

New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy

Public Session Minutes

January 22, 2002

A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy was held at 124 Halsey Street, Somerset Room, 6th floor, on Tuesday, January 22, 2002. The meeting, was convened in accordance with the schedule filed with the Secretary of State and was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. **Barry G. Inglett, P.T., Chairman of the Board** called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

CATHERINE M. CLANCY Present
LEE ANN GUENTHER, P.T. Present
BARRY G. INGLETT, P.T. Present
DENNISE KRENCICKI, P.T. Present
LESLIE K. MARCKS, P.T. Present
SCOTT NADLER, D.O. Present
GARY R. SAVANDER, P.T. Present
JOHN WARD, P.T. Present
KAREN E. WILK, P.T. Present

Also present were: **Susan H. Gartland, Executive Director; Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General; Chanita R. Lucky, Assistant to the Director; Kenneth Maily, APTA-NJ representative.**

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2001 BOARD MEETING

Upon a motion made by Dennise Krencicki and seconded by Karen Wilk, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the December 18, 2001 Board meeting as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. NEW JERSEY REGISTER REVIEW-CHAIRMAN INGLETT

Chairman Inglett advised the Board that there was nothing pertaining to physical therapy in the January 7, 2002 New Jersey Register that was not already listed on the agenda.

APPEARANCES:

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

1. Mr. Edward Rodriguez

Edward Rodriguez appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure in New Jersey.

Mr. Rodriguez is applying for licensure by examination in the State of New Jersey. He was educated in the Philippines and received his professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language. Mr.

Rodriguez has plans to work in New Jersey.

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

2. Mr. Rosauro Aquino

Rosauro Aquino appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure in New Jersey.

Ms. Aquino is applying for licensure by endorsement in the State of New Jersey. She was educated in the Philippines and received her professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language. Ms. Aquino has plans to work in New Jersey.

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

3. Ms. Julie Ann Pintacasi

Julie Ann Pintacasi appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure in New Jersey.

Ms. Pintacasi is applying for licensure by examination in the State of New Jersey. She was educated in the Philippines and received her professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language. Ms. Pintacasi took the TOEFL examination in 1999 and received a score of 209 (with the passing score being 213), Ms. Pintacasi has plans to work in New Jersey.

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

4. Ms. Aileen Tenorio

Aileen Tenorio appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure in New Jersey.

Ms Tenorio is applying for licensure by endorsement in the State of New Jersey. She was educated in Philippines and received her professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language. Ms. Tenorio took the TOEFL examination in 2000, and received a score of 250 (with the passing score of 213), Ms. Tenorio has plans to work in New Jersey.

Upon a motion made by Gary Savander and seconded by Lee Ann Guenther, the Board voted to grant Ms. Tenorio a waiver of the TOEFL examination based upon the fact that her professional as well as undergraduate education was conducted in the English language, she received a passing score on the TOEFL examination (TOEFL does not report scores after two years) and she demonstrated a proficiency in the English language. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Ms. Elosia L. Macuju

Elosia L. Macuju appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated

individuals applying for licensure in New Jersey.

Ms. Macuju is applying for licensure by examination in the State of New Jersey. She was educated in the Philippines and received her professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language. Ms. Macuju has plans to work in New Jersey.

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

6. Mr. Ali Admani

Ali Admani appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure in New Jersey.

Ms. Macuju is applying for licensure by examination in the State of New Jersey. He was educated in Pakistan and received his professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language. Mr. Admani has plans to work in New Jersey.

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

VI. INFORMATIONAL:

A. NJ BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS-NEWSLETTER-FALL 2001

The Board considered this matter informational.

B. SENATE BILL 1408-CONCERNS THE ABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS TO PROTECT PUBLIC

The Board considered this matter informational.

C. OHIO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, PHYSICAL THERAPY AND ATHLETIC TRAINERS BOARD-INFORMATION ACCESS

The Board considered this matter informational.

D. NJ BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS-DISCIPLINARY MATTERS PENDING CONCLUSION-JANUARY 9, 2002

The Board considered this matter informational.

E. NJ BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS-OPEN BOARD AGENDA-JANUARY 9, 2002

The Board considered this matter informational.

F. NJ BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS-DISCIPLINARY MATTERS PENDING CONCLUSION-NOVEMBER 14, 2001

The Board considered this matter informational.

G. NJ BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS-OPEN BOARD MINUTES-NOVEMBER 14, 2001

The Board considered this matter informational.

H. MEMORANDUM FROM LARRY J. WILKERSON, CPA-VP AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER-FSBPT RE: 2002 BUDGET

The Board reviewed the 2002 budget submitted by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy and will write to inquire as to why the budget is presented as a deficit budget instead of a balanced budget.

I. MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY-FALL/WINTER 2001

The Board considered this matter informational.

J. FEDERATION NEWS BRIEFS-DECEMBER 2001

The Board considered this matter informational.

K. CORRESPONDENCE FROM PATRICIA A. POLANSKY, MSN, RN, CNAA-NJ STATE BOARD OF NURSING RE: SENATE BILL 1208

The Board considered this matter informational.

VII. NEW BUSINESS;

A. INQUIRY FROM MARY HENIK, P.T.

The Board reviewed the inquiry submitted by Ms. Henik, a physical therapist, who posed several questions to the Board regarding physical therapists working with physicians as well as billing issues. The Board will refer several of Ms. Henik's inquiries to the Board of Medical Examiners, as these questions are not within the Board's jurisdiction. The Board will also refer Ms. Henik to the current rules and regulations that govern the practice of physical therapy and refer in particular to the section on billing practices.

B. INQUIRY FROM MADELINE DELINGER, P.T. RE: WOUND CARE

The Board considered the inquiry from Ms. Delinger, a physical therapist, regarding whether it is permissible for a physical therapist to perform wound care and whether it is required that a nurse be present in order for the wound care to be performed. The Board will inform Ms. Delinger that a physical therapist may perform wound care as long as the physical therapist's referral includes wound care and the physical therapist makes it part of the plan of care. The Board will also inform Ms. Delinger that the protocol for wound care including wound evaluation and debridement may be dictated by the institution.

C. INQUIRY FROM IAN L. KORNBLUTH, P.T. RE: WELLNESS CENTERS

The Board received an inquiry from Mr. Kornbluth, regarding a physical therapist operating a wellness center. The Board will send Mr. Kornbluth a copy of the Board's statutes and regulations and the policy on Alternative Care and advise him that he should seek personal legal counsel regarding this issue.

D. INQUIRY FROM SARITA VISHAKANTA RE: P.T. FACILITY

The Board considered an inquiry submitted by Ms. Vishakanta regarding a physician operating a physical therapy facility with a non-licensed person. The Board will refer this inquiry to the Board of Medical Examiners as it does not contain any questions pertaining to licensees of this Board. The Board will also advise Ms. Vishakanta to seek legal counsel regarding business practices.

E. INQUIRY FROM STEVEN ANTICO, ESQ RE: PERMISSIBLE P.T. PRACTICES

The Board considered the inquiry submitted by Mr. Antico regarding physical therapist's being employed by a general business corporation. The Board will inform Mr. Antico that the physical therapy statutes and regulations are silent on the type of business practices a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant may engage in while practicing the profession of physical therapy. If the physical therapist works in a general business corporation that business entity may not dictate how the physical therapist performs physical therapy services or sets a fee schedule for the billing of physical therapy services.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

1. Abiola Adebola-PT-Endorsement/IN
2. Elosia Macuju-PT/TL
3. Marie Sharon Lumayag-PT-Exam Only
4. Sharon Rose Cabral-PT-Endorsement/IN
5. Neil Lacandula-PT-Endorsement/IN
6. Victoria Soriano Oribello-PT-Endorsement/NY
7. Randall Realina-PT-Endorsement/HI
8. Millicent R. Obenque-PT-Endorsement/IN
9. Maira Isabel Buenaventura-PT-Exam Only
10. Melanie Ramillano Buhian-PT-Exam Only
11. Edward Rodriguez-PT/TL
12. Wilrochelle Boligor Bernales-PT-Endorsement/NY/IN/Guam
13. Aileen Tenorio-PT-Endorsement/IN
14. Rosauro Aquino-PT-Endorsement/NY
15. Pauline Carmela Bondoc-PT-Exam Only
16. Myra Llacer Hizola-PT-Exam Only
17. Angelica Engenio Perez-PT/TL

APPLICATIONS NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

1. Julie Ann Pintacasi-PT-Exam Only-Needs to meet TOEFL requirement
2. Ali Admani-PT-Endorsement/NY-Needs to meet TOEFL requirement
3. Benji Munoz-PTA/TL-Needs to meet TOEFL requirement
4. Doben Ferrer-PT/TL-Needs to meet TOEFL requirement

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion made by Dr. Nadler and seconded by Karen Wilk, 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 the Board's regulations.

1. Eleven complaints or matters filed with the Board which require review and additional recommendation in regard to investigation and/or other action.
2. Five matters where additional information has been submitted to the Board concerning pending investigations.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Gartland, Executive Director
