

NEW JERSEY
STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

March 23, 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, March 23, 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 9:37 a.m. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

BARRY INGLETT, P.T. Excused
MARY B. BROWNE, P.T. Present
NANCY R. KIRSCH, P.T. Present
DENNISE KRENCICKI, P.T. Present
GARY 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; Lora Sellmeyer, Assistant to the Executive Director

Members of the public: Kathy Mairella, President-APTA-NJ; Kenneth Mailly, APTA-NJ; Leslie Soulen, APTA-NJ; William Charschar, D.C.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A comment was made by Ken Mailly, APTA-NJ who was concerned with two specific sections of the way the minutes of the January 27, 2004 Board meeting were written. There needs to be clarification in sections F and G in the minutes on ownership of a facility that is a corporation. There are no regulations in the physical therapy practice act currently for corporate practice but it does exist in other areas.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2004 BOARD MEETING

Upon a motion made by Mary Browne and seconded by John Ward, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2004 Board meeting as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

II . OLD BUSINESS:

A. STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY REFERRAL

The Board reviewed the changes made to the referral and consultation policy at the February 24, 2004 Board meeting with Devon Graf, regulatory analyst. After a further review the Board voted to make additional changes to the document and have Devon present it to the Board of Medical Examiners Executive Committee meeting that afternoon.

Upon a motion made by Gary Savander and seconded by Karen Wilk, the Board voted to accept the referral and consultation policy document as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. CORPORATE PRACTICE

The Board will discuss this matter at a Rules and Regulations Committee meeting on April 13, 2004.

C. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Devon Graf, regulatory analyst, reviewed the prefatory language and changes made to the draft regulations for proposal.

The Board voted to remove the definition of intervention from the draft as it was already in the definitions section.

Upon a motion made by Gary Savander and seconded by Dennise Krencicki, the Board voted to remove the definition of intervention. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Board voted to remove the exemption for TOEFL for applicants who immigrate from the countries of Jamaica, Nigeria and Ghana. This is because INS regulations have deleted these countries from their list of exemptions.

Upon a motion made by Gary Savander and seconded by Mary Browne, the Board voted to remove the exemption for TOEFL from Jamaica, Nigeria and Ghana because of changes in INS regulations. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

III . INFORMATIONAL:

C. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS- OPEN BOARD MINUTES JANUARY 14, 2004

This matter is considered informational.

D. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS- OPEN BOARD AGENDA MARCH 10, 2004

This matter is considered informational.

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

This matter is considered informational.

F. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS- OPEN AGENDA DISCIPLINARY MATTERS PENDING CONCLUSION MARCH 10, 2004

This matter is considered informational.

G. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS - PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA FEBRUARY 26, 2004

This matter is considered informational.

H. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS - PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA MARCH 18, 2004

This matter is considered informational.

I. NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS - PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES JANUARY 29, 2004

This matter is considered informational.

J. ENHANCED SECURITY FEATURES FOR TOEFL

This matter is considered informational.

K. FSBPT - FEDERATION NEWS BRIEFS- FEBRUARY 2004

This matter is considered informational.

IV . APPEARANCES:

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

1. William Villanueva

William Villanueva appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure. Mr. Villanueva 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.

Upon a motion made by John Ward and seconded by Karen Wilk, the Board voted to grant Mr. Villanueva 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.

2. Sherin John

Sherin John appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure. Ms. John is applying for licensure by examination in the State of New Jersey. She was educated in India and received her professional as well as undergraduate education in the English language. She has plans to work in New Jersey.

Upon a motion made by John Ward and seconded by Karen Wilk, the Board voted to grant Ms. John 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.

3. Sangeetha Alummoatil

Sangeetha Alummoatil appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure. Ms. Alummoatil 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. Ms. Alummoatil has plans to work in New Jersey.

Upon a motion made by John Ward and seconded by Karen Wilk, the Board voted to grant Ms. Alummoatil 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

4. Lionel Lansang

Lionel Lansang appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure. Mr. Lansang 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. Mr. Lansang has plans to work in New Jersey.

Upon a motion made by John Ward and seconded by Karen Wilk, the Board voted to grant Mr. Lansang 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

5. George Ibrahim

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

Upon a motion made by John Ward and seconded by Karen Wilk, the Board voted to grant Mr. Ibrahim 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.

6. Gogilavaani Pillai

Gogilavaani Pillai appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement for foreign-educated individuals applying for licensure. Ms. Pillai 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. Ms. Pillai has plans to work in New Jersey.

Upon a motion made by John Ward and seconded by Karen Wilk, the Board voted to grant Ms. Pillai 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

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. FSBPT ADMINISTERED JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION

The Board received correspondence from FSBPT pertaining to their program in developing computer based jurisprudence examinations. The Board will advise the FSBPT that it has no interest in making the jurisprudence exam in New Jersey computer based. The exam exists to test the capability of applicants in being able to look up in the rules and regulations the information needed to answer their questions and assist them in practicing properly in New Jersey.

B. MEMORANDUM RE: A1913 FROM ANTHONY MIRAGLIOTTA

This matter is considered informational.

C. MEMORANDUM RE: CALL FOR COMMENT ON PROPOSED REVISIONS OF THE EVALUATIVE CRITERIA FOR ACCREDITATION FROM CAPTE

The Board reviewed correspondence from CAPTE and agreed Mary Browne will draft comments and respond to CAPTE on behalf of the Board and express their corrections and concerns.

Upon a motion made by Karen Wilk and seconded by John Ward, the Board voted that Mary Browne will draft comments representative of the concerns the Board has on the correspondence received from CAPTE. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

D. UMDNJ- EVALUATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR NEW CEU REQUIREMENTS

The Board reviewed correspondence from UMDNJ in reference to the evaluation of CEU courses for New Jersey. The faculty of the doctoral programs in physical therapy at UMDNJ would like to offer their expertise and services in evaluating continuing education courses. The Board will request additional information for consideration.

E. FCCPT CREDENTIAL EVALUATORS

The Board has had discrepancies with how FCCPT is evaluating applicants for New Jersey licensure. After careful review and consideration, the Board voted to remove FCCPT from their list of approved credentialing agencies and will no longer accept evaluations from FCCPT after June 1, 2004 based on the fact that they are not following and approving applicants based on New Jersey standards.

Upon a motion made by Gary Savander and seconded by Dennise Krencicki, the Board voted to remove FCCPT from the list of approved credentialing agencies effective June 1, 2004 based on the fact that they are not following and approving applicants based on New Jersey standards. Mary Browne abstained from this vote and Nancy Kirsch was opposed.

APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

1. Celso Guigue Anuada, JR
2. Lionel Lansang
3. Sheerin John
4. Katherine Ann Hofer
5. Luisito Raymund Cruz Lipana
6. Ropheline Sabalberino
7. Carmeda Lyn Brana (Padilla)
8. Maria Tisha Sagarino
9. Novalyn Ramos
10. Victor Mandanas
11. Harold Macalino
12. Shannon Matthew Chiongbian
13. Darren Francisco
14. Sangeetha Alummoovil
15. Francis Fuentebella

APPLICATIONS NOT APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

1. Daegyun Kim
2. George Ibrahim
3. Kavita Joshi
4. Eleazzar Incabo
5. Bhumika Manish Patel
6. Gogilavanni Pillai

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion made by Karen Wilk and seconded by JohnWard, 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. Two complaints or matter filed with the Board which require review and additional recommendations with regard to investigations and/or actions.
2. Fifteen matters where additional information has been submitted to the Board concerning pending investigations.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Gartland, Executive Director

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