudin will forward a registration form with the required \$500 fee.

A student at Bossier Parish Community College indicated she is attending school under a student visa and will be graduating in the summer of 2014. Her question pertained to eligibility to take the licensure exam even though she is not an American citizen. George Papale, general counsel to the board, indicated she would be eligible to sit for the NPTE after complying with requirements. Upon receipt of a passing score on the NPTE she would be eligible for licensure in Louisiana. Donna "Dee" Cochran will contact the school and report to the program director.

Kim Licausi, PT posed several questions regarding discharge summaries in the acute care setting. Teresa Maize will draft a response to Licausi.

David Wendeborn, PT reported that many therapists who work in Louisiana will be impacted and may have questions about how to handle discontinuation of services by Medicaid. His concern was that of "abandonment" of patients if care is discontinued. Wendeborn understands that the therapist can continue to offer to treat their patients, but will have to inform the patients that Medicaid will no longer pay for their care. Treatment could continue under referral orders and with approved plans of care, but the patient will be responsible for different financial arrangements other than Medicaid. Is my understanding correct? Donna "Dee" Cochran will draft a response.

John Maggio, PTA requested clarification of the PT/PTA face to face documentation requirements. He understands the purpose and requirements of the rule, however, his questions pertain to how this should be documented. Is it the responsibility of the supervising P.T. to initiate and document this discussion followed by the appropriate co-signature of the P.T.A. or can the documentation of the conference be initiated by the P.T.A. and then co-signed by the supervising P.T. Danny P. Landry will draft a response to Maggio.

OTHER BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS TASK TRACKER

Eugene Noel responded favorably to the board inquiry as to his interest in being considered for the Advisory Committee Position in the Alexandria area. Motion was made by Donna "Dee" Cochran, seconded by Al Moreau, III; "To appoint Eugene Noel to the Advisory Committee Member position for the Alexandria area." All in favor were Jerry Jones, Jr., Teresa Maize, Donna "Dee" Cochran, Al Moreau, III, Danny P. Landry, Gerald Leglue, and Kristina Lounsberry. No one opposed the motion.

Donna "Dee" Cochran responded to Jessica Marloff, PT about working in the NICU setting and making an assessment and introducing the practice of bottlefeeding with patients. The American Physical Therapy Association has guidelines for the PT to educate mothers on breastfeeding their babies.

Teresa Maize drafted a response to Christopher Garcia, PT clarifying that currently there are no plans to promulgate rules allowing for clinical instructors providing clinical mentorship to Residency students to obtain continuing education credit.

Cheryl Gaudin forwarded by certified mail, the letter drafted by Kristina Lounsberry to all Louisiana Unitech locations. A response was received with documentation outlining the curriculum for their students who enroll in their physical therapy technician program.

Cheryl Gaudin prepared a proposed contract between the Board and Susan Welsh to develop an ethics course module 1. The contract was forwarded to George Papale for comments and suggestions.

BOARD MEMBER MONTHLY CALLS

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m
